



DanceCo Newsletter January/February 2010

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Family Day - Monday February 15 - No Classes

Non-Festival Watch Week - February 16 to 27 (schedule attached)

Solo/Duet/Trio Dress Rehearsal - Sunday March 7

Group Dress Rehearsal - festival dances only - Tuesday March 23

Spring Break - March 29 to April 3 inclusive

Easter Monday - April 5 - classes as usual

Photo Week - April 19 to 24

Year End Recital - June 12 & 13 - Arden Theatre, St. Albert

STOCKING STUFFER TREE/FOOD BANK - a HUGE thanks once again to all of you who donated to our Stocking Stuffer Christmas Tree and the Food Bank. An incredible amount of items were received.

FESTIVAL FEES - we are beginning work on notification and collection of festival fees not yet paid. The final amounts owing have been finalized and we will be in touch via email to arrange for payment. If you would like a paper copy of your invoice and/or receipt, please speak with our receptionist.

BALLET EXAM TRYOUTS - our ballet exam auditions will take place February 8th to the 10th during regular class time for grade 2 (2nd year) to grade 6. Advanced dancers will be evaluated January 28th. Specific times and information will be emailed directly to the dancers/parents in the above noted ballet grades. If you do not receive this info, please speak to your dancer's ballet teacher.

WATCH WEEK - takes place February 16th to 27th for non-festival classes only. This includes ALL preschool combinations classes as well as any other classes that ARE NOT participating in any festivals in the spring. If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher, or our receptionist.

SOLO/DUET/SPECIAL GROUP DRESS REHEARSAL - takes place Sunday, March 7th at the Arden Theatre. This rehearsal is ONLY for dancers participating in solos, duets, trios, or special groups. A schedule will be distributed prior to January 30th. This is a **CLOSED** rehearsal, with only dancers and staff allowed in the theatre.

GROUP DRESS REHEARSAL - takes place Tuesday, March 23rd at the Arden Theatre. All dancers participating in festivals must attend this rehearsal. We will once again be having a **CLOSED** dress rehearsal, with only dancers and staff allowed in the theatre. A handout will be distributed prior to February 20th with information regarding general procedures for the rehearsal and a running order.

FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS - We will once again have dance festival necessities such as dance tights, make-up, eyelashes, hair accessories, etc., available to purchase at the studio. Please see receptionist.

FESTIVALS - The dance festival "season" begins in mid April (with the exception of some of the competitive dancers who will begin competing end of March). As soon as we receive schedules from the festivals we will condense them and post on our bulletin board. Copies will be available at the reception desk to take home and we will also post them on our website.

COSTUMES - Many costumes have begun arriving at our studio. We will notify you when they are priced and ready to be distributed. At that time, you may pick up the costume upon payment being submitted to our reception desk. We hope to have them ready for distribution by mid/end of February. This will allow approx. two/three weeks for pick up, as we would like all children participating in festivals to have their costumes on for dress rehearsal at the Arden. A reminder that all fees must be up to date before costumes will be released (this includes lesson fees, festival entry fees, private lesson fees, etc.)

WATER BOTTLES - A reminder that we highly recommend all dancers bring a water bottle to dance class. It provides for less distractions and time wasted if the dancers do not have to leave the studio to get a drink of water.

FRONT ENTRANCE/BOOT RACKS - We are currently working on a suitable solution to assist with the many shoes and boots that are scattered throughout the front entrance. We understand it is especially difficult this time of year with so many wet boots lying around. We hope to have this resolved by the end of January/beginning of February.

BOYS BATHROOM - We have had some issues arise over the past several months that have required us to place a lock on the boys' bathroom door. The key is available from our receptionist.

STUDIO ROTATION SCHEDULE - Thank you all very much for your patience while we worked out a plan for rotating classes through various studios. Although we understand that some of you would like to watch your dancer in class every week, we have found many parents that previously did not have an opportunity to watch their dancers at all, now can do so. We appreciate your understanding!

SUMMER CAMP - We are thrilled to be offering summer camp again for summer 2010!! More details will be provided in the upcoming months.

DanceCo's HAPPY HEART PLAYSCHOOL - We will be opening a playschool within our studios commencing fall 2010. It is an Arts based preschool and we are thrilled to have Sherri Birdsell (B.Ed, I.S.T.D) looking after this new venture for us. For more details, please see our receptionist or come to our Open House on Saturday February 6th from 3:30 to 4:00.



DANCECO DANCERS PERFORMING COMPANY - Our performing company continues to perform at various venues throughout the community. Their first performance at the Festival of Trees went very well and they have continued on - putting on a fabulous show at the United Church as well as at the Youville Home and the St. Albert Fire Station. They are also continuing to fundraise as they work towards the opportunity to perform in Disneyland this summer. They are holding a Pub Night and Silent Auction at the Tap House on February 20, 2010. We invite everyone to come out and have some fun while supporting our dancers. Please see our receptionist for more info, or if you would like to donate an item to the silent auction.

DanceCo Watch Week – Non-Festival Classes Only – February 16-27, 2010

Watch Week provides an opportunity for our parents to observe their dancer(s) class from inside the studio. We invite you to come on the date(s) below that apply to you and enjoy your child's class from a different perspective. We suggest bringing a lawn chair from home as often we do not have sufficient seating for everyone. We also encourage our parents to arrange child care for younger siblings, if at all possible, as they can often be very distracting for the dancers. This will also provide parents with the ability to focus entirely on your dancer. We would ask for your patience and understanding during Watch Week as it can be uncomfortable for the dancers (and sometimes even the teachers!) to have so many eyes upon them during class time. You are more than welcome to bring video cameras into the classroom if you wish.

NOTE: These WATCH WEEKS are for non-festival, full year programs only.

If your child's teacher is:	Then you come on the following date to watch your child in class:
Miss Ainsley	February 25
Miss Alyssa	February 22, 24
Miss Brianna	February 20, 24
Miss Caity	February 22, 26
Miss Cheryl	Not applicable
Miss Jackie	Not applicable
Miss Jennifer	Not applicable
Miss Jillian	February 22, 23, 24
Miss Julie	February 20
Miss Kara	Not applicable
Miss Kate	February 17, 19
Miss Kelly	Not applicable
Miss Liane	February 16
Miss Marianne	February 27
Miss Rachael	February 26
Miss Reanna	February 22, 23, 24
Miss Ruth	February 25
Miss Sarah B	February 25
Miss Sarah M	February 27
Miss Sheri	February 17
Miss Stacey	February 25, 26, 27
Miss Tia	February 16, 17, 18, 20
Darrell	February 19
Vince	Not applicable

PLEASE NOTE: All classes will run as usual - if your child dances on a Tuesday at 5:15, for example, then your watching day is on a Tuesday at 5:15 (the specific date being based on the teacher - as noted above).