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SHOW INFORMATION #1

MARCH 19TH 2018

We hope that you all had a wonderful March break and are looking forward to the term ahead! 3rd term at Grace Academy is the busiest and most exciting time of the year. Classes become rehearsals for our year end performance, costumes are created, volunteers are busy cutting fabric, making props and planning for the organization of the backstage area at the theatre. There is a lot going on!

This newsletter is the first of many letters that you will receive over the next 10 weeks of preparation time. Each letter will be numbered to help you keep track of all information. It may be helpful to have a “show binder” to keep track of all letters that are sent home. All newsletters are also posted on the bulletin board in the studio and on our website. In addition – we are handing out a **PERFORMANCE HANDBOOK**. This booklet contains all important information that you will need going forward and should be referred to regularly. There is a handbook for dancers in Nursery/pre-primary/primary 1st yr/primary 2nd year ballet, primary tap and primary/grade 1 modern, and an additional handbook for all dancers in levels above this. **EACH FAMILY SHOULD RECEIVE A HANDBOOK WITH THIS LETTER. If you have a younger dancer (listed above) and an older dancer, you should receive 2 handbooks.**

We are always happy to answer any questions that you may have along the way.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email 😊

TIMELINE –WHAT TO EXPECT OVER THE NEXT TERM

1. A schedule will be sent home along with this newsletter detailing any extra rehearsals and changes to class times that will be occurring for classes that are grouped together in the show. The following classes should receive the schedule:

GRADE 1 BALLET 2ND YEAR

GRADE 3 BALLET

IF 1ST YEAR AND IF 2ND YEAR BALLET

INTER FOUNDATION AND INTER HIP HOP

INTER, ADV 1 AND ADV 2 TAP

GRADE 4 AND 5 HIP HOP

2. A Junior Information Sheet will be sent home along with this newsletter detailing which performances our junior students will participate in. The following classes should receive this schedule:

NURSERY BALLET (TUES/SAT)
PRE-PRIMARY BALLET (MON/SAT)
PRIMARY 1ST YEAR BALLET (MON/SAT)
PRIMARY 2ND YEAR BALLET (WED/SAT)
GRADE 1 BALLET 1ST YEAR (MON/SAT)
PRIMARY MODERN (THURS/FRI)
GRADE 1 MODERN (THURS/SAT)
GRADE 2 MODERN (THURS/SAT)
PRIMARY TAP
GRADE 1 TAP

All other classes will take part in all 5 shows (INCLUDING JUNIOR MUSICAL THEATRE AND SPIRIT MOVES)

3. Costume preparations are underway. As catalogue and Esta costumes arrive, these will be sent home with the dancers. If alterations are needed, we will let you know, and a list of seamstresses willing to assist with this (for a small fee) will be posted on the studio bulletin board. (Esta will look after their own alterations). Dancers with costumes being sewn by Erica Gilby and Carolyn Den Elzen will be contacted as the need for fittings arises - or, in some cases fittings will take place in class.

4. A newsletter will be sent home detailing our ticket sale process. Tickets are sold through the Oakville Centre box office and will go on sale on MONDAY, APRIL 30TH 2018. An order of performance for all dances will be sent home at this time.

5. The Spirit Moves Christian Dance Company will present an evening of dance and song at Maple Grove United Church on April 8TH at 7:30pm. Tickets will be sold at the door (\$10) and all proceeds will be donated to ERINOAK KIDS CENTRE FOR TREATMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. Members of Pure Grace and singers from Spurrell Singing Studio will also join us. We hope you can attend! 😊

6. Invoices for FINAL COSTUME COSTS will be sent home with each dancer. Your costume deposit will be deducted from your invoice. **All invoices must be paid by SATURDAY, MAY 12TH 2018.**

7. A "forms" package will be sent home. This will include a parent volunteer form, a security form and a DVD order form. Reminders of all theatre rehearsal and performance times will be sent home. This will include a technical rehearsal schedule for our students performing in all 5 shows AND Grade 1 ballet 1st year, Grade 2 Modern and Grade 1 Tap. Updated Junior Information sheets will be sent home.

8. Information regarding what your dancer will need in terms of socks, tights and shoes for their costume will be sent home to families, along with “costume check information”

9. A COSTUME CHECK will be held at the studio. COSTUME CHECK WILL TAKE PLACE BEGINNING ON MAY 16TH. CHECKS ARE HELD DURING REGULAR CLASSES. More detailed information will be sent home - some changes this year.

10. Pre-registration information for the fall will be sent home

11. MAY 27th -JUNE 2nd INCLUSIVE- SHOW WEEK! OUR FAVOURITE WEEK OF THE YEAR!!

12. SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH 11:00AM – 1:00PM ANNUAL LEMONADE PARTY

PERFORMANCE WEEK – SUNDAY MAY 27TH - SATURDAY JUNE 2nd INCLUSIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 27TH - A technical rehearsal will be held in the afternoon for all dancers who perform in all 5 shows AND Grade 1 Ballet 1st year, Grade 2 Modern Grade 1 Tap. A schedule will be sent home closer to the date. Your dancer will receive a time slot of approximately 1 ½ hours that they will need to attend. We do our best to group dances together that have the same children in the class (ex. Grade 6 modern, grade 6 hip hop and grade 4 ballet would be together, grade 1 ballet 2nd year and grade 3 modern would be together) . No costumes or make up are to be worn

MONDAY, MAY 28TH – A dress rehearsal for the junior students 5:30pm (nursery/pre-primary/primary 1st year/primary 2nd year ballet and primary/grade 1 modern, primary tap)

TUESDAY, MAY 29th – A dress rehearsal for the remainder of the school 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30th – 5:30PM ARRIVAL – 7PM PERFORMANCE

THURSDAY, MAY 31ST – 5:30PM ARRIVAL – 7PM PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST – 5:30PM ARRIVAL – 7PM PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND – 11:30AM ARRIVAL – 1PM PERFORMANCE
5:30PM ARRIVAL – 7PM PERFORMANCE

PLEASE NOTE – AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, ALL CLASSES WILL RUN AS USUAL ON THE MAY LONG WEEKEND! PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AS THESE WILL BE IMPORTANT REHEARSALS AND COSTUME CHECKS. NO CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY BUT CLASSES WILL BE HELD AS USUAL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

