



Celebrating 25 Seasons!!

October Newsletter

Wow is September really already coming to an end. Let's hope that we'll now have some fall weather to enjoy.

The past month has been extremely busy at the studio as we welcomed many new families into the school and we rejoined with old friends. Now that we've completed the first couple of weeks we are all starting to settle into routine. Please have a read over the information below and as always should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at any time.

Dress Code

We are asking that by the first week of October that all dancers have the stated dance wear requirements. This includes the dancers wearing them to class so that instructors know that your dancer has everything that is required. There have been some bumps along the way with our new company that we have partnered with Jonny Brown, but now things are starting to settle and we are hoping that this website will end up actually making things easier for everyone. The goal for next season would be that all new requirements would go up online during our registration period in May - this way you have the entire summer to order your requirements for the new season.



Outside Shoes

We are asking once again that everyone please remove ALL outside shoes when they enter the building, this included flip flops and sandals. Please encourage your dancers to use the shelves to place their shoes on and hang up their jackets in the change room. We are having a lot of shoes being just left on the mat and my concern is that someone is going to trip and get hurt. Thank you in advance for speaking to your dancer(s).

Tuition Post Dates



Post dated cheques for Tuition #2 & #3 - dated November 1st and February 1st are now PAST DUE. Please have these into the front desk no later than October 1st. We only allow post dated cheques or a full season payment for tuition there are no other payment options accepted, thank you.

Snacks & Water Bottles

If your dancer is bringing a snack into the building please make sure that it is nut free as we have several dancers with severe allergies. Dancers are also asked to please bring in a bottle of water with them to class (not dancers 3, 4, and 5 years please). We do have water for sale at the studio for \$1.00 as well. Please have your dancer see their instructor as the fridge is now located inside the classroom.

Washroom Breaks

Oh my goodness - we are having an issue with a few of our younger classes all needing to use the washroom at the same time. If everyone can please make sure that your dancer uses the washroom before they come into the classroom it would be greatly appreciated. Some of our young competitive classes are using this as a break from class, and funny how it tends to be during the ballet class...

Attendance

For our **competitive** dancers attendance is very important. Should your dancer be under the weather but well enough to sit and watch we ask that they do so. If they are going to be missing class for the night please phone the studio or email us so that we know what is going on. In order for our competitive dancers to be successful it is important that we have all of our team members present all the time. Once we start choreography it will be the responsibility of the dancer to catch up on what was taught during class time, teachers will not repeat to try to catch everyone up. Please understand that some of our classes are fairly large and should every dancer miss 1 class we'd have incomplete classes for months on end.



Chalk Board

On the front desk this year we have a small chalk board that we will use as a reminder for important information – please have a glance at this when you are in the building each week.

Notebooks

This year all of our competitive dancers will receive a notebook from the studio. This will be used to write down steps and their dances so that practice at home will be easier. These will be going out to all of the dancers in the next week or so.

Team Wear

We are currently working with our supplier to bring new team wear for the season. Our hope is to have an email out in the next couple of weeks with all of the items that we will be bringing in for purchase this year. Everything will be done by pre-order only – great Christmas Gifts!!

Parents Association

Devon School of Dance has a very active Parents Association (DSODPA), who handles all of our fundraising events for the season to help offset the cost of costumes, entry fees etc. They are having their general meeting on Sunday October 1st at 7pm at the studio - I would encourage everyone to attend. Being involved helps make things run much smoother. There is no pressure to join in on the fundraising efforts but please do plan on attending the meeting so that you are aware of everything that the association handles.

Thanksgiving & Halloween

On most holidays the studio will remain open – as many of these days fall on Fridays or Mondays we just can not take them all off other wise we'd be holding make up classes into June.

Monday October 9th – NO REGULAR CLASSES

Tuesday October 31st – NO REGULAR CLASSES

All dancers who would like to wear their Halloween costumes to class are welcome to do so from Tuesday October 24th – Monday October 30th

Parent Watch

We will be holding our first parent watch for the season during the week of October 16th – 20th. All parents are welcome to come and watch the entire class during this week. This is a great opportunity to take pictures of your dancer, as you will not be able to do so once we enter into a theatre environment.

Triple Threat Convention

This dance convention is making a come back to Edmonton this year, usually the convention is held in Calgary. The dates are November 11th & 12th. The schedule is as follows: Saturday classes 900am - 430pm and Sunday classes 830am - 330pm

This will be an incredible weekend of dance for all levels (competitive dancers only) the dancers would have an opportunity to work with some wonderful instructors from the industry in a variety of disciplines. The pricing is as follows (please note that it will increase after October 17th):

Juniors \$235, Intermediate & Senior \$255

If your dancer is interested in attending the convention please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by October 12th and we will fill in all of the paperwork and register the dancers. At this point in time Miss Tracy & myself are both planning to attend.

Trivia

In celebration of the 25th season this month we are going to do 25 questions of trivia on the history of Devon School of Dance. These questions will be available at the front desk the first week of October and the individual who has the highest number of correct answers will win a prize. (the prize will be determined based on the age of the dancer who wins) All trivia sheets must be handed into the front desk no later than **Thursday October 26th**. Good Luck everyone!!

Hope everyone has a wonderful October and that you all have the opportunity to just enjoy the beauty of the season. Let's hope mother nature will give us more beautiful fall days to just soak it all up.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving may this long weekend give you the much needed family time that we all long for.

To all the little ghosts and goblins – have fun trick or treating, be safe!!

Miss Kim

