

Letter to Parents From Dominique & Staff

Dear Parents of Students,

I hope that everyone had a great summer and you are adjusting well to your new school year. This is the time of year we usually hold registrations for dance, gym, and cheer classes. I haven't sent out any information concerning that because I received some frustrating news three weeks ago that the Bayou Vista Community Center would possibly **not** renew our lease contract. It is a parish owned facility and waiting for certain answers has been very disheartening. The BVCC is apparently moving in a different direction and is offering more free programs at the civic center. Their administration has changed and, unfortunately, they have not been very clear with me about our continued usage of the BVCC for classes. For 16 years, Dominique's Studio has paid significant rentals to the BVCC. However, I cannot get a clear answer from anyone that works there, despite my continued efforts to contact them to finalize my rental contract for this coming year. We had every intention of starting our classes on schedule the 2nd week of September until this unfortunate situation came up.

This affects the start time for our studio and I have been very active trying to find a place to rent or purchase within my means. I have located two possible rentals that may work for our studio but they will not be ready until January 2024. The last thing I want to do is to keep you from learning, no matter where you decide to continue your journey. I intend on having some pop up mini sessions of dance, gym, and cheer in the near future at a temporary location.

I have been teaching in St Mary Parish for 28 years and teaching for 31 years total. I have loved every minute of it and I can honestly say that **every** student and former students are like my own children. Our studio has produced some wonderful students that have gone pro (49 in total), and hopefully we have mentored some super young adults. It breaks my heart to write this but for now we are on "pause".

I would like to keep this information private and not shared on social media because it is very upsetting. If you'd like to reach out to me concerning this, please do so at 985-518-8273 or email me domsstudio1@gmail.com

Hope to see you soon!

Love always and Bon Chance',

Mrs. Dominique Besse Thomas and Staff

