

Hello everyone!

We are happy to announce that priority registration for the 2021-2022 season is now available in your family portal! At the bottom of this email you will find information about age restrictions for certain classes, and which classes are most appropriate for your dancer. It is going to be an amazing season and we are looking forward to returning to a more normal year of dance!

A proposed fall timetable is attached. Please note that the schedule is subject to change. As the province continues with its re-opening plans, restrictions may be in place that make it necessary to adapt our schedule. In addition, if a program has insufficient registration, changes may need to be made. We will do our best to keep to the schedule laid out and will inform you immediately if any changes need to be made.

At this point in time, our hope is that we will be returning to a fully in person program this fall! We are so excited to have our dancers back in the studio! Dance Safe Ontario (of which we are members) is in constant discussion with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, on the needs of dance studios as Ontario moves forward with re-opening. That said, in some cases, depending on the provincial guidelines, we may need to continue with the hybrid system we had in place over this past season (although we hope we can avoid this). Before registering, please review the current Covid Protocols (found on our website) and the Waivers that you have agreed to in your family portal. As in the 2020-2021 season, when registering, you are acknowledging that you understand that classes may be a combination of in-studio and virtual at-home learning, and that in the case of an emergency or government mandated closure, classes will move to virtual learning only. No refunds or discounts will apply. We all hope for a much more normal season beginning in September and that Zoom will only need to be used in cases of illness! Updated protocols will be emailed closer to the start of the new season.

TO PRIORITY REGISTER -

Log into your family portal and click register. A list of classes in the 2021-2022 season (as listed on the attached schedule) will come up. Check the classes that you would like for each dancer. You will receive an email detailing fees and due dates. To complete your registration, a \$100 e-transfer should be sent to graceacademy@sympatico.ca. **THIS \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION FOR EACH DANCER. THIS INCLUDES A \$25 REGISTRATION FEE. THE REMAINING \$75 IS APPLIED TO THE 1ST TERM FEES. IF A CLASS IS DROPPED AFTER REGISTRATION, THIS DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE APPLIED TO TERM FEES, BUT WILL COVER THE COST OF THE DROPPED CLASS.**

SPACE WILL BE LIMITED IN ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PRIORITY REGISTRATION TO SECURE YOU PLACE. PRIORITY REGISTRATION WILL END ON JULY 2ND. AT THIS TIME, YOU MAY CONTINUE TO REGISTER, BUT PROGRAMS WILL ALSO OPEN TO NEW STUDENTS AND WE CAN NO LONGER GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE.

NEW FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON!

We are so excited to announce that we are now an official DISCOVERDANCE studio! As you know, we take great pride in offering programs for our littlest dancers that allow them to explore their creativity and imagination, develop an appreciation of music, and enhance their motor skills and body and spatial awareness. Over the past year, Miss Knapp has been

furthering her training in early childhood dance, and is so excited to enhance our programs with the use of DiscoverDance!

“The DiscoverDance approach to early childhood dance education is the perfect blend of discovery and development that leads to a lifelong appreciation for the ART of dance. We are dedicated to teaching the developing child FIRST, the dancer second. Through this lens, we meet every child’s individual needs at their developmental stage.”

DISCOVER WITH ME - A program for the little dancer and a grown up! Geared to age 2, but appropriate for dancers ages 18 months to 3 years who may need the extra security of having an adult with them. We will dance, sing, and play in both one-on-one activities and group activities. Through circle songs, open exploration, and gross motor development exercises, children will blossom with each passing class as they grow with their caregiver during this precious time together!

DISCOVER BALLET - This will be a new approach to our past ‘Nursery Ballet’ program for 3 and 4 year olds who are new to dance!

If you know a little one, please let them know about these exciting new/adapted programs!

We are also excited to be able to offer our Leaps and Turns program again this fall, as well as adding Progressing Ballet Technique (PBT) and Stretch and Strength for interested older dancers. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have questions about these programs!

Our performing companies, Pure Grace and the Spirit Moves Christian Dance Company, will continue. If you have not participated in either of these groups in the past and would like more information, please email Miss Knapp. We are excited about new possibilities for taking our talents out into the community!

Our summer programs (for August) have also all been added to our portal! We hope to have lots of dancers joining us for some summer fun!

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time! Please continue to watch your email for details on how to watch the premiere of our year end performance 'Heroes Save the Day'!

Heidi Knapp - Academy Director

AGE RESTRICTIONS

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Discover with me - 18 months by September 1st 2021

Ballet – 3 years by September 1st 2021

Tap– 7 years by September 1st 2021 OR 3 years of dance at Grace Academy – at Miss Knapp’s discretion

Musical Theatre – 7 years by September 1st 2021

All students must be taking one form of dance. Dancers will be divided based on age and dance level

Modern jazz – 6 years by January 31ST 2022 OR 2 years of ballet at Grace Academy

Junior Hip Hop - 6 years by September 1st 2021 AND taking Grade 1,2 or 3 Modern

- ALL STUDENTS wishing to enrol in Grade 4 Hip Hop or higher MUST also be attending the corresponding modern class. It is strongly recommended that Junior Hip Hop dancers also enrol in grade 1, 2 or 3 modern depending on their age

- Intermediate foundation ballet 1st year students must attend 2 classes of ballet per week in order to be considered for pointe work.

-Intermediate foundation ballet 2nd year students and above MUST be attending 2 regular ballet classes per week to work on pointe.

