

Hello SAB Family!

Thank you so much for your patience as we navigate through this difficult time. We kindly ask for your continued support to our studio. This is a very difficult time for all of us, but our main goal and focus is to make sure that when this is over, our students still have their dance home to come back to. We want to assure you that we have been working very hard this week to keep things moving forward.

Miss Shanda and I were a bit overwhelmed at first; but we are spending this week creating a plan to keep our students, parents, and staff members happy, dancing and connected. Please take the time to read all the information below.

Staunton Academy of Ballet will be closed at least until April 26, 2020. We are hoping that we will be able to open on Monday April 27. Of course, we will be following closely and abiding by the rules set by our Governor. It goes without saying that our main concern is the health of our dancers, staff, their families and our community.

Miss Shanda and I have been filming some things for our students to watch and dance along with. We have a YouTube channel - Staunton Academy of Ballet. There are a few videos for you to watch of Miss Shanda and I talking to you and the children and a great warmup/conditioning video good for all levels that only takes a few minutes to do. We will be posting weekly classes and hope your dancer will "take class" with Miss Shanda and Miss Pam each week.

TUITION: As of now, we have one week of classes to make up (March 16 - 22) The week of March 23 - 28 was our scheduled spring break. We will make up the week of March 16 as soon as we are able to return to classes. We have a few families that have paid for April already. At this time, we will keep those payments on account and apply them when we start back. We will not be billing for April tuition but if anyone is able to pay their April tuition, it would be a tremendous help to SAB. We will keep you posted as we are updated by the government as to when it will be safe to open our doors again.

Many dance schools are charging their dance families full tuition for the month of April for the videos that they are posting. I do not feel comfortable with doing that. We will accept tuition payments in advance if anyone would like to pay ahead to help us meet expenses that are charged whether we are open or not. One parent asked if they could donate a little something to us. We will accept that gratefully too. We also will offer private lessons on Zoom for a small fee if anyone is interested let us know by emailing us. We are accepting payments through [PayPal](#) now under the name [SABBallet](#).

IDA: Many of our children were involved with our International Dance Acclaim program scheduled for March 14. We have that on pause for now. It is our goal to

present our IDA as soon as possible. We will be sending private links for our IDA participants to watch videos of their level for practice at home.

RECITAL: We will be postponing our recital. Augusta County Schools have cancelled all rentals of auditoriums until May 30. At this point, we do not know when, but Snow White will happen sometime. Please keep those costumes in the closet safe and clean. We know all our students are disappointed that our performances will not happen Mother's Day weekend. Miss Shanda and I and our staff are disappointed too. We know however, that the "show must go on." So, rest assured that we will reschedule as soon as we are able.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS: We are still planning all our summer workshops. We might have to adjust some things, but we hope that by June, everything will be back to ballet business as usual.

We will depart with a heartfelt THANK YOU for believing and especially for entrusting us with your most precious treasure. More than can be expressed in words, thank you for your continued support. Please dear families stay in touch with us. We would love to hear from you. We will be posting on [FACEBOOK](#) and [INSTAGRAM](#) and sending you important updates. We love you and we can't wait to be together again.

Miss Pam and Miss Shanda