



Welcome

TO DCSA



Hello DCSA Families and Teachers!

My name is Jessica Johns, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Director of Dream Center School of the Arts!

The arts have been a huge part of my life from a very young age. I grew up singing, participating in many choral groups and choirs, and performing in musicals and theater programs. Throughout my school years, I competed in Erie County Music Educators Association All-County Choirs and New York State School Music Association competitions, experiences that helped shape both my love for music and my passion for the arts. Today, I am honored to serve as DCSA's Voice and Theater Teacher, a role I have held since the school launched almost four years ago. Since 2024, I have also had the privilege of leading the vocalists on the Buffalo Dream Center Worship Team.

Beyond the arts, ministry and community outreach are deeply important to me. I have been serving full-time at the Buffalo Dream Center since 2021, where I have developed a passion for reaching our community and spreading light in dark places. My husband, Alex Johns, who is also our Drum Teacher at DCSA, and I have been married for over a year and recently welcomed our beautiful five month old son, who has been our greatest blessing. Together, we also lead the Buffalo Dream Center's Kidz Club After School Program, serving children in a housing project on the East Side of Buffalo.

Over the past couple years, DCSA has provided students with opportunities to grow in their artistic gifts while learning in a supportive and encouraging environment. I am honored to continue building on that foundation and helping our students discover, develop, and share their talents.

One of the many things I appreciate most about DCSA is its faith based and family friendly approach to the arts. Having grown up in the theater and music world, I know firsthand that arts programs can sometimes become stressful, overly competitive, or expose young students to content and environments that are not always age appropriate. DCSA offers something different a place where students can develop excellence in their craft while being encouraged, supported, and surrounded by positive values.

As Director, my goal is to cultivate an environment where creativity thrives, character is developed, and every student feels seen and valued. I want DCSA to be a place where families can feel confident, teachers feel supported, and students are free to learn, grow, and express themselves in a healthy and uplifting atmosphere.

I am looking forward to working alongside our talented teachers and wonderful families as we prepare for another exciting year. Thank you for being part of the DCSA community. I can't wait to see all that our students accomplish this year and celebrate their hard work together at our annual showcase next June. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, ideas, or suggestions. I am excited to serve you and look forward to getting to know each of you better.

With gratitude,

Jessica Johns

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Lesson Supplies

MUSICAL THEATRE

- \$10 fee for binder with materials for lessons

PIANO

- \$10 fee for binder with materials for lessons

DRUMS

- The teacher will let you know what you need.

VOICE

- \$10 fee for binder with materials for lessons

THEATRE & ACTING (*GROUP CLASS*)

- \$10 fee for binder with materials for lessons

Building Information:

WHERE TO ENTER / EXIT?

- The main entrance is through the brown door. There is a big purple sign on the outside..

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS?

- We recommend that your child brings a bag to keep all their belongings in, a water bottle, and a snack if they are there for more than two hours.

WHERE TO PARK?

- We only have street parking. Please make sure you read the parking signs so you don't get a ticket.

Tuition:

Registration fee is \$30 per family. This fee is due at the time of the application.

Piano, Voice, Theatre & Acting, and Musical Theatre students – A \$10 payment for a lesson binder is due upon application. This covers the binder and the printing costs for your students weekly homework.

Group class monthly tuition is always \$55 per month.

(Even with break or less classes)

Private class monthly tuition is always \$75 per month.

(Even with break or less classes)

Tuition is due on the first of every month.

- If you do not pay tuition by the 7th there will be \$20 fee
- If you do not pay tuition by the 10th you will not be able to attend classes until everything is paid

Costume fee for each class is due March 1st

*This will vary with each class

Picture Day is on April 1st

*The photographer will have packages available and will pay the photographer directly

Showcase Fee due by May 1st – \$50 per family

- This includes two tickets to the show
- This fee is only for students participating in the showcase

You can pay tuition and fees with cash, check, or Venmo. Please put “DCSA” in the memo.

