

NOVEMBER NEWS 2023

Here are a few reminders as we head into a busy time at the studio:

2nd TERM FEES

The 2nd Term begins on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH. We are looking forward to another term of dancing and connection in our Grace community! Please remember that all fees are due on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH. Amounts owing will be found in the statement area in your portal on **November 15TH**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. If you need to make any change to your schedule, please let us know immediately as we do have waiting lists for some classes. A STRICT LATE FEE POLICY OF \$30 WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL FEES THAT ARE RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 4TH. Fees may be paid in cash, cheque or e-transfer to graceacademy@sympatico.ca

NOTE -

There are NO CLASSES ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 2023

The studio will be closed from SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH INCLUSIVE for the Christmas Break

RECEIPTS

Receipts for term fees will only be sent out by request. If you would like to receive a receipt for fees paid in the 2023 calendar year, please let us know by email (simple statements can be printed from the portal for your records).

THEME OF THE MONTH

Our October theme of the month featured our 'Dance Family Cup'. Dancers were divided into 'houses' and earned points for hard work and focus, kindness and encouragement, and for coming to class looking neat and tidy. They also participated in fun challenges all month long, including our food drive for Kerr Street Mission. The winners of this year's cup is the house of MARIE! Congratulations to everyone!

November's theme is GROW WITH GRACE! Each week we will be exploring the values that guide all that we do at the studio. Watch our social media each week or ask your dancers to share what they are learning!

PURE GRACE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE!

We are so excited to have the opportunity to return to the stage this December! Our 3 performing companies, Pure Grace, the Spirit Moves, and our the new 785 Hip Hop Crew, will join our senior ballet dancers and musical theatre class, and members of Spurrell Singing Studio on the Oakville Centre stage on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 2023!** We hope that many of our families will join us for this wonderful celebration of the Christmas season! Tickets will be available online at oakvillecentre.ca beginning on Wednesday, November 8th.

Pure Grace also has the privilege of taking part in a community production of 'The Nutcracker Holiday Spectacular' in Milton this December. This takes place on November 25th and 26th and tickets can be purchased at firstontarioartscentremilton.ca.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR DANCERS - WE PROMISE THAT YOU WILL BE LEFT IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 16TH 2:30-4:30pm

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND RSVP!

As many of you know, one of our favourite holiday traditions at Grace Academy has is our Annual Christmas Party! We are happy to invite all of our families to join us again this year!

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 16th.

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! 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!

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NOTE - The following classes will not run this day - we hope our dancers will join us at the party instead :

IF 1ST YEAR BALLETT

IF 2ND YEAR BALLETT

INTER MODERN

GRADE 2 BALLETT

GRADE 2/3 TAP

MUSICAL THEATRE

'CHRISTMAS FUN WEEK' - INVITATION TO PARENTS

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

PRIMARY 2ND YEAR TO GRADE 4 BALLETT

GRADE 1-6 MODERN

JUNIOR HIP HOP AND GRADES 4-6 HIP HOP

PRIMARY TO GRADE 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! Dancers are invited to wear Christmasy outfits (red/green, santa hats, tinsel etc). More details will follow closer to the date.

PJ and GIFT CARD DRIVE, CARDS AND ARTWORK FOR SENIORS

We plan to continue with our regular traditions of giving back to our community this December. Please continue to watch your inbox and our social media and for more information later this month.

ABSENCES

IMPORTANT -If your dancer needs to miss a class for any reason, please remember to email graceacademy@sympatico.ca or text Miss Knapp at 905-301-9409. **PLEASE DO NOT** send emails/texts/messages directly to their teachers. All communication should come through the studio office. Many thanks!

WINTER STORMS

With snowy weather fast approaching there may be times when classes will need to be cancelled due to inclement weather **OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES WILL BE UPDATED WHENEVER A CANCELLATION NEEDS TO BE MADE. PLEASE CHECK HERE FIRST ON STORMY DAYS.** You may also phone the Academy after 2pm on stormy days to check if classes will still be running (a message will play on the voice mail). Families with daytime classes should call after 8am. Calls will not be made to individual families by the Academy, but emails will be sent when possible.

YEAR END PERFORMANCE

Dancers in primary ballet 2nd year/grade 1 modern/primary tap/junior hip hop AND ABOVE have recently received an email with details about our year end performance May 26th-June 1st 2024. **Please remember to read this carefully and complete your participation form/waiver in the portal and deposit by November 21st.**

Dancers in Discover Ballet, Pre-Primary Ballet, Primary 1st Year Ballet, Movers and Groovers and Primary Modern will receive more information about our **Junior Showcase (to be held on Saturday, June 1st 2024)** in the near future. You should have also recently received an email with the dates for our November parent viewing days.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time! We are so glad that you are all a part of our dance family!

Heidi Knapp - Academy Director

