

Fall enrollment is now closed. We will re-open enrollment for spring in January. Check back soon!

"Let them praise His name with dancing"- Psalms 149:3



Steps to Grace
DANCE ACADEMY
CALEDONIA, IL

Steps to Grace is proudly celebrating its 19th year of providing a positive place to dance for Stateline families. You will always find age-appropriate costumes, music, and choreography at STG, and we encourage all dancers to use their God-given gifts to worship and praise Him through their dancing. Welcome to the STG family. We are so happy you're here!

Fall 2023-Spring 2024 Schedule and Information

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

STG's preschool classes are designed to enhance gross motor coordination, listening skills, musicality and nurture imagination. Each class includes developmentally appropriate instruction through the use of music and dance. Dancers have onstage performance opportunities in the Christmas Recital in December and the annual Spring Recital in June.

TEACHERS

DD - Donya Dempsey

LG - Lisa Gregory

AH - Alise Heinrich

SH - Sarah Hultman

LR - Lily Randall

MR - Mary Read

KS - Kristin Scholz

KW - Katie Welsh

CW - Chris Whisenand

EW - Eva Wiebe

MW - Matthias Williams

TUITION

ages 0-3
Each class is
\$47/month

HippityHop
\$47/month

Tutus&Bowties &
Early Childhood
\$59/month

AGE 0-2

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Mommy & Me - KS	Thursday	10:15-10:45 AM
Mommy & Me is for ages 6 mo.-2 years-old w/caregiver		

AGE 3

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Tippy Toes Ballet - KS	Monday	5:05-5:35 PM

AGE 4

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Tutus & Bowties - SH	Monday	4:10-4:55 PM
HippityHop-AH	Tuesday	4:00-4:30 PM
Early Childhood - KS	Thursday	11:30 AM-12:15 PM

*All age 4 classes (NOT including HippityHop) are ballet/tap combo classes.
Come to class in your ballet shoes and switch to tap halfway through*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM- 5-8 years- old

STG's Children Program is the perfect opportunity for the early elementary school-age dancer to grow in confidence as they learn dance techniques. We focus on fun, friends, and the basics at this age. Dancers have onstage performances in the Christmas Recital in December and the annual Spring Recital in June.

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TUITION

45 minutes-
Each class is
\$59/month

30 minutes-
Each class is
\$54/month

(EXCEPT Hippity Hop)

HippityHop -
\$47/month

Age 5

CLASS

DAY

TIME

Kidance - KS	Monday	5:40-6:25 PM
HippityHop - AH	Tuesday	4:00-4:30 PM
Kidance - EW	Wednesday	4:45-5:30 PM
Early Childhood - KS	Thursday	11:30 AM-12:15 PM
Homeschool Dance - EW	Friday	2:30-3:15 PM

*Kidance and Early Childhood are ballet/tap combo classes.

Arrive to class in ballet shoes and change to tap halfway through*

Beginning Level (6-8yrs-old)

CLASS

DAY

TIME

Beginning Lyrical - AH	Monday	4:10-4:55 PM
Beginning Ballet - KS	Monday	4:30-5:00 PM
HippityHop (ages4-7)-AH	Tuesday	4:00-4:30 PM
Beginning Tap - KW	Wednesday	5:00-5:30 PM
Beginning Ballet - KW	Wednesday	5:35-6:05 PM
Beginning Jazz - KW	Wednesday	6:10-6:40 PM
Early Childhood (age 6)-KS	Thursday	11:30 AM-12:15 PM
Relative Motion Youth- AH	Friday	6:25-7:25 PM

see page 6 for more information about Relative Motion



More Than Just Great Dancing!

GRADED TECHNIQUE- LEVELS I-V (Ballet, Jazz, & Tap)

Our Graded Level Technique students build foundations in movement, vocabulary, technique and choreography. Additionally, students in Level I & II are eligible and encouraged to try styles such as Lyrical, Jazz, and Ballet. All students in our Graded Technique Program participate in annual skills testing and optional parent-teacher conferences.

