

CentreStage Dance



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Welcome to CentreStage Dance! We would like to thank you all for your unbelievable support throughout this past season, all previous seasons, and welcome you if you are new to our studio. We know this past year was different, but it was still an amazing one and we could not have gotten through it without you! We are all looking forward to having another exciting year with you all!

This newsletter will serve as a guide to this entire year's events, and of course may change as the season progresses due to Covid-19 circumstances. **Please take the time to read this thoroughly as it has many important dates for the entire dance season.** Keep it handy and refer to it regularly to help keep you informed.

CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021.

EMAIL

All updates, reminders as well as your Spring Newsletter with Recital Guidelines will be sent via email. ***If you do not receive an email by the end of the first week of classes, please notify the studio via email at info@centrestagedance.com to ensure that we have your correct email address. Also check your junk mail! If our emails are going to your junk mail, add us as a "favorite" on a PC (not from a phone, iPad, or laptop) and it should resolve this.***

COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The health and safety of our dancers and your families is of the utmost important to us. We will be updating our Covid 19 Precautions and policies very shortly and will have them to you as soon as possible.

DANCE ATTIRE REQUIREMENTS

You will also receive the guidelines outlining the appropriate attire and footwear required to participate in dance class. Street clothes such as jean shorts, and jeans do not allow for freedom of movement. These requirements are **mandatory** to enable the teacher to detect and correct students' body alignment. Please follow our guidelines as they are designed for the safety of our students. Please make sure to label both shoes and clothing with the student's name.

BALLET CLASS ATTIRE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!

DANCE ETIQUETTE & BEHAVIOUR

We look forward to creating a positive atmosphere for all students attending the studio. It is our responsibility to show appropriate and respectful behaviour towards the students and in turn, we feel the students should be respectful and show appropriate behaviour towards all teachers, reception staff, and other students while on the premises. If any problems occur, parents will be contacted, and a solution will be discussed.

BULLYING & VANDALISM

We have zero tolerance towards any type of bullying, whether physical or emotional. In today's day and age, bullying is becoming a huge problem, and it will not be tolerated here at CentreStage Dance. Any students caught bullying risk being dismissed from the studio. Any students caught mistreating or vandalizing the premises will be dismissed from the studio.

THEFT

Any students caught stealing items from the studio (whether belonging to the studio or to other dancers) will be dismissed from the studio. Please leave your valuable items at home, as we want to minimize the risk. The studio and its faculty are not responsible for any lost or stolen articles. We understand that some valuables are brought to the studio such as iPods, cell phones, laptops, and wallets when the students come straight from school, but we would like to remind everyone to take such valuables into class with them.

ATTENDANCE & COMMITMENT

During each dance season, students work on a choreographed dance, which will be performed in the year-end recital. Students gain a great sense of pride and accomplishment through hard work and dedication. Our goal is to see each student improve his or her performance and technical skills throughout each year. A successful performance requires both attendance and commitment to dance classes; therefore, we ask that students attend their classes regularly. Re-enforcing the work each week goes a long way to increasing the student's self-esteem. Students missing 4 or more consecutive classes (without just cause) may, at the discretion of the teacher, be excluded from the year-end performance. Please remember dancing is a **TEAM EFFORT**, no different than any other sport and we all rely on each other to be there!!!!

Please contact the studio via email or phone call if your child will be absent from class.

STUDENT PLACEMENT

Upon registration, you will receive a day and time for your child to attend dance class. Occasionally, a teacher will see a need to place a student into a class that is better suited to their age or individual abilities. During the months of September and October, the teacher may suggest to the parents, an alternative day and time for their child to attend class. Our goal is for the students to enjoy dancing and feel good about their accomplishments.

Please note: Studio schedules are subject to change.

EXAM CLASSES

Exam classes are recommended for the more advanced, serious, and dedicated students. Exams offer students an excellent opportunity to enhance their technical skills and achieve higher levels in dance. Please ask to see our detailed brochure outlining this program.

HOLIDAYS AFFECTING SUNDAY, MONDAY, AND FRIDAY CLASSES

On **Monday, June 6th, 2022**, we will be holding our "make-up class day" for students affected by holidays and statutory holidays. On this day, students can come and take an assortment of different classes.

Please note: Classes cancelled due to weather conditions beyond our control will not be rescheduled, but you may also attend the make-up class day.

FAMILY VIEWING (if Covid circumstances allow)

Family viewing week will be held **Sunday, January 16th to Saturday, January 22nd, 2022**. During this week, family members are invited to view their child's class. Parents bringing small children are asked to keep them seated during this time. We ask that during family viewing all cell phones and electronic devices be turned OFF.

If we are unable to have Family Viewing Week in studio, there is the possibility that we will still have our Zoom set up for those dancers that need to take class from home (with secure passwords and links).

