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SHOW INFORMATION #1

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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 2 BALLET

GRADE 3 BALLET

GRADE 4 BALLET

INTER FOUNDATION 1ST YEAR BALLET

GRADE 4 MODERN

GRADE 5 MODERN

INTER FOUNDATION AND INTER HIP HOP

ADV 1 HIP HOP (WED) AND ADV 2 HIP HOP (TUES)

INTER TAP

ADV TAP

PRIMARY TAP

GRADE 1 TAP

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 (WED/SAT)
PRIMARY 2ND YEAR BALLET (MON/SAT)
GRADE 1 BALLET 1ST YEAR
PRIMARY MODERN (THURS/SAT)
GRADE 1 MODERN (THURS/SAT)
GRADE 2 MODERN
PRIMARY TAP
GRADE 1 TAP

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

3. Costume fabric and construction instructions will be given to seamstresses (and sent home with dancers who are not using one of our seamstresses) during the last week of March and first 3 weeks of April. Classes that will have their costumes made by the company ESTA have all now been informed and measured. If your child's costume will be ordered "ready made" and only require a seamstress for alterations, you will receive details as the costumes arrive.

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 APRIL 27TH 2017. 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 2ND at 7:30pm. Tickets will be sold at the door (\$10) and all proceeds will be donated to the SICK KIDS FOUNDATION. Members of Pure Grace and singers from Spurrell Singing Studio will also join us. We hope you can attend! 😊

6. 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. Updated Junior Information sheets will be sent home.

7. 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"

8. A COSTUME CHECK will be held at the studio. COSTUME CHECK WILL TAKE PLACE BEGINNING ON MAY 18TH. CHECKS ARE HELD DURING REGULAR CLASSES. More detailed information will be sent home.

9. Invoices for costume fabrics/sequins/bodysuits/hair ribbons etc. will be sent home. These invoices will be for all items purchased by the studio and will include costumes made by ESTA and nursery, pre-primary, primary 1st yr ballet and primary modern costumes being sewn by Erica Gilby. Your costume deposit will be deducted from your invoice. If you are using a seamstress they will invoice you separately. **All Grace Academy invoices must be paid by THURSDAY, MAY 18th 2017.**

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

11. MAY 28th -JUNE 3rd INCLUSIVE- SHOW WEEK! OUR FAVOURITE WEEK OF THE YEAR!!

12. SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH 11:00AM – 1:00PM ANNUAL LEMONADE PARTY

PERFORMANCE WEEK – SUNDAY MAY 28TH - SATURDAY JUNE 3rd INCLUSIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH - 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. 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 29TH – 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/grade 1 tap)

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st – 5:30PM ARRIVAL – 7PM PERFORMANCE

THURSDAY, JUNE 1st – 5:30PM ARRIVAL – 7PM PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd – 5:30PM ARRIVAL – 7PM PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd – 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, APRIL 15TH

