

It is hard to believe, but the 1st term has come to an end! We continue to be so proud of our dancers and are grateful for their energy and enthusiasm in every class. They have already accomplished so much in a very short time and we are looking forward to dancing together in 2022! We are so fortunate to have the most amazing community of young people!

As previously mentioned, the 2nd Term begins tomorrow, November 30th. **2nd term fees are now due. Amounts owing can be found in your family portal.** Kindly send an e-transfer to graceacademy@sympatico.ca if you have not yet done so. Late fees will apply to all accounts unpaid after December 6th.

SCREENING - Please remember to continue to complete your daily screening form for your dancer and DO NOT have your dancer attend classes in person if they have any signs of illness. During this busy cold and flu season, we want to ensure that our dancers are healthy and safe. Zoom links for every class can be found in your portal under 'online classes'. Dancers are welcome to participate that way any time. Be sure to add this screening link to your phone if you have not already done so:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF9DXFWT-plj1XXPRpXoAuthang_y4mfd_p2NxaVlpZA6_Ag/viewform?usp=sf_link

Grace Academy will break for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS from SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH- SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND INCLUSIVE. No classes will be held during that time. Classes will begin again on Monday, January 3RD 2022. **NOTE THAT THERE ARE ALSO NO CLASSES ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.**

IMPORTANT NOTE - if you are taking a holiday outside of Canada over the break, upon return, we are following the same policy of the Halton School Board on return to classes. Dancers who are under 12 and not vaccinated must not attend in person classes for 14 days from their return. Please let us know if this will affect you.

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, or after 8am for morning classes. AN UPDATE WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM PAGE AS SOON AS ANY CANCELLATION DECISIONS ARE MADE.

DECEMBER THEME OF THE MONTH - JINGLE JAM!

December is one of our favourite months at the studio! Whether in the studio or at home on zoom, our focus is on the joy and love that this season brings!

Here is a look at what we have going on:

Pajama and gift card drive for Halton Children's Aid Foundation - donations of NEW PJS and GIFT CARDS IN ANY AMOUNT can be dropped off to teachers any time until December 11th. **Please note that there is a special need for ages 12-18. Please help us with this tradition of providing a cozy Christmas to those in need!**

Christmas card/artwork collection for our local seniors - we would like to spread some cheer to those who may not be able to have visitors this season and to let them know we are thinking of them . Dancers are encouraged to create more than one Christmas greeting and leave them with the teachers any time until December 11th.

'Let the Magic Begin' - Friday, December 10th, 7:30pm - join our performing companies and senior dancers for a night of entertainment at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts! Tickets for this 'return to stage' celebration are available at the Oakville Centre Box Office. It is appropriate for all ages and running time is approximately 75 minutes. You will be inspired, hopeful and filled with the Christmas spirit!

'Zoom Christmas Party' - Saturday, December 11th 4:30-6pm - All families are invited to join us for a virtual celebration! In the past, one of our favourite traditions has been our annual studio Christmas party. While it is not yet safe to gather together in the way we usually do, we want to enjoy some time together. We will have a short 'family hip hop' lesson, play some games, have a sing-along in your own home AND watch the 'Merry Christmas' video that many of our dancers filmed in the studio this past week! **TO SIGN UP, EMAIL graceacademy@sympatico.ca by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH.**

Pure Grace takes part in the Milton Nutcracker Holiday Spectacular - a virtual performance premiering on YouTube on December 19th. This is the Nutcracker with a twist and can be enjoyed in your pjs at home! Details on how to watch will be emailed closer to the date.

And - from December 6th-11th dancers are welcome to dress in Christmas colours, Santa hats, antlers or other Christmas themed outfits! We will have lots of fun Christmas music, choreography and games to finish off the year!

VERY WARM WISHES ARE SENT TO ALL GRACE ACADEMY FAMILIES AT THIS SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR. HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY - STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!