



DansConnection Dance Studio

Reach for your dreams...

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Letter from the Director

We would like to welcome back all of our returning students; Thank you all for your continued support. We would also like to welcome all of our new instructors and our new students. DansConnection's growth in the past 5 years has been so exciting and we thank you all for being a part of these special years.

The first few weeks of classes can seem a little hectic. We would like to thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we place our students in the appropriate class/level. If you have any questions or concerns regarding you child's class please book an appointment to discuss any concerns with Ms. Shelly or Ms. Stapleton.

One quick reminder to stay up to date and informed with all up coming events. Newsletters will be published every 2nd month. Please frequently check the bulletin board and dansconnection.com.

We look forward to a great dance year!!!

Sincerely,
Ms. Shelly & Ms. Stapleton

Information

Parking—It has been brought to attention that the parking lot across the street will be ticketing vehicles. Please try to use the stalls in front of our building as well as the empty lot on the Westside of our building. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Student Pick Up— Please note the studio will be closed and locked 15 minutes after the last class of each night. Please ensure your children is picked up on time. We prefer that all children be picked up inside the studio. Please discuss pick up procedures with your children.

Punctuality - It is very important that all dancers are on time for all classes. If students are late, they are missing warm up and may miss build up for later exercises. Missing these important components of the class may result in injuries.

Washroom Reminder—Please ensure you use the bathroom prior to your class time.

Dress Code - All students must come with their hair up and dressed properly for all classes. All ballet students must attend ballet with their hair in a proper bun. No personal belongings are allowed in class. Please use the locker room to store your belongings.

Hair Accessories - Hair elastics, bobby pins, & hair net can be purchases at the front desk for \$2.00/pack.

Dance Drive Festival—Classes that will be attending Dance Drive Festival will receive forms. Forms will be handed out in class the first week of October. Please ensure forms are handed into our office with payment enclosed by November 1st.. Dance Drive Festival will take place March 19th—21st at the Douglas J Cardinal Theater at the GPRC.

Cold Weather—Classes will not be cancelled due to weather conditions.

Temporary Studio— Some of our classes will be held in our new temporary 3rd studio. Please watch for our Grand Opening of our ADDITION in January 2010.

DansConnection Studio Wear -All orders must be handed in with payment by October 15th. Orders will be available for pick up before Christmas break.

Measurements—All full time students will be measured for recital costumes the week of September 21st - 26th. Please ensure your child is measured. If he/she misses classes please stop by our office to be measured for your year end recital costume.

Label your belongings -We recommend that everything dancers bring to the studio is label with their name or initials. This makes them easier to find when they are misplaced. Please label boots, jackets, dance shoes etc..

Lockers—Lockers can be used while children are in dance. Please take advantage of this and lock up your belongings. Please bring a lock with you if you would like to use them. Lockers with combination locks are assigned to our Teacher in our Teacher Training program.

Water Bottles— We ask students to leave their water bottles in their bags. Bringing water into class can cause distraction and is a safety hazard. A water cooler is provided in the lobby for our dancers to use before and after class.

Character Skirts—Just a reminder that all Grade 1 to Grade 6 Ballet classes should bring their character skirt and character shoes to every class. If you would like to rent a character skirt, please see the front desk prior to your class time. Rental skirts are first come first serve.

Recital—The GPRC Theatre has assigned our Recital date for May 17th—23rd this year. This is our year for the May long weekend. As we know this is the first long weekend of the summer and is not ideal for all our families, we thank you for your support and understanding.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Office Hours</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please come in and visit our office if you have any questions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday - Friday 3-7pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10am-3pm</p>	

DansConnection Etiquette

Classroom Etiquette

1. **No gum chewing**
2. **No sitting** in class unless told to do so
3. **Hair must be off the face.** In a Bun for all Ballet Classes.
4. **No big over sized tee shirts**
5. **No laughing at other students.** This will not be tolerated.
6. **No jewelry** is to be worn except for stud earrings. This is a safety factor.
7. **Only an open mind in class.** All students must be eager and ready to get and apply correction. Folded arms are not allowed. **Closed arms = closed mind!**
8. **Be on time!**
9. **Wear the right shoes.**

Studio Etiquette

1. **Respect everyone.** We are big advocates of treating others how you would like to be treated.
2. Your words are very important. **Being mean, only leads to negativity.**
3. **Hard work = fun.**
4. **Help others.**
5. **Good grooming.**
6. **Listen and learn.** Too many times students get offended by a correction. It is a gift from the teacher to the student.. Watch, listen and learn.
7. **Don't Just Quit.** We like to keep an open line of communication with students and parents to try to keep things from festering. When things are hard or not going the way you thought they would, it is important to come and talk to us so we can help them figure things out..

Dress Code

Ballet

Hair in Bun (no exceptions)
 Pink Ballet Tights
 Ballet Shoes
 Ballet Skirt (optional)
3 yrs to Primary Pink Body Suit
Grades 1 & Up Navy Blue Tank Bodysuit
 (no spaghetti straps)

All Other Disciplines

Hair pulled back
 Black bodysuit
 Jazz shorts or Jazz Capri Pants (optional)
Tap - Black Tap Shoes
Jazz - Black Jazz Shoes
Lyrical - Beige jazz shoes
Hip Hop - Indoor solid white runners
Modern - Bare Feet

Fees & Cancellation

CANCELLATION POLICY

1st term fees are non refundable after September 14th, 2009.

You must notify our office in writing prior to November 1st if your child will not be attending the remaining classes. There will be cancellation charge of 10% of remaining 2nd term fees due at time of cancellation. If written cancellation is not received by November 1st, you will be required to pay 2nd term fees in full.

COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN DANCE FEES

Shoes
 Dance Wear
 Tights
 Hair Supplies
 Competition Fees
 GST
 NSF Charges
 Recital Tickets
 Pictures
 Costumes

*"We dance for laughter, we dance
 for tears, we dance for madness,
 we dance for fears, we dance for
 hopes, we dance for screams.
 We are the dancers, we
 create the dreams"*

Important Dates

September 14th

1st Term Fees Due / First day of classes

September 15th

R.A.D. Exams Registration Due

October 12th

No Classes - Thanksgiving Monday

November 15th—19th

Visitors Week—
 (All Pre School classes, only the last 15 minutes please)

November 11th

Remembrance Day—No Classes

November - December

R.A.D Exams

December 13th

Start of Christmas Break

January 4th

2nd Term Fees Due / Classes Resume

February 2nd - 7th

Visitors Week—
 (All Pre School classes, only the last 15 minutes please)

February 15th

No Classes - Family Day

February 15th

Costume Fees Due

March 8th—14th

Arctic Winter Games Break

March