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UPCOMING DATES TO MAKE NOTE OF (Details to follow)

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH AND MONDAY OCTOBER 9TH – CLASSES
CANCELLED FOR THANKSGIVING**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST - HALLOWEEN - NO CLASSES RUNNING

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH - Parent's
observation classes for Miss Knapp's JUNIOR classes**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH- FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH -
Parent's observation classes for Mrs. VanDunk's JUNIOR classes**

**NOVEMBER 27TH -DECEMBER 16TH - TOONIES FOR TOYS FUNDRAISER
(Details to follow)**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 5TH - PURE GRACE will join Spurrell Singing Studio,
our musical theatre students and The Spirit Moves in a Christmas performance at
the Oakville Centre. Ticket information will follow!**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH/ WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH/THURSDAY
DECEMBER 7TH - No classes held at the studio . Some exam prep classes to
be scheduled**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 16TH –ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD IN
THE AFTERNOON – Maple Grove United Church 2:30-4:30pm (details on which
classes will not run on this day will be handed out later)**

PARENT'S OBSERVATION WEEK

During observation week, parents of our younger classes will be invited into the studio to watch their dancer's regular class. A separate week will be held for classes taught by Miss Knapp and Mrs. VanDunk (listed above). Please make note of when it will be your chance to come into class. Classes will begin at the usual time, but will run just a little shorter than normal, to allow for the large volume of people coming in and out of the studio.

These classes will not be prepared performances, but will run as normal to show the parents what goes on from week to week in a regular class (although one can never be sure just what the little ones will do with a room full of parents watching!).

Please remember that space is limited. While we do welcome grandparents and siblings, seating will be limited and space is tight. If at all possible please leave younger siblings (who may not be able to sit for a long period of time) at home. We do ask that the 'audience' remain seated so that the dancers (particularly the younger dancers!) can stay focused. In addition, please remember the importance of placing shoes/boots neatly in the front entranceway. There will be a lot of traffic through the school on these days!

Observation will only be permitted on the days allotted – no exceptions will be made. Observation will be held in the following levels/subjects only:

**NURSERY BALLE
PRE-PRIMARY BALLE
PRIMARY 1ST YEAR BALLE
PRIMARY 2ND YEAR BALLE
GRADE 1 1ST YEAR BALLE
GRADE 1 2ND YEAR BALLE
GRADE 2 BALLE
PRIMARY MODERN
GRADE 1 MODERN
GRADE 2 MODERN
GRADE 3 MODERN
GRADE 4 MODERN
GRADE 4 HIP HOP
PRIMARY TAP
GRADE 1 TAP**

(junior musical theatre and acting classes will be performing at the Christmas party and parents will have the opportunity to watch them in action on this day)

HAIR/UNIFORMS

We would like to remind everyone that dancers should attend class with their hair neatly tied back off of their face. Ballet students in grade 1 and above should have their hair in a bun – using a hair net and pins. Students are being shown how to do this – if you need further assistance please speak to Miss Knapp or Mrs. Van Dunk. A pony tail or braid would be appropriate for modern jazz and tap. Beautiful “BUN BOUQUETS” - hand crafted by Zara and Chloe- are available for purchase. Each one costs \$6 and \$2 from each purchase is donated to the Oakville/Milton Humane Society.

Dancers should also attend classes in the correct uniform for all classes. A uniform list was sent out with our opening letter during registration and can also be found on our website under the FAQ page. Coming to class in the appropriate dance attire is an important part of their training. Older dancers should wear clear strap bras or black/navy sports bras with their dancewear. Dance shorts and yoga pants may only be worn during musical theatre classes and intermediate/advanced tap and hip hop. Foot undies are only permitted when needed to cover injuries on the foot.

Please note that dancers who have ballet class before or after another class may wear their ballet uniform for both classes. (Using convertible ballet tights for modern)

EXAMINATIONS

A separate newsletter is currently being sent home for our students who attend classes that are eligible to participate in examinations this year. Please read this letter carefully and return the attached form no later than October 24th to let us know if you are interested in participating in the exam process this year. LATE FORMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED!

END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE – THE WEEK OF SUNDAY MAY 27TH – SATURDAY JUNE 2ND 2018

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the dates for our year end performance have now been confirmed. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! Further details will be made available throughout the year.

PRACTICE

We ask that all parents remind dancers of the importance of at home practice. As with a music lesson or sport, practice is essential to skill development and confidence!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES AND INTERESTING “DANCE INFO” 😊