

GRACE ACADEMY OF DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS
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PLEASE NOTE – ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL BE HANDED OUT IN CLASS, AS WELL AS POSTED ON OUR BULLETIN BOARD AND ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP YOURSELF UP TO DATE ON ALL NEWS 😊

WELCOME!

We are excited about our 1st week back and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead! Thank you for choosing Grace Academy for your dancer! We are proud of our studio and the talented, kind and caring dancers and families that we have here 😊

School information newsletters were emailed to families in August. If you did not receive a copy, please let us know and we would be happy to send it again. This newsletter is good to have on file to reference important dates and school policies.

This month, we are having a fun ‘WELCOME TO THE FAMILY’ contest. Dancers will be given the chance to share something that they love most about Grace Academy, something they are looking forward to this dance year, or something about their first experience of classes with us this month. At the end of the month, one name will be drawn from all who participated and will win a small collection of fun school supplies! Watch the bulletin board!

RUN FOR THE CURE

For the 8th year, Grace Academy of Dance and Performing Arts will participate in the **CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE! This is being held on Sunday September 30th at 10am.** We are excited to participate in this fabulous event and to have the opportunity to raise funds to help fight breast cancer! We would like to invite you to join us on September 30th and to be a part of our team - **WALK WITH GRACE!!!** All family members are welcome to join us and we are hoping for a large group of family and friends to walk/run together!!

If you would like to join our team, please go to www.runfortheure.com. You can find our location (Burlington/Hamilton/Oakville) and then click JOIN A TEAM - we are WALK WITH GRACE. The site talks you through the registration - it is very simple. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A TEAM T-SHIRT, YOU MUST REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 12th !! DON'T DELAY!

Please speak to Miss Knapp if you would like more information. If you cannot join us, but would like to make a donation, you may choose to sponsor the whole team or an individual team member. This can be done online at the website listed above. Thank you for considering this opportunity to give back to our community!

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

AS NOTED IN OUR WELCOME NEWSLETTER, NO CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH OR MONDAY OCTOBER 8TH. WE HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING WEEKEND.

END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE – THE WEEK OF SUNDAY MAY 26th – SATURDAY JUNE 1st 2019

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.

OUTDOOR SHOES/BOOTS - CHANGEROOM

We would like to remind you that no outdoor footwear should be worn in the waiting area or change room (this includes parents and siblings). The dancers will be in bare feet and ballet shoes in these rooms. We thank you for your co-operation. Please put shoes neatly in the entranceway so that it is easy for dancers to enter/exit.

In addition, would parents please remind your dancers to be respectful of the property at Grace Academy while they are waiting for their class to begin. The change room can be a very busy place – please remind children that there is no running around permitted anywhere in the studio. All students and family members are asked to wait quietly in the change room so that the dancers in class are not disrupted. All clothing items should be hung up or folded neatly on one of the shelves underneath the benches. If your dancer takes a book off the shelf or toys from the toy box, please put them away before leaving. Please do not move the chairs or carpet around the waiting area!

TAP SHOES SHOULD NOT BE WORN IN THE CHANGEROOM, BUT SHOULD BE CARRIED INTO CLASS AND PUT ON IN THE STUDIO.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 15TH

Please mark your calendars now for the date of our Annual Christmas Party. This will be held on Saturday December 15th in the afternoon. Details will follow on this day of fun for all Grace Academy families! It is one of our favourite days of the year! OUR MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES AND PURE GRACE WILL PERFORM AT THE PARTY – PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

NUT FREE

Please remember that Grace Academy strives to be a nut – free environment. We do have dancers who have severe allergies to all nuts. Please do not send snacks with your dancers that contain nut products.

HAIR

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 will be 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.

WARM-UP WEAR

We are excited to offer our dancers the opportunity to purchase **GRACE ACADEMY WARM-UP WEAR** this season!! Dancers will have the option of purchasing the following items:

SIGNATURE JACKET
OFF THE SHOULDER TOP
HALTER TOP
2 PANELLED JAZZY LEGGINGS
HIP HOP SWEATPANTS (RECOMMENDED TO BE WORN IN INTER FOUNDATION HIP HOP ABOVE FOR CLASS)

Pictures, size charts and prices were emailed out to all registered families in late August and can also be found on the studio bulletin board. An extra order form has been attached to this letter.

ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 22ND.

If you want your order to be used as a Christmas gift, you may email it to the studio and we will keep the secret!

SHOW 2018 - PHOTOS

If you missed ordering photographs of our last performance, the following website has all photos available for viewing and easy purchase:

website: <http://portraitsbywelcomeaboard.photostockplus.com>
ask Miss Knapp for the password - or request through the site

Photos can also be cropped to feature your dancer (especially for the larger full stage group dance numbers) OR if you would like to view the high resolution photos please contact Anne-Marie May at WELCOME ABOARD PHOTOGRAPHY

- email: info@portraitsbywelcomeaboard.com
- mobile: [905-855-8905](tel:905-855-8905)

STUDENT CELL PHONES

A few years ago we began to notice that our older dancers were becoming increasingly distracted by text messages and other social media while waiting for classes to begin. During this time, dancers are expected to be warming up and practicing for their class, while socializing with others at the studio. Because of this, we began asking that cell phones be left at home and not used while at the studio. **Please remind your dancers of this expectation.** Both Mrs. VanDunk and Miss Knapp will have cell phones on hand should a dancer need to contact a parent in case of emergency or change of plans. Thank you!

ABSENCES

When possible, would parents please phone the Academy if their child is to be absent from class for any reason. Please remember that regular attendance is extremely beneficial to all dancers, allowing them to feel comfortable and perform at their highest possible level. In most cases missed lessons may be made up at another class of similar level during the week. Please check with Miss Knapp or Mrs Van Dunk for the correct class.

PLEASE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOUR DANCER TO PRACTICE REGULARLY AT HOME!

COMMUNICATION

We are always happy to answer any questions that you have during the year. As mentioned, we also appreciate communication from you when a dancer is to be absent for any reason.

Because time is short between classes each night, we prefer that you call 905-338-0210 or email graceacademy@sympatico.ca if you have any messages or questions for us.

Communicating this way, is much easier for us to keep track of than texting, facebook or instagram messaging the teachers. Emergency messages can be called or texted to Miss Knapp at 905-301-9409.

AFTER CLASS PICK UP

Will all parents please remind their dancer that students should stay inside while waiting to be picked up after class. No students should be outside or in the parking lot. **Teachers cannot be responsible for students outside of class times.** Dancers are welcome to watch the next class if you need to be late for any reason. The safety of all of our students is very important to us. Thank you for your co-operation. PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRIVE SAFELY IN THE

PARKING LOT 😊

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL YEAR!