

## **NOVEMBER NEWS 2021**

It is hard to believe that November is already here, and that our first term will be coming to an end! We have been so thankful to all of our families for helping to keep everything running smoothly with drop off and pick up, and with all of our health and safety protocols. Please remember to continue completing our screening form prior to each class and to stay home and attend on zoom when anyone is unwell.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> TERM FEES**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Term begins on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH. We are looking forward to another term of dancing and connection in our Grace community! Please remember that all fees are due on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH. Amounts owing will be found in the statement area in your portal on November 15TH. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. If you need to make any change to your schedule, please let us know immediately as we do have waiting lists for some classes. A STRICT LATE FEE POLICY OF \$25 WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL FEES THAT ARE RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 6TH. Fees may be paid in cash, cheque or e-transfer to [graceacademy@sympatico.ca](mailto:graceacademy@sympatico.ca)

**NOTE - The studio will be closed from SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND INCLUSIVE for the Christmas Break**

**There are NO classes on Friday, December 10th, but classes do run on Saturday, December 11th.**

### **RECEIPTS**

Receipts for term fees will only be sent out by request. If you would like to receive a receipt for fees paid in the 2021 calendar year, please let us know by email.

### **THEME OF THE MONTH**

During the month of October, our dancers focused on learning the qualities of a confident leader. Activities focused on kindness, hard work, self belief, bravery and creativity.

In November, our theme is 'Earn Your Wings'. Dancers will working on the principles of the 'Wingman Program' - a program that inspires empathy, compassion, kindness and most importantly, acceptance of all children regardless of any perceived differences. It is a perfect fit for the studio culture that we promote!

### **CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE**

While this year's 'Run for the Cure' looked different, our dancers embraced our 'pink week of kindness' and together we raised \$1043.00

Breast cancer has hit many of our lives in different ways - and we truly hope that by the time our young dancers are adults, it will be a thing of the past - thank you for contributing to this important cause!

### **PURE GRACE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE!**

We are so excited to have the opportunity to return to the stage with a live audience this December! Our 2 performing companies, Pure Grace and the Spirit Moves, will join our senior dancers on the Oakville Centre stage on **Friday, December 10th 2021!** We hope that many of our families will join us for this celebration! Ticket details will be available shortly.

Pure Grace also has the privilege of taking part in the virtual production of 'The Nutcracker Holiday Spectacular' in Milton this December. The production will premiere on December 19th - watch for details on how you can enjoy this performance from the comfort of your home!

### **VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 11TH 4:30-6PM**

#### **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND RSVP!**

As many of you know, one of our favourite holiday traditions at Grace Academy has always been our Christmas party. While it is not yet safe to host this type of event, we are thrilled to invite all of our families to a special 'Zoom Party' on Saturday, December 11th from 4:30-6pm.

We will have a short 'family dance' class, play some games, have a carol sing-a-long, and watch a short 'Merry Christmas' video from all of our dancers.

**Please email us at [graceacademy@sympatico.ca](mailto:graceacademy@sympatico.ca) to let us know if you would like to attend.**

NOTE - Musical Theatre and Leaps and Turns will not run on on this day

### **'MERRY CHRISTMAS VIDEO'**

Dancers in primary 2nd year ballet and above will all film a very short Christmas combination to be showcased in our 'Merry Christmas video'. Combinations will be learned in class over the next few weeks and filmed between November 22nd and 27th in regular classes. Dancers should plan to come to class in festive outfits that week - red/green, santa hats, tinsel etc!

We are also looking at some different ways to let the parents of our little ones (Discover Ballet, Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary 1st Year Ballet and Primary Modern) have a glimpse into what your dancers are learning in class each week. Our hope is to have a short video to send to you over the next few weeks, showing some of our regular activities. More information will follow.

### **TOONIES FOR TOYS, PJ DRIVE, CARDS AND ARTWORK FOR SENIORS**

We plan to continue with our regular traditions of giving back to our community this December. Please continue to watch your inbox and our social media and for more information later this month.

## **WINTER STORMS**

With snowy weather fast approaching there may be times when classes will need to be cancelled due to inclement weather **OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES WILL BE UPDATED WHENEVER A CANCELLATION NEEDS TO BE MADE. PLEASE CHECK HERE FIRST ON STORMY DAYS.** You may also phone the Academy after 2pm on stormy days to check if classes will still be running (a message will play on the voice mail). Families with daytime classes should call after 8am. Calls will not be made to individual families by the Academy, but emails will be sent when possible.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time!