LEVELS I & II (8+)

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Jazz Level I / II - SH	Monday	5:50-6:35 PM
Level I Ballet (A) - SH	Monday	6:40-7:25 PM
Level I Ballet (B) - EW	Wednesday	5:35-6:20 PM
Level I Ballet (A) - SH	Friday	4:30-5:15 PM
Level I Ballet (B) - EW	Friday	4:30-5:15 PM

LEVELS III, IV, V, and Pointe classes (13+ TA*)

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Level III Ballet - EW	Thursday	5:00-6:00 PM
Level IV/V Ballet - MR	Thursday	6:40-7:55 PM
Pre/Beg. Pointe - MR	Thursday	6:05-6:35 PM
Pointe I/II - MR	Thursday	8:00-8:45 PM

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TUITION

ALL
 Level I & II classes
 \$59/month

Level III Ballet
 \$65/month

Level IV/V Ballet
 \$70/month

Pre/Beg. Pointe
 \$54/month

Pointe I/II
 \$59/month

If you are a returning student, check your email for level recommendations from your teacher. If you are a new family, please email kelly.stepstograce@gmail.com or call 815-885-4554 for placement. If you would like to join Level I Ballet, you MUST join the class your teacher recommends (either A or B)

*TA = Teacher approval only

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Hip Hop Options, Adult Classes, and Teen Jazz-

TA = Teacher Approval

All Hip Hop

CLASS	DAY	TIME
HippityHop (4-7yrs) - AH	Tuesday	4:00-4:30 PM
Pre-teen Hip Hop (8-10yrs) - CW	Tuesday	6:05-6:35 PM
Teen Hip Hop (13+yrs) - CW	Tuesday	6:45-7:45 PM

Adult Classes (18+)

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Adult Jazz *Spring ONLY* - LG	Monday	6:30-7:15 PM
Adult Pointe *TA* - MR	Wednesday	6:00-6:30 PM
Adult Ballet - MR	Wednesday	6:35-7:35 PM

Teen Jazz 13+

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Advanced Jazz *TA* -KW	Thursday	5:00-6:00 PM

TUITION

HippityHop- \$47/month
ALL adult classes- \$47/month

30min- each class is \$54/ month
1hr- each class is \$65/month

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Steps To Grace Performance Teams + Relative Motion

Steps to Grace Performance Company dancers serve as ambassadors for our studio through community events, performances, conferences, and more. Audition only. Auditions will be held between 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM on August 12, 2023 (Shine) and August 19th (Ignite AND Radiate) at Steps to Grace. Please email alise.stepstograce@gmail.com to let us know you are coming. Company dancers are required to co-enroll in a ballet AND Relative Motion Technique Class. Company time commitment and financial information will be passed out at auditions.

Performance teams

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Shine (6+yrs)	Friday	5:20-6:20 PM
Radiate (Teen)	Tuesday	6:55-8:25 PM
Ignite (Teen)	Tuesday	5:10-6:40 PM

TUITION

Shine = \$65/per month
Radiate & Ignite = \$85 /per month

Relative Motion

CLASS	DAY	TIME
RM Teen - AH	Monday	5:00-6:30 PM
RM Youth - AH	Friday	6:25-7:25 PM

RM Youth = \$45 /per month
RM Teen = \$65 /per month

Our performance teams range from age 8 all the way to age 20!

This summer, Miss Alise became certified in an incredible strength training and technique program that will bring a new level of excellence to our dancers. Relative Motion uses specialized pants with different colored panels that are designed to help dancers visually see which muscles to activate in order to improve technique (and prevent injuries). ALL performance team members are required to enroll in the Relative Motion class., and there is a one time fee of \$82 for the class uniform (that can be re-used year after year). We are so excited to bring this new program to Steps to Grace to help our dancers excel in their God-given talents, and to help them prevent dance-related injuries.

Relative Motion is REQUIRED for STG Performance Teams and is highly encouraged for ALL dancers at STG.



Performance Company dancers are required to purchase warm-ups for traveling and events. More info. available at auditions.

Darby's Dancers



Giving extra special kids a Chance to Dance! Steps to Grace is proud to offer the program called Darby's Dancers. Darby's Dancers is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by the parents of Darby Jones of Huntsville, Alabama. Darby's Dancers provides an opportunity for children with special needs to participate in the performing arts through dance education.

At once-a-week classes at STG, Darby's Dancers learn all types of dance in a fun, encouraging atmosphere. Dancers in the program gain confidence, coordination, strength and lifelong friends, all while feeling like a star. DD also provides volunteer opportunities for teens who dance at STG. Our youth volunteers learn important lessons in responsibility and friendship by providing one-on-one assistance to a special needs dancer.