BRING A FRIEND WEEK (only if Covid circumstances allow)

This year our "Bring A Friend Week" will take place **Monday, March 7th to Sunday, March 13th, 2022!**

Your children may invite a friend to come and participate in this week's class alongside them!

SPRING BREAK 2022

School District #42 is keeping with its two-week-long spring break. And we will be closed for both weeks. Spring Break will be held **Monday, March 14th to Sunday, March 27th, 2022**.

Classes will resume **Monday, March 28th, 2022**.

LOST & FOUND.

Due to Covid-19 the lost and found has been removed. Anything left at the studio at the end of each night will be thrown away. No exceptions. If this changes, we will let everyone know via email.

DANCE CONVENTIONS (only if Covid circumstances allow)

Each season various companies host dance conventions in the Vancouver area. The conventions are intensive 2-to-3-day workshops offering classes in various disciplines from world-renowned choreographers. Our students that attend conventions each season learn amazing choreography and always have a great time! There are usually 3 levels offered: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. We are unsure of whether there will be conventions this season, but we will post information as it comes. There is a chance of virtual conventions, and if we can safely host workshops here in the Spring for our dancers we absolutely will.

Nuvo – November 12th - 14th – Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

Triple Threat Dance Convention – November 20th and 21st - Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

View Dance Convention – November 28th – Marriot Parq, Vancouver

PHOTO SESSION

We are excited to once again be using **VIBRANT PHOTOS** as our photographer this year. Please remember that pictures are pre-ordered and pre-paid on the day the photos are taken. Please remember: if you have multiple classes, you will have MULTIPLE ORDER FORMS.

- **INTERMEDIATE / SENIOR / COMP PHOTOS** – Saturday, April 2nd & Sunday, April 3rd, 2022
- **JUNIOR / INTERMEDIATE PHOTOS** – Saturday, April 30th & Sunday, May 1st, 2022

Class and individual photos are taken of the students each year at the studio. Exact days and time slots for your child's photos will be posted in the lobby of the studio one month prior to the photo sessions, and order forms will be available at the studio the week prior to your child's photo weekend.

YEAR END RECITALS 2022

In June 2022, we will be holding our annual Dance Recitals at The ACT Theatre.

The students work very hard on their dances during the year, and the recital is a great way to bring the dance season to a close. Also, it gives the students an opportunity to learn the art of entertainment, which is another important part of dance. As the year end approaches, we all share in the enthusiasm and excitement. Seeing our dancers onstage in their costumes, and celebrating their accomplishments is why we do what we do!

Dress Rehearsals at the ACT
Wednesday, June 8th – Thursday, June 9th, 2022

Year End Recitals at the ACT
Sunday, June 19th – Thursday, June 23rd, 2022

Tickets will go on sale one month prior to recital!

All ticket sale instructions will be with your Spring Newsletter / Recital Guidelines!

If we must go to an alternate form of recital viewing again, we are prepared!

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank all the friends, family, and parents for volunteering their time at our rehearsals, recitals, and community events each year. We know we did not get to celebrate as usual, but we are so looking forward to celebrating with you this season! We cannot thank you enough for your support each and every year. We would not be able to do it without you!

Please understand that we have set recital dates on a rotation with other studios at The Act Theatre, and that we do not choose our dates from year to year.

COSTUMES

For the recital, the students will need a costume. We try very hard to keep the costumes reasonably priced and try to, if possible, keep costs to under \$100.00 (with tax included). Costumes may be purchased, or sewn by seamstresses, whichever proves to be the most economical.

COSTUME DEPOSIT - \$65.00 PER REC. CLASS - DUE UPON REGISTRATION

The costume deposit is designed to allow the purchase of costuming supplies for the entire class. We do estimate all costume costs and do pricing comparisons to ensure that the most cost-effective items are chosen. This deposit will be due upon registration to ensure your child's spot in the class and the \$65.00 will be deducted from the total cost of the costume. The costume deposit must be paid before your child begins classes.

Costumes WILL NOT be handed out until the final balance is paid, as well as ALL outstanding fees.

COSTUME DEPOSIT & REFUND POLICY

From September, through to November 1st, 2021, \$10.00 of the costume deposit will be withheld upon cancellation of classes to cover administrative fees. Costume Deposits will **NOT** be refunded after November 1st, 2021. Costumes started or completed at time of cancellation **must be paid for in full.** For our competitive classes, the \$80.00 costume deposit is non-refundable after the first day of classes Monday, September 13th, 2021.

Any costumes started or completed at the time of cancellation will have the balance owing due.

DANCE FEES

All monthly fees will be paid by Pre-Authorized Withdrawals. Payments will be debited from your accounts on the 1st and/or the 15th of each month from September through June. We have based our monthly fee on your child receiving a minimum of 34 classes per dance season. The 34 classes are multiplied by the cost per class, and then divided by 10 to arrange equal monthly payments. If you have any further questions regarding this, please feel free to contact our studio.

