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February Newsletter 2018

**Thought for the Month**  
Practice until you can't get it wrong.

### Upcoming Holidays

#### March Break

The studio will be closed Monday March 12 to Sunday March 18, 2018.

#### Easter

The studio will be open on Saturday March 31 over the Easter weekend. The studio is closed on Friday March 30 (for rec students) and Monday April 2, 2018.

#### May Long Weekend

The studio will be closed on Monday May 21, 2018.

### Winter Footwear

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 28, 2018. This is also the last day that the office will accept cheques as a form of payment for the balance of the year.

Please remember that lesson payments must be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Accounts not paid by the end of the month will incur a 15% service charge as stated in the Registration Newsletter.

Costumes will be held in the office until your account is paid in full.

### Automatic Payments (credit card & direct payment)

Please ensure your account is set up for automatic payments through your Visa or Master Card, direct payments through your bank account or via post-dated cheques. The office is always open the first week of each month. A calendar featuring the office hours for the month is always posted in the office window.

### Competitive Dance Program

Information about auditions for our 2018/2019 competitive dance teams (incl. dates, ages, requirements etc) will be available in March 2018. Auditions will only be held on Sunday April 29 & Monday April 30 this year. We encourage anyone interested in being part of one of our competitive teams to audition at this time as there will not be any later audition dates.

### Summer Camps (there's 2 this year!)

We are excited to announce that we will be offering 2 week-long day camps this summer! July 9-13 is open for dancers aged 4-11 and August 13-17 is open for dancers age 6-11. Camp runs from 9am-3pm for both weeks. Camp themes & pricing will be announced in March 2018. Minimum registration numbers are required in order for camps to run.

### Summer Conditioning Classes

Conditioning classes are one of the most beneficial forms of dance training to improve your overall technique, style and flexibility. For dancers interested in this program, we will be running special classes in August on Wednesday and Thursday evenings the weeks of August 8/9, 15/16 & 22/23. Any dancer aged 7 to 20 are welcome to attend any number of these classes. Competitive dancers are highly encouraged to attend. Minimum registration numbers are required in order for classes to run.

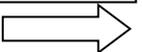
### 2018 Dance Registration

Pre-registration for fall 2018 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 19, 20 & 21 from 6:00-8:00pm & June 23 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 in the beginning of May. Your costume will not be given 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!**



# 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Recital



## Tickets

**All tickets (reserved seating) - \$29.00 (inc. HST & River Run Box Office fees).**

Tickets for our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Recital will go on sale on **Friday May 4, 2018** beginning at **11am** in person, online or over the phone. Sales will be brisk for the first 30-45 minutes of the sale – please expect wait times. All tickets will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis. Over the past few years there have been many unsold tickets still available for each performance and therefore we do not predict any sell-out shows (ie: we do not see a chance that parents will be unable to get tickets). For best seating selection please get your tickets early.

Everyone entering the theatre must have a ticket. Children under 1 may sit on their parents lap without a ticket, however please be mindful of others watching the recital if they begin to fuss. 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 must have a ticket.

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](http://www.riverrun.ca)

Tips for online buyers: Get ready before tickets go on sale. Make sure your User ID and Password are working. Go to [riverrun.ca/boxoffice](http://riverrun.ca/boxoffice) and **Login** to your existing customer account, or **Signup** to create a new one. **CHECK THE SHOPPING CART CAREFULLY.** If two buyers select the same seats at the same time, the seats will only make it to one shopping cart - this can come down to a fraction of a second! If your seats don't make it to your shopping cart, return to the floor plan and try again.

More online tips direct from the River Run will be posted on the office window prior to ticket sales.

## Dress Rehearsal

Every student must participate in a dress rehearsal at the River Run Centre on Monday June 4, Tuesday June 5 & Wednesday June 6, 2018. 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. The specific day and time allowance for your child's dance will be issued to you in a Dress Rehearsal newsletter in late April/early May. 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 try to arrange our recital program to accommodate as many families as possible. Your child will be informed in mid-late April 2018 for which day(s) they will perform. All students performing in the Thursday June 7 and Friday June 8 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 9 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. 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 where they will be able to watch the recital from a screen if they'd like, there is also 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.

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

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*In conclusion, with your support and continued cooperation I look forward to our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Recital with high hopes of another excellent performance!*

*Yours in dance,  
Holly Hughes*