

Happy New Year everyone!

We are happy to be back at the studio and we have a fun month planned!

Here is a look at the next few weeks ahead!

## **JANUARY THEME OF THE MONTH - JOY!**

Our tradition for the past few years has been to beat the 'January blahs' with a month of fun themes/activities and a focus on the JOY that a new year brings! This year will be no different!

**January 5th-10th - JOY CHAIN!** Dancers will be creating a paper chain around the studio that is filled with messages about what brought them joy each day. We will continue this for the whole month and are excited to see how long the chain will be! Focusing on what brings us happiness is a great way to build positivity!

**January 12th -17th - SNOWFLAKE WEEK!** Another tradition - and a time to focus on what makes each of us unique and special!

**January 19th- 24th- PAJAMA WEEK!** Dancers are welcome to attend classes in their cozy pjs!

**January 26th - 31st- EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED WEEK!** FUN class challenges and games to 'keep everyone on their toes'!

## **SPECIAL EVENTS!**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH - 6-9PM - PAJAMA PARTY AT THE STUDIO!**

Pizza/popcorn, games, dance, a movie and FUN!!

Open to dancers in Grade 1 Ballet 1st year/Grade 2 Modern/ Grade 1 Tap/Junior Hip Hop Level 1 **AND ABOVE - up to Inter Foundation 1st Ballet and Inter Foundation Modern/hip hop)**

Cost \$30 per dancer

TO SIGN UP, SEND AN E-TRANSFER FOR \$30 PER DANCER TO [graceacademy@sympatico.ca](mailto:graceacademy@sympatico.ca) with "PJ Party" in the memo!

## **SATURDAY, March 7th 6:30-9:30PM - SENIOR HANGOUT AT THE STUDIO!**

A night of games, connection, dance and watching last year's show video - with pizza and popcorn!

Open to dancers in IF 2nd Year Ballet/ Inter Modern/Hip Hop **AND ABOVE**

Cost \$30 per dancer

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## **YEAR END PERFORMANCE - May 24th- May 30th 2026**

**(Primary 2nd Year Ballet, Grade 1 Modern, Grade 1 Tap, Junior Hip Hop AND ABOVE)**

Our plans are well underway with some costumes already purchased and on their way!

It is now time to pay your 2nd costume deposit. This deposit is \$50 PER ADDITIONAL SUBJECT TAKEN. If your dancer takes one style of dance per week, no extra deposit is needed. If your dancer takes two or more styles during the week, \$50 per style is due (eg. If your dancer attends ballet and modern, you will pay \$50. If they attend ballet, modern and tap, you will pay \$100).

Amounts owing are NOT posted in your portal. If you are unsure, please ask and we will be happy to confirm your amount due. **Payment should be made by e-transfer NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15TH.**

**NOTE** - Adult dancers in Monday night tap or Wednesday night hip hop are also invited to perform- a separate email with details will follow this week.

## **JUNIOR SHOWCASE - MAY 30th 2026 (morning rehearsal/lunch time show)**

Information on our Junior Showcase at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts will be sent out later this week. This performance is for our dancers in **Discover Ballet, Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary 1st Year Ballet, Movers and Groovers, Primary Tap and Primary Modern Jazz**. It is a wonderful way to end the year and have our little ones experience the magic of being on stage. Watch your emails for more information and mark your calendar!

## **STORMY 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.**

## **LOST AND FOUND**

We have a number of clothing items and water bottles that have been left at the studio. Please have your dancer check the lost and found area when they are in this week! As well, a pair of sunglasses (in a case) and a 'Pampered Chef' picnic basket, with glass dish inside were left behind at the church after our Christmas party. If these belong to you, let me know.

Thank you for your continued support ! We are looking forward to a wonderful month, and may the year ahead be filled with love, laughter and good health! xo

Heidi Knapp - Academy Director