

**GRACE ACADEMY OF DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS**  
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**DECEMBER 2020**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK AND SECOND TERM**

The dancers have completed a successful 1<sup>st</sup> term and we are so proud of all of their hard work and enthusiasm! We continue to be amazed at how resilient and adaptable our dancers are and feel so fortunate to work with such incredible students.

As previously mentioned, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term began on Monday, 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](mailto:graceacademy@sympatico.ca) if you have not yet done so. Late fees will apply to all accounts unpaid after December 7th.

Grace Academy will break for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS from MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH- SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD INCLUSIVE. No classes will be held during that time. Classes will begin again on Monday, January 4th 2021.

**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 - MASKED AND MERRY!**

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 or our student ambassadors any time between Tuesday, December 8th and Sunday, December 13th. **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 or student ambassadors between Tuesday, December 8th and Sunday, December 13th.

**'Home for the Holidays' - our virtual Christmas performance** - Saturday, December 12th at 6:30pm or Sunday, December 13th at 4pm (see below for more details!)

**And** - from now until our final day of classes on December 13th, 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!

### **'HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS' - A VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

All of our dancers in Primary Ballet 2nd Year and above worked very hard throughout the 1st term to learn new choreography for the filming of this year's Christmas performance. We are excited for everyone to see the finished product! We hope that it will fill you with the Christmas spirit and the joy, hope, peace and love of the holiday season! We need that more than ever this year - and we are so happy to share this with our Grace community.

We plan to offer 2 'live at home' viewings and are currently making the necessary arrangements to have this happen through a webinar program. **Login details will follow, but at this time, we would like each family to email us if they would like to join us, indicating their preferred time slot:**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 6:30PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 4:00PM

Once these viewings have occurred, dancers who participated in the performance will also receive a link to download the performance at no cost, as our gift to you.

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