-We recommend that students in grade 1 ballet 2nd year and above attend 2 classes per week in order to progress through the level in 1 year (please discuss this with Miss Knapp if you have questions). Students who do not attend twice a week will not necessarily be ready to move ahead to the next grade level. We HIGHLY RECOMMEND ATTENDANCE IN 2 CLASSES A WEEK IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A GOOD STANDARD

-Musical theatre students must be taking at least one form of dance

-Those interested in The Spirit Moves Christian Dance Company or Pure Grace Performing Company should speak to Miss Knapp

-Leaps and Turns 1 dancers should be enrolled in either INTER OR ADV 1 1ST YEAR MODERN

-Leaps and Turns 2 dancers should be enrolled in either ADV 1 2ND YEAR OR ADV 2 MODERN

- Stretch and Strength for Dancers students should be enrolled in INTER MODERN OR IF 2ND YEAR BALLET AND ABOVE

- Senior Pointe/PBT is open to dancers in Adv 1 or Senior Ballet

Which Class Do I Register For?

Below we have listed the NEW CLASS LEVEL that your dancer is eligible for based on the song that they were working on for our year end performance (or the day they attended this past year for little ones)

NURSERY BALLET (TUESDAY 10AM, SATURDAY 9AM OR SUNDAY 11:00/11:30 OR 12):
PRE-PRIMARY BALLET

PRE-PRIMARY BALLET (SATURDAY 9:45AM OR SUNDAY 1PM): PRIMARY 1ST YEAR
BALLET AND/OR PRIMARY MODERN

PRIMARY 1ST YEAR BALLET (THURSDAY 4:15PM OR SATURDAY 9:30AM): PRIMARY 2ND
YEAR BALLET

MY FRIEND THE DOCTOR : GRADE 1 BALLET 1ST YEAR

PLEASE MR. POSTMAN: GRADE 1 BALLET 2ND YEAR

HEART: GRADE 2 BALLET

COCKEYED OPTIMIST: GRADE 3 BALLET

A COVER IS NOT A BOOK: GRADE 4 BALLET

HERE COMES THE SUN: INTER FOUNDATION (IF) 1ST YEAR BALLET

GO THE DISTANCE: INTER FOUNDATION (IF) 2ND YEAR BALLET

WEIRD SCIENCE: INTER BALLET AND INTER POINTE

I HOPE YOU DANCE: ADV 1 BALLET AND ADV 1 POINTE

AVENGERS: SENIOR BALLET AND POINTE

PRIMARY MODERN (SATURDAY 10:30AM): GRADE 1 MODERN

EVERY GIRL'S A SUPER GIRL: GRADE 2 MODERN

SUPER GIRL: GRADE 3 MODERN

SUPERMAN : GRADE 4 MODERN

OUR GENERATION: GRADE 5 MODERN

ZERO TO HERO: GRADE 6 MODERN (SATURDAY) - note that those dancers who were
enrolled in the Saturday class in 2020/2021 will have the first choice option to enrol on
Saturdays this coming season. If you wish to change your day, let us know and we will create a
wait list to make changes after priority registration

WE ARE FAMILY: GRADE 6 MODERN (FRIDAY) -note that those dancers who were enrolled in
the Friday class in 2020/2021 will have the first choice option to enrol on Fridays this coming
season. If you wish to change your day, let us know and we will create a wait list to make
changes after priority registration

WAKA WAKA: INTER FOUNDATION (IF) MODERN

I LIVED: INTER MODERN

GIANTS FALL: ADV 1 1ST YEAR MODERN

WAITING ON THE WORLD TO CHANGE: ADV 1 2ND YEAR MODERN

FIGHT SONG OR WHEN YOU BELIEVE : ADV 2 MODERN

FAM JAM : GRADE 5 HIP HOP

FIRED UP: GRADE 6 HIP HOP (2 days offered)

ASTRONAUT :IF HIP HOP

MICHAEL JORDAN: INTER HIP HOP

BATMAN V. JOKER: ADV 1 1ST YEAR HIP HOP

007: ADV 1 2ND YEAR HIP HOP

HAMILTON OR PROM: ADV 2 HIP HOP

FRIEND IN ME: GRADE 1 TAP

HIGH HOPES: GRADE 2 TAP

SUNSHINE AND LOLLIPOPS : GRADE 4 TAP

BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY: GRADE 5 TAP

WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T GO HOME: INTER TAP

JET SET: ADV 1 TAP

WE GO TOGETHER: SENIOR TAP

OTHER CLASS CHOICES: (PLEASE ALSO REFER TO THE INFORMATION ABOVE)

JUNIOR HOP HOP dancers should be 6 years by September 1st 2021 AND taking Grade 1, 2 or 3 Modern

PRIMARY TAP dancers should be 7 years by September 1st 2021 or have 3 years of dance at Grace Academy – at Miss Knapp's discretion

SPIRIT MOVES dancers should be 7 years by September 1st 2021 or have 3 years of dance at Grace Academy -at Miss Knapp's discretion. Dancers must be enrolled in one other dance class.

MUSICAL THEATRE dancers should be 7 years by September 1st 2021 and be enrolled in one other dance class

LEAPS AND TURNS 1 dancers should be enrolled in either INTER OR ADV 1 1ST YEAR MODERN

LEAPS AND TURNS 2 dancers should be enrolled in either ADV 1 2ND YEAR OR ADV 2 MODERN

STRETCH AND STRENGTH FOR DANCERS dancers should be enrolled in INTER MODERN OR IF 2ND YEAR BALLET AND ABOVE

PURE GRACE dancers should be enrolled in 2 ballet classes and 1 modern class per week. Minimum level to participate is entering Grade 2 ballet.

NEW FOR DANCERS 18 MONTHS TO 3 YEARS - DISCOVER WITH ME!