DD classes are taught by volunteer dance instructors and take place in donated studio space. The charitable contributions of youth volunteers, dance instructors, community dance studios and local businesses allow DD to provide dance classes, supplies and costumes to special needs dancers at little to no cost to their parents. If you would like to learn more about Darby's Dancers for your child, please email darbysdancersrockford815@gmail.com



CLASS TIMES

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Darby's Dancers (4-7yrs)	Tuesday	5:00-5:30pm
Darby's Dancers (8-18+yrs)	Tuesday	5:30-6:00pm



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Dress Code

TeddyBear Ballet
TippyToes Ballet

BOYS
Black T-shirt,
Black Leather Ballet
Shoes,
Black Athletic
Pants

GIRLS
Pink Leotard,
Pink Leather Ballet
Shoes,
Pink Tights,
Pink Ballet Skirt

Ballet and
Pointe Classes
ALL LEVELS

BOYS
Black T-Shirt,
Black Leather Ballet
Shoes,
Black Athletic
Pants

GIRLS
Black Leotard,
Pink Leather or
Canvas Ballet Shoes,
Pink Tights,
Black Ballet Skirt

Tap
ALL LEVELS

GIRLS
Black Leotard,
Black Tap Shoes,
Black Leggings

BOYS
Black T-shirt,
Black Tap Shoes,
Black Athletic
Pants

Jazz, Homeschool,
Lyrical,&
Performance Company
ALL LEVELS

GIRLS
Black Leotard,
TAN Jazz Shoes,
Black Leggings

BOYS
Black T-shirt,
Black Jazz Shoes,
Black Athletic Pants

Tutus & Bowties,
Kidance, and
Early Childhood
Combo

BOYS
Black T-Shirt,
Black Leather Ballet
Shoes,
Black Tap Shoes,
Black Athletic
Pants

GIRLS
Pink Leotard,
Pink Ballet Skirt,
Pink Tights,
Pink Leather Ballet
Shoes,
Black Tap Shoes

Hip Hop
ALL LEVELS

BOYS & GIRLS
Black T-shirt,
Black Athletic Shoes,
Black Athletic Pants

Adult Classes

Ballet & Pointe- Comfy
clothes and ballet shoes
Jazz- Comfy clothes and
jazz or athletic shoes

Weekly Calendar



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

CLASS	TIME	CLASS	TIME	CLASS	TIME	CLASS	TIME	CLASS	TIME
Beg. Lyrical	4:10-4:55pm	HippityHop	4:00-4:30pm	Kidance	4:45-5:30pm	Mommy&Me	10:15-10:45am	Homeschool	2:30-3:15pm
Tutus&Bowties	4:10-4:55pm	Darby's (A)	5:00-5:30pm	Beg.Tap	5:00-5:30pm	EarlyChildhood	11:30a-12:15p	Ballet LI(A)	4:30-5:15pm
Beg.Ballet	4:30-5:00pm	Darby's (B)	5:30-6:00pm	Beg.Ballet	5:35-6:05pm	Adv.Jazz	5:00-6:00pm	Ballet LI (B)	4:30-5:15pm
RM(Teen)	5:00-6:30pm	Ignite	5:10-6:40pm	Ballet LI (B)	5:35-6:20pm	Ballet III	5:00-6:00pm	Shine	5:20-6:20pm
TippyToes	5:05-5:35pm	Beg.HipHop	6:05-6:35pm	AdultPointe	6:00-6:30pm	Pre/Beg.Pointe	6:05-6:35pm	RM(Youth)	6:25-7:25pm
Kidance	5:40-6:25pm	Adv.HipHop	6:45-7:45pm	Beg.Jazz	6:10-6:40pm	Ballet IV/V	6:40-7:55pm		
Jazz I/II	5:50-6:35pm	Radiate	6:55-8:25pm	Adult Ballet	6:35-7:35pm	Pointe I/II	8:00-8:45pm		
Ballet LI (A)	6:35-7:20pm								



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Pointe Classes
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Shoes,
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Pants

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Black Leotard,
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Canvas Ballet Shoes,
Pink Tights,
Black Ballet Skirt

Tap
ALL LEVELS

GIRLS
Black Leotard,
Black Tap Shoes,
Black Leggings

BOYS
Black T-shirt,
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Pants

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ALL LEVELS

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Black T-shirt,
Black Athletic Shoes,
Black Athletic Pants

Adult Classes

Ballet & Pointe- Comfy
clothes and ballet shoes
Jazz- Comfy clothes and
jazz or athletic shoes

Studio Policies, Tuition, Membership & Costume Fees

Withdrawal Policy- When enrolling in classes at STG, you are signing up for the entire year (September 5th-June 7th). If you would like to withdraw from classes, you must notify the office no less than 30 days before the next billing cycle. For example, if your child will be done at the end of February, we need to know BEFORE February 1st so you are not charged tuition in March.

Weather Closures- STG makes every effort to remain open during inclement weather, but we will not put our families or staff at risk in dangerous conditions. We update our Instagram and Facebook pages with any closures, and also contact the local news stations. If we close for bad weather more than TWICE, we will begin offering make-up sessions. Refunds will not be offered for weather closures.