- Checks can be made out to the Buffalo Dream Center or BDC.
- Our Venmo's username is @Buffalo-DreamCenter.

We do not offer any refunds.

Policies:

- Make-up classes are not available unless communicated and planned separately with your child's teacher.
- If time is taken off from participating in DCSA, we cannot hold your spot unless you continue to pay the monthly tuition fee. Time taken off from lessons can also affect participation in the showcase.
- Please communicate with your teacher if you need to cancel a lesson. Your teacher's contact information will be emailed to you after enrollment.
- Students must show up on time. If you are more than 15 minutes late for a Private Lesson then your lesson will unfortunately be canceled.
- DCSA is built on a family friendly environment. Please be kind and respectful to all families, teacher, and students.
- Practice at home is strongly encouraged. Not enough practice time at home may affect participation in the showcase.
- Please be on time to drop off and pick up your child. We ask that you do not drop off more than 10 minutes early for a class.
- We cannot watch your children before and after classes. If you plan on leaving we recommend you stay with them until their class starts, as all teachers will have lessons in session.
- We kindly ask that you check your email on a regular basis. This is our main form of communication with updates and information regarding DCSA. Please also join our remind texting program to receive updates and information!

By signing below, you have read and agreed to all the DCSA Policies above.

Full legal name of Participant

Signature of Participant (If under 18, signature of legal guardian)

Date

Dream Center School of The Arts

Agreement / Waiver

Notice: This is a binding legal document. Please read carefully and sign. Consult an attorney if you have any questions.

1 - By signing this form, I understand and agree that neither Buffalo Dream Center/Dream Center School of the Arts, hereinafter known as BDC/DCSA, nor its agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or ministry partners may be held liable in any way for any occurrence which may result in illness, injury, death, or other dangers to myself, the participant, or my heirs, family members, or assigns. I waive any such claim for compensation, liability, or reimbursement of any incurred expenses as a result of illness, injury, death or other medical expenses.

2 - By signing this form, I understand and agree that neither the BDC/DCSA, nor its agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or ministry partners may be held liable in any way for any lost, stolen, or damaged property belonging to myself, the participant, or my heirs, family members, or assigns. I waive any such claim for compensation, liability, or reimbursement of incurred expenses.

3 - For being allowed to participate in the DCSA, myself, the participant and all my family members, heirs, or assigns personally assume all risks in connection with the activity. I release BDC/DCSA, its agents, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or ministry partners from any injury or damage, which may befall me, my family members, heirs, or assigns while engaged in the above activity/event. This release includes all risks connected with the activities, whether foreseen or unforeseen. I further agree to save and hold harmless BDC/DCSA and the above named persons from any claim by me, or family members, estate, heirs, or assigns arising out of the participation in the above activity/event.

4 - I authorize any ambulance or hospital emergency service that may be rendered necessary to myself, the participant, heirs, family members, and assigns. I understand that I, the participant, assumes responsibility for the payment of the ambulance, doctor, dentist, or hospital fees. I waive any such claim for compensation, liability, or reimbursement of incurred expenses.

5 - I agree to pay all fees in a timely manner.

6 - I agree to respect the building, the teachers, and other families that attend DCSA

7 - I authorize the Buffalo Dream Center/Dream Center School of the Arts to use photographs, video, and other digital media in any and all of the Buffalo Dream Center/Dream Center School of the Arts' publications for the purposes of advertising. I authorize the Buffalo Dream Center/Dream Center School of the Arts the right to edit, enhance, or crop any photo, video, and digital media for the specified purposes without prior inspection. I understand and agree all such photos, video, and digital media are property of the Buffalo Dream Center/Dream Center School of the Arts and will receive no compensation for such.

8 - Furthermore, I state that I, the participant, am at least 18 years of age and am legally competent to sign this agreement and release; I understand the terms in this agreement and release are contractual and not a mere recital; I have fully informed myself of this agreement and release by reading it before I signed it; I have had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel regarding the effect of this agreement and release, should I so desire; and I have signed this document of my own free act.

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