

December is here and term 2 has begun! We had a great 1st term and are so proud of what our dancers have accomplished. We are looking forward to all that is ahead in the new year and continue to be so grateful to have the opportunity to work with so many incredible young people!

TERM 2 FEES

As previously mentioned, **2nd term fees are now due. Amounts owing can be found in your family portal.** Kindly send an e-transfer to graceacademy@sympatico.ca if you have not yet done so. Late fees will apply to all accounts after today.

DISCOVER WITH ME 18 MONTHS - 3 YEARS

We have a limited number of spots available in our Discover with Me class on Saturdays at 9am (ages 18 months - 3 years - for a grown up and little one to dance together). This is a wonderful introduction into the world of dance with a lot of learning and a lot of fun! If you have or know a little one who loves to move, send them our way!

HOLIDAY BREAK/CLASS CANCELLATIONS

Grace Academy will break for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS from SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH INCLUSIVE. No classes will be held during that time. Classes will begin again on Monday, January 5th 2026. .

NOTE THAT THERE ARE ALSO A FEW SMALL CHANGES TO OUR SCHEDULE OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Tuesday, December 9th - NO CLASSES RUNNING

Thursday, December 11th-

Grade 5 Hip Hop - shorter class 5:45-6:15pm

No IF 2nd Year Ballet class (usually 6-7:15pm) - speak to Miss Knapp if you would like to attend on another day

Pure Grace - no regular class, but meeting at the Waterford Retirement Residence at 6:30 for performance - watch for details

No 6:30pm Tricks class - dancers may attend from 8:30-9:30pm if they like

Adv 1 2nd Year Hip Hop, both tricks classes and senior ballet will be combined from 8:30-9:30pm

(ALL OTHER CLASSES RUN AS NORMAL)

Saturday, December 13th - The following classes will NOT run - please join us for our Christmas party that day: Inter Ballet, Adv 1 1st Year Ballet, Grade 4 Ballet, Adv 1 2nd Year Modern, Leaps and Turns, Musical theatre

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember that a message will play on the school's voice mail 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, or after 8am for morning classes. AN UPDATE WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM PAGE AS SOON AS ANY CANCELLATION DECISIONS ARE MADE - that is the easiest way to check.

DECEMBER THEME OF THE MONTH - DANCING THROUGH THE SNOW!

December is one of our favourite months at the studio! Our focus is on the joy and love that this season brings!

Here is a look at what we have going on:

Pajama and gift card drive for Halton Children's Aid Foundation - donations of NEW PJS / SOCKS and GIFT CARDS IN ANY AMOUNT (Walmart/Dollar Store/Amazon/Best Buy/Shoppers Drug Mart) can be dropped off to teachers any time until December 13th. **Please note that there is a special need for babies and toddlers, as well as boys ages 12-18. Please help us with this tradition of providing a cozy Christmas to those in need!**

Christmas card/artwork collection for our local seniors - we would like to spread some cheer to those who may not be able to have visitors this season and to let them know we are thinking of them. Dancers are encouraged to create more than one Christmas greeting and leave them with the teachers any time until December 13th.

'THIS IS CHRISTMAS' - Tuesday, December 9th, 7:30pm - join our performing companies for a night of entertainment at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts! Tickets for this magical evening are available at the Oakville Centre Box Office. It is appropriate for all ages and running time is approximately 75 minutes. You will be inspired and filled with the Christmas spirit!

'Annual Christmas Party' - Saturday, December 13th 2:30-4:30 pm -

As many of you know, one of our favourite holiday traditions at Grace Academy has always been our Christmas party. We are thrilled to have the chance to celebrate together again this year! Everyone is invited!

This year's party will be held at Maple Grove United Church, 346 Maple Grove Drive in Oakville (off of Cornwall, East of Trafalgar) on Saturday, December 13th.

Our party will feature a short performance by Pure Grace and our musical theatre class, as well as a good old fashioned carol sing and goodies!

Please complete the form at the link below if you would like to join us! (PLEASE COMPLETE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH) We also hope that many of you will be able to contribute by sending in one dozen nut free cookies or squares. If you can help us, please indicate this on the form. If you can assist us with set up or clean up, please be sure to mark this on your form - thank you in advance!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePwObyzuWht2VAxXJy2IHSOPezotjdywuR4h28xAXlqy5dnA/viewform?usp=header>

More details will be sent out to families who sign up to attend/help, just a little closer to the date.

FINAL WEEK OF CLASSES -From December 8th -13th ALL dancers are welcome to dress in Christmas colours, Santa hats, antlers or other Christmas themed outfits! We will have lots of fun Christmas music, choreography and games to finish off the year! (Saturday afternoon dancers who have their final class on the 6th can dress up that day).

Dancers in the following classes have been preparing a very short Christmas combination to show to our parents:

PRIMARY 2ND YEAR TO GRADE 4 BALLET

GRADE 1-6 MODERN

JUNIOR HIP HOP LEVELS 1 AND 2 AND GRADES 4-6 HIP HOP

GRADE 2-4 TAP

During the final week of classes before the holidays, parents will be invited into class for the last 15 minutes to observe and participate in a little learning themselves!

NOTE that Saturday Grade 4 Ballet will have parents come in on the 6th, and Tuesday classes will have their visit on the 2ND All other classes will have parents in from the 8th-13th. We will have a practice first and come to the door to get you when the dancers are ready. It will be a busy week with lots of people at the studio- we are looking forward to helping to get everyone into the Christmas spirit!

(Discover Ballet, Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary 1st Year Ballet, Movers and Groovers, Primary Tap and Primary Modern will not have parents in, as we held observation days in November).

YEAR END SHOW

Don't forget to mark the week of May 24th- 30th on your calendar! More detailed information about show week will be sent out in the new year. Junior Showcase information (May 30th) will also be sent to our little ones. We are already busy planning and we can't wait!

Very warm wishes are sent to all Grace Academy families at this special time of year. Have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe and healthy!

