

**GRACE ACADEMY OF DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS**  
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**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK AND SECOND TERM**

The dancers have completed a successful 1<sup>st</sup> term – we are sure that everyone who attended our Observation Week was pleased to see the progress and enthusiasm that the dancers are showing. As previously mentioned, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term commences on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> .

Grace Academy will break for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS from TUESDAY , DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2018 INCLUSIVE. No classes will be held during that time. Classes will begin again on SATURDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2018.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE MISSING ANY CLASSES DUE TO EXTENDED HOLIDAYS OR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS/PARTIES 😊

**Please remember that a message will play on the school's answering machine if classes need to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Please phone the school after 2pm on stormy days to see if classes will run. (after 8am on Saturdays OR Thursday mornings) AN UPDATE WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AS SOON AS ANY CANCELLATION DECISIONS ARE MADE**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Thank you to everyone who has responded and plans to attend our carolling party on December 16th. If you have not responded, please do not forget to send in your form! We hope to see lots of you there. Our party will take place from 2:30 – 4:30pm at Maple Grove United Church. The church is located at 346 Maple Grove Drive –off of Cornwall, east of Trafalgar . **Families are asked to arrive between 2 and 2:30pm – all musical theatre and acting students and Pure Grace should arrive at 1:30pm.** The musical theatre and acting students and Pure Grace will be making a short presentation at 2:30, followed by a Christmas sing-song and goodies. It promises to be a fun afternoon with lots of families in attendance. Because there will be a lot of people in attendance on this day, please remind your dancers that they should not be running, climbing or playing roughly at the church 😊

Please note that the following classes will not run on December 16<sup>th</sup> – GRADE 5 MODERN, GRADE 5 HIP HOP, ADVANCED BALLET, ADVANCED 2 MODERN, JN/SN MUSICAL THEATRE, JN ACTING, GRADE 1 MODERN, ADV LEAPS AND TURNS.

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered to send in goodies for the party! We are very grateful! More goodies are still needed, so please let us know if you can help! Please bring all treats with you to the church. A small group of moms will collect these from you in the foyer and look after setting the goodies up in the gym. If possible, please use a disposable plate – or be sure to put your name on it so that it can be returned to you. **Please remember that all goodies should be nut free** 😊 If you have volunteered to help set up OR clean up you will receive an email to confirm closer to the party date – thank you!! (and again – more help is always welcome and appreciated 😊)

IF WE HAVE A STORMY DAY ON DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> (AS WE DID A FEW YEARS AGO), PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE/STUDIO ANSWERING MACHINE FOR ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES.

### **IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR- PERFORMANCE DECEMBER 5th**

Our performing company 'Pure Grace', The Spirit Moves Christian Dance Company, and musical theatre classes will join the Spurrell Singing Studio on December 5th for a wonderful performance at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts. We hope that many of our families will come out to watch this show - supporting our dancers and singers and enjoying a night of entertainment and Christmas Spirit. The show begins at 7:30pm and is appropriate for all ages. **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT [www.oakvillecentre.ca](http://www.oakvillecentre.ca) or by calling the Oakville Centre Box office. NO REGULAR CLASSES WILL RUN AT THE STUDIO ON THIS DAY, December 6th or 7th. (Some exam prep has been scheduled, and primary and grade 2 modern will have their make up lesson during their regular Thursday time slots)**

### **CHRISTMAS ART DISPLAY AND CONTEST**

We would like to invite our dancers to create a drawing, painting, poem, artwork, photo, craft or story of what Christmas means to them. We will display these in the studio! Get started now and help us to decorate the studio for the holidays! All dancers who contribute will be entered in a draw to win a pair of tickets to see a movie at [film.ca](http://film.ca) Cinemas. We will draw for the winner at our party on December 16th.

## **INSTANT CHOIR - DECEMBER 20TH!**

Have you always wanted to sing, but haven't had the time to commit to a weekly choir rehearsal? Or have you been a member of a choir for many years and want to share your talents with your community? Are you looking for something special to do with your family this holiday season? Join Oakville's first-ever "Instant Choir" event, where everyone sings as one! This exciting and fun filled night is appropriate for ALL AGES and will be held at the QE Park Recreational Centre in Oakville at 7pm. Run by the Town of Oakville and the Oakville Vocal Arts Festival, our very own Natalie Spurrell will be the conductor! Refreshments will also be served! We hope to see a lot of our Grace families out to participate~ NO SINGING EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! Visit [oakvillevocalartsfestival.ca](http://oakvillevocalartsfestival.ca) for more information and to sign up

## **CREATING SPACE YOGA –PAJAMA DRIVE**

We are excited to once again join CREATING SPACE YOGA STUDIO in their Annual Holiday Pajama Drive this year!

This will be our 8<sup>th</sup> year collecting pajamas at Christmas time and helping to provide a "cozy Christmas" to less fortunate children

All pjs collected will be donated to the HALTON CHILDREN'S AID FOUNDATION  
New pjs can be brought into the studio and left with Miss Knapp or Mrs. VanDunk.  
The foundation has made a special request for sizes appropriate for 10-18 year olds.

Collection will continue until Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for helping us to provide a "cozy Christmas" to less fortunate children!

## **TOONIES FOR TOYS**

During the months of November and December, we will also be collecting toonies for the purchase of new toys. These toys will be donated to Oakville's Salvation Army to help provide gifts for those in need. We will collect donations until

December 16<sup>th</sup> 😊 Thank you for helping us give back to our community!

**VERY WARM WISHES ARE SENT TO ALL GRACE ACADEMY FAMILIES AT THIS SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR. HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!**