

November Dance Studio Newsletter

Keeping Our Dance Family In Step

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Welcome, Dance Parents and Students!

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful autumn season and are excited about our upcoming dance activities. Whether you are new to our studio or a returning member, this newsletter will keep you updated on important dates, studio news, and helpful tips to make the most of your dance experience.

Upcoming Events

Make-Up Classes

We will be holding make-up classes for any sessions missed due to holidays or studio cancellations.

As our showcase approaches, we encourage everyone to attend these sessions. If your dancer cannot make it, please let us know in advance.

- Saturday, November 22:
- 10:30 – 11:00: Monday Tots
- 11:00 – 11:45: Jazz 1
- 11:45 – 12:30: Tap 1
- 12:30 – 1:00: Friday Tots
- 1:00 – 2:00: Ballet 3

Saturday, December 6:

11:00 – 12:00: Ballet 2

Studio Reminders

- Please ensure dancers arrive on time and in proper dance attire.
- Label all personal belongings to prevent loss.
- Notify us in advance of any absences.

Tips for Dancers

- Practice regularly to build confidence and skill.
- Stay hydrated and bring a water bottle to class.
- Encourage a positive attitude and teamwork.

Winter Showcase

We invite you to save the dates for our upcoming Winter Showcase performances. Parent volunteers are essential for both performance nights. To sign up, please email or text us. Your help is vital to ensuring the show's success.

We have a professional cameraman filming the performance. More information will be available closer to the performance.

The dress rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, 2025-12-11. Dancers should arrive at 5:30 p.m. with full hair, make-up, and costumes ready. Please be seated in your assigned rows and prepared to dance, as we will begin running the show promptly at 6:00 p.m. This rehearsal is mandatory for all performers. Please do not invite friends or family to watch, as this is our only opportunity to run through the show together.

Performances will take place on Friday, 2025-12-12, and Saturday, 2025-12-13. Dancers must arrive at 6:15 p.m., fully ready to dance. Upon arrival, dancers should proceed directly to their assigned dressing areas—only class helpers will be permitted in these spaces. All spectators will be required to present a valid ticket upon entry.

Tickets

Tickets for the Winter Showcase are \$15 plus tax. They can be purchased online at www.gatehousetheatre.ca.

Costume Fittings

Costume fittings will be held during regular class times in the week beginning 2025-11-17. Please ensure that students wear proper dance attire to allow for easy fittings. Note that no attached skirts should be worn.

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Attendance

Consistent attendance is crucial for progress. Please notify the studio if your child will be absent from class.

Dress Code

All dancers are required to wear proper dance attire and shoes to every class. On chilly days, students may wear a fitted sweater or warm-up gear at the teacher's discretion.

Footwear

For safety and cleanliness, please remind students to remove outdoor shoes before stepping onto the studio dance floor.

Food

We kindly ask that candy and sugary treats be saved for after dance class. We have noticed that consuming these foods before or during class can lead to sore muscles and less ideal behaviour and focus.

Hair and Make-Up Guides

All classes will receive notes on how to style their hair. We will also post a bun tutorial and a make-up tutorial on our Facebook page.

Student Spotlight

This month, we congratulate Ava McLeod and Jackson Singh for their outstanding dedication and positive attitude in class. Keep up the great work! If you'd like to nominate a dancer for next month's spotlight, please email the studio.

Dance Tips: At-Home Practice

- Set aside 10–15 minutes each day for dance review.
- Practice with the music used in class—ask your teacher for the playlist!
- Warm up and stretch before practising to help prevent injuries.

Important Dates to Remember

- 2025-11-17: Costume Fittings Begin
- 2025-12-11: Winter Showcase Dress Rehearsal
- 2025-12-12 & 2025-12-13: Winter Showcase Performances
- 2025-12-21 to 2026-01-04: Studio Closed for Holidays

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Thank You!

Thank you for being part of our dance community. Your support and enthusiasm help our dancers shine. We look forward to a wonderful month of learning, creativity, and joy!