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February Newsletter 2017

Thought for the Month

Practice like you've never won, perform like you've never lost.

Upcoming Holidays

Family Day

The studio will be closed on Monday February 20, 2017.

March Break

The studio will be closed Monday March 13 to Sunday March 19, 2017.

Easter

The studio will be open on Saturday April 15 over the Easter weekend. The studio is closed on Friday April 14 & Monday April 17, 2017.

May Long Weekend

The studio will be closed on Monday May 22, 2017.

Winter Footwear

To both our parents and dancers; please continue to remove all outdoor shoes and place them neatly on the mats before passing through the waiting room area. This is to help protect all dance shoes! Dancers, please neatly put your outdoor shoes against the wall on the carpet to help keep the pathway clear. Coats can be hung up on the coatrack or put in a locker. Our office and store staff try to keep the waiting area as neat and clean as possible during the days they are working. Thank you for your continued help during the winter season.



Accounts & Secretary Hours

Parents should note that accounts outstanding for lesson fees, private lessons or any other billed statement must be paid before Saturday April 29, 2017. Costumes will be held in the office until the account is paid in full. This is also the last day that the office will accept cheques as a form of payment.

Please remember that lesson payments must be paid by the end of each month. Accounts not paid by the end of the month will incur the 15% service charge as stated in the Registration Newsletter.

The office is always open the first week of each month. There is a calendar posted on the office window showing the exact hours the secretary is in. If you miss payment during the first week of each month, a cheque or cash may be handed to your teacher and a receipt will follow shortly. You may also leave a credit card number on the answering machine to be charged the next time the office is open. This card number can also be kept on file for future payments to be done automatically if you wish.

Competitive Dance Program

Information about auditions (dates, ages, etc) for our 2017/2018 competitive dance teams will be available in April 2017. Auditions will be held on Monday June 19, 2017 at the studio commencing at 4:30pm.

Summer Camp

Our annual summer camp will take place Monday July 10 – Friday July 14, 2017 for dancers aged 3 to 11. We are excited to announce that this year, our camp will run from 9am to 3pm. More information, including pricing, will follow in March 2017.

Summer Conditioning Classes

Following the success of our conditioning program last summer, we will be conducting conditioning classes in August twice a week for 3 weeks. These conditioning classes are open to all of our dancers as well as students from other schools. Conditioning classes are proven to be one of the most beneficial forms of dance to improve your overall dance technique, style and flexibility. Dancers aged 7 to 20 are welcome. More information will follow in April/May 2017.

Competitive dancers are required to come to one of these weeks/2 lessons, but it is highly recommended that you attend the full 3 weeks.

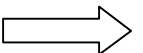
2017 Dance Registration

Pre-registration for fall 2017 classes can be done at anytime by leaving your name and phone number with an office secretary. Early June registration (*5% off dance fees when paid in full at time of June registration*) will take place at the studio on June 21 and 22 from 6:00-8:00pm & June 24 from 9:00am-11:00am. August registration dates (*3% off dance fees when paid in full at time of August registration*) will follow.

Costumes

Costumes will be handed out approximately the week of May 8, 2017. Your costume will not be handed out unless your account is paid in full. Information on costume credits or balances will be given prior to handout week.

Important recital information on reverse side!





33rd Annual Dance Recital



Tickets

All tickets (reserved seating) - \$28.00 (inc. HST & River Run Box Office fees).

This year tickets for our 33rd Annual Dance Recital will go on sale on **Saturday May 6, 2017** beginning at 9am. There are no held/guaranteed tickets and will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis. Over the past few years there have been many unsold tickets still available each performance night and therefore we do not predict any sell-out performances (ie: we do not see a chance that parents will be unable to get tickets). For best seating selection please get your tickets early. From 9am-11am on Saturday May 6th, tickets will be available for in-person sales only at the River Run Box Office for students and families from our school. You may have your tickets picked on your behalf by someone else should you require. After 11am on May 6th, all unsold tickets will be released to the public and can be purchased on the phone or online as well as in-person. Regular River Run Box Office hours are Monday – Saturday, 11am-6pm. The Box Office can be contacted at 519-763-3000 or online at www.riverrun.ca. Children under 2 may sit on their parents lap without a ticket, however please be mindful of others watching the recital if they begin to fuss. Children over 3 will require their own ticket and seat to enter the theatre. This is the same goes for dancers who are only dancing in one-half of the recital and wish to sit in the audience for the half they are not dancing in.

Dress Rehearsal

Every student must participate in Dress Rehearsal at the River Run Centre on Monday June 5, Tuesday June 6 & Wednesday June 7, 2017. Your dancer will be expected to participate in 1, 2 or 3* of these rehearsals depending on what recital day(s) their class is performing in. (*subject to change) The specific day and time allowance for your child's dance will be issued to you by April 17, 2017 in a Dress Rehearsal newsletter. Every dancer, regardless of age, is expected to be in full costume, hair and make-up for each dress rehearsal. Parents; your child is your responsibility during rehearsal.

Each year we are only able to conduct open dress rehearsals if the following rules conditions are followed by parents and dancers of all ages:

- One (1) parent/guardian per dancer is allowed in the auditorium to video or photograph during rehearsal. Absolutely no non-dancing siblings, friends or extra family members will be admitted.
- No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium & sit only in areas permitted by the River Run.
- No obnoxious yelling or cheering – people will be videotaping and will not want your voice in the background.
- Respect River Run staff and volunteers as well as studio volunteers. Bullying, rudeness or bad behaviour by dancers or parents will not be tolerated and you will be asked to leave the premises.

Recital

We always to arrange our recital program to accommodate as many families as possible. Your child will be informed by April 17, 2017 for which day(s) they will perform. All students performing in the Thursday June 8 and Friday June 9 recitals are required to meet at the River Run Centre between 6:45pm and 7:00pm, as these shows commence at 7:30pm sharp. All students performing in the Saturday June 10 recital are required to meet at the River Run between 12:45pm and 1:00pm, as this show commences at 1:30pm sharp. All dancers should arrive at the River Run with their hair and make-up completely done. Younger dancers should arrive with their costume on with a large t-shirt or night-coat covering it.

Backstage during Recital

During each recital, only dancers and parent volunteers are permitted in the backstage & dressing room areas. For children aged 10 and under, parents must sign in their dancer(s) at the backstage door at which point one of our volunteers will take them backstage. This is to help with the overwhelming traffic and congestion in the backstage area. You may pick up your dancer at intermission or at the end of the show only, the backstage doors will be locked other than these times and only opened for emergencies. Please do not leave your seat during the performance as a courtesy to the other audience members as well as our dancers on stage. Before and during the show, all dancers will remain in the Co-operators Hall backstage. They will be able to watch the recital from here from a monitor and there is colouring and movies to keep them entertained. Please send your child with water and a nut-free snack (one that won't ruin their or anyone else's costume). Younger dancers will be assigned a parent volunteer and senior dancers so they are never alone backstage. Any dancer regardless of age, who chooses to leave the backstage area during intermission, will not be permitted to come backstage again and therefore will forfeit the right to dance in the second half of the show. Students who only dance in one half of the show and want to watch the half they are not dancing in are allowed to do so, but must have their own ticket.

A specific newsletter with more details on Rehearsal and Recital procedures, rules and information will follow.

In conclusion, with your support and continued cooperation I look forward to our 33rd Annual Dance Recital with high hopes of another excellent performance. Have a safe and happy summer and I look forward to seeing you in September for another great year of dance!

Yours in dance,
Holly Hughes