N.S.F. Fees: Our fees for all N.S.F. pre-authorized payments and cheques is \$25.00.

For all outstanding fees, each additional month that your account is in arrears, an additional \$10.00 will be added.

REGISTRATION FEE - \$55.00 (\$60.00 late registration fee as of September 1st)

If you come in to register prior to September 1st, but do not pay the registration fee until after September 1st, you will owe the \$60.00 late registration fee.

Your registration fee covers not only all registration costs, but as well as ensures that each student will receive an online HD quality media package of ALL SHOWS! You do not need to order your child's recital videos or take photos! You will automatically get them both! You will receive a link to download your videos, as well as professional photos of all shows (valued at well over \$200)!

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Students withdrawing permanently from class, upon receiving written cancellation via email, will have pre-authorized payments stopped, **with a full month's notice as of the 1st of each month.**

\$10.00 of the costume deposit will be withheld upon cancellation, for administrative fees.

Recreational Costume Deposits will not be refunded as of November 1st, 2021.

Competitive Costume Deposits will not be refunded after September 13th, 2021.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA EMAIL.

ONE MONTH'S NOTICE AS OF THE 1st OF EACH MONTH IS REQUIRED.

Telephone cancellations or handwritten notes will not be considered valid.

Effective May 1st, each year, June monthly fees are non-refundable upon cancellation.

\$55.00 Registration Fee (or \$60.00 late registration fee, as of Friday, September 1st) is non-refundable



2021/2022 CALENDAR

Monday, September 13th – First Day of Classes – Studio OPEN

Thursday, September 30th – Truth and Reconciliation Date – Studio CLOSED

Saturday, October 9th – (Long Weekend) - Studio OPEN

Sunday, October 10th & Monday, October 11th – Thanksgiving Weekend – Studio CLOSED

Monday, October 25th – Sunday, October 31st – Halloween Costume Week (students can dress up for class!)

Sunday, October 31st – Halloween – Studio OPEN

Monday, November 1st – Recreational Costume Deposit non-refundable (Also last day to register or switch classes)

Thursday, November 11th – Remembrance Day – Studio OPEN

Friday, November 12th - Sunday, November 14th – Nuvo Dance Convention

Saturday, November 20th & Sunday, November 21st – Triple Threat Dance Convention

Sunday, November 28th – View Dance Convention

Sunday, December 19th – Last Day before Winter Break – Studio OPEN

Monday, December 20th through Monday, January 3rd – Winter Break – Studio CLOSED

Tuesday, January 4th – Classes Resume – Studio OPEN

Sunday, January 16th through Saturday, January 22nd – Family Viewing Week

Saturday, February 12th – Gala / Competition Dress Rehearsal at the Terry Fox Theatre
(date and location may change based on Covid circumstances)

Monday, February 21st – Family Day – Studio OPEN

Monday, March 7th to Sunday, March 13th – Bring A Friend Week

Monday, March 14th to Sunday, March 27th –SD42 Spring Break – CLOSED

Monday, March 28th – Classes Resume – Studio OPEN

Friday, April 1st – Pitt Meadows Day Parade sign up posted in lobby.

Saturday, April 2nd – Sunday, April 3rd – Comp / Comp Lite / Intermediate Senior Photo Shoot

Friday, April 15th – Good Friday – Studio CLOSED

Saturday, April 16th – (long weekend) – Studio OPEN

Sunday, April 17th – Monday, April 18th – Easter Weekend – Studio CLOSED

Saturday, April 30th – Sunday, May 1st –Junior / Intermediate Photo Shoot

Sunday, May 1st – All rehearsal and recital line-up information posted and emailed out.
June monthly fees are now non-refundable upon cancellation.

Monday, May 9th – Priority and Pre-Registration sign-up sent out via Sign-Up Genius.

Saturday, May 21st – (Long Weekend) – Studio OPEN

Sunday, May 22nd & Monday, May 23rd – Victoria Day Weekend – Studio CLOSED

Saturday, June 4th – Pitt Meadows Day and Parade – Studio OPEN

Sunday, June 5th – Last day of classes before rehearsals. Please note there is one more week of classes between rehearsals and recitals!

Monday, June 6th – Make Up Class Day (for classes missed due to holidays, statutory holidays, snow days etc...)

Wednesday, June 8th – Thursday, June 9th – Dress Rehearsals - Studio is CLOSED this week.

There are no regular classes as of Monday, June 6th except of our Make Up Class Day

Sunday, June 12th – Saturday, June 18th – Last week of classes

Sunday, June 19th – Thursday, June 23rd – Year End Recitals - Studio is CLOSED this week.

June – Pre-Registrations TBA

July & August – Summer Camps / Classes TBA

July, August & September – Registrations TBA