Absence Policy- STG does not offer refunds for any classes missed by your student for vacations, illnesses, or calendar conflicts. We allow students to attend TWO make-up classes in an equal level if they are absent twice. No make-up classes offered beyond that. If there are injuries or other extenuating circumstances, we will will evaluate those on a case-by-case basis.

If a teacher is absent, and a substitute can't be found, we will offer a make-up session for the missed class.

Membership Fee- A yearly STG Membership Fee is charged upon enrollment, along with your first month of tuition. The fee for returning dancers is \$35.00, and new dancers are \$45.00. There is a discount for the second child, and families do not have to pay membership fees for any children beyond the second one.

Tuition Payments-Tuition is collected automatically on the 1st of each month. A credit or debit card must be on file for monthly auto-payments. No exceptions. We do not charge credit card fees. Last full tuition payment will be withdrawn on June 1, 2023.

Tuition Discounts- 5% discounts are offered to first responders, church workers, and members of the military. We also offer sibling discounts of 5% for the second child and beyond. STG offers scholarships and tuition assistance on an as-needed basis. Please contact the office at kelly.stepstograce@gmail.com to have your discount applied, or to discuss our scholarship options. Discounts can't be combined.

Costume Fees- Costumes are purchased for ALL dancers for the spring recital, with the exception of Mommy & Me classes. Costume fees will be auto-collected in installments to make it easier for our families. Costume fees are NON-REFUNDABLE, no exceptions. The following costume fee schedule will be followed this year-

*Tippy Toes Ballet; Hippity Hop- ONE payment of \$85 on 2/15/24

*Tutus & Bowties; Kidance; Early Childhood Combo; ALL Beginning Level Classes; Homeschool Dance; ALL Level I & II Classes, Intermediate & Advanced Hip Hop- TWO payments of \$65 on 11/15/23 & 2/15/24

*Level III, IV, & V Ballet; ALL Pointe Classes; Teen Jazz/Lyrical; Advanced Jazz- TWO payments of \$75 on 11/15/23 & 2/15/24

*STG Performance Companies- THREE payments of \$85 on 11/15/23, 1/15/24, & 3/15/24

FAQS

When is the first day of class? When is the last day of class? When is the studio closed for holidays?

Classes begin September 5, 2023 and end on June 7th, 2024. STG is closed on Labor Day and Memorial Day. Make-up classes will be offered for our Monday students on November 20, 2023 and March 25, 2024. Classes will take place at their regularly scheduled times. Please check the STG academic calendar for more important dates and holidays.

When is recital?

Winter recital is on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Times will be announced at a later date, but the shows will be in the afternoon & evening to allow our families to attend church in the morning.

Spring recital is on Saturday, June 8, 2024. Times will be announced at a later date, but we will have shows going ALL DAY.

Dress rehearsals will be on December 9th for winter shows, and on June 6th & 7th for the spring shows. Times TBA.

What do you do with my STG Membership fee?

Membership fees hold your place in class, and are used to pay for our studio's liability and workman's comp insurance each year, as well as administrative costs incurred between when registration opens and when our 2nd month of tuition payments are collected in October.

How do I watch my child while they are in class?

We have large video monitors for each classroom in our lobby, and each room has a window available for viewing.

Tell me all about costumes!

Bring on the glitter! Fancy costumes are ordered throughout the year for dancers to wear in our JUNE recital. and we stick to simple outfits and accessories for our December show to keep costs down for our families. We have a new way of measuring everyone this year, so STAY TUNED for more info on that. Costume payment schedules can be found on our "policies" page above, and those fees are auto-debited on the due date. ALL enrolled students will participate in both recitals, with the exception of Mommy & Me classes. *Costume fees are non-refundable. Costume suppliers universally do not offer refunds, therefore we are unable to give refunds to our families once costume fees have been paid.*

Why is full tuition charged for December & June, even though classes don't run the entire month?

It takes a significant amount of time to put on a recital, and there are other large costs associated with each show. Our staff puts in more hours during recital week than they do in an entire month of teaching! We don't expect them to work for free, so we compensate them for the extra hours. It's worth it when you see all of the amazing dances on stage, we promise!

What is Rollover Registration?

New this year! Rollover registration allows our current families to pay next year's membership fees in May, which then gives them exclusive access to fall classes before they are released to the public. We have experienced significant growth in the last two years, and some of our veteran families have encountered issues when trying to register for their first-choice classes. We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to grab what they want before classes are scooped up by new families!