

GRACE ACADEMY OF DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS
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CHRISTMAS BREAK AND SECOND TERM

The dancers have completed a successful 1st term and we are so proud of all of their hard work and enthusiasm! As previously mentioned, the 2nd Term commences on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27TH .

Grace Academy will break for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS from TUESDAY , DECEMBER 18TH TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 4TH 2019 INCLUSIVE. No classes will be held during that time. Classes will begin again on SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH 2017.

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/INSTAGRAM 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 15th. 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 students and Pure Grace should arrive at 1:30pm.** The musical theatre 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 15th – GRADE 2 MODERN, GRADE 6 MODERN, INTER FOUNDATION HIP HOP, INTER HIP HOP, MUSICAL THEATRE

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 15TH (AS WE DID A FEW YEARS AGO), PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE/STUDIO ANSWERING MACHINE FOR ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES.

THEME OF THE MONTH!

Our December theme of the month will be ‘DRESS-UP, DECORATE AND DONATE’! The Christmas season is one of our favourite times of year at Grace Academy! This year, dancers are asked to bring in hand made decorations to help create a festive atmosphere in the studio, and between December 11th and 17th, dancers are welcome to dress in Christmas colours, Santa hats, antlers or other Christmas themed outfits! We will have lots of fun music and choreography to finish off the year. In addition, we hope that families will consider donating to our pajama drive and ‘toonies for toys’ initiative (see this newsletter for more information!)

(WINNERS OF OUR ‘NEAT AND TIDY NOVEMBER’ CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY)

“JINGLE ALL THE WAY!” - PERFORMANCE DECEMBER 4TH

Our performing companies ‘Pure Grace’ and The Spirit Moves Christian Dance Company, will join the Spurrell Singing Studio on December 4th for a wonderful performance at the Meeting House in Oakville. 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 7:15pm and is appropriate for all ages.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR A COST OF \$20 EACH. PLEASE EMAIL graceacademy@sympatico.ca IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER YOURS!

REMINDER - NO CLASSES WILL RUN ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

INSTANT CHOIR - DECEMBER 19TH!

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 2ND Annual "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 QEP Recreational Centre in Oakville at 7pm on December 19th. 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 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 9th 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 one of the teachers. The foundation has made a special request for sizes appropriate for teenage boys. Socks are also welcome!

Collection will continue until Saturday, December 8th. 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 15th 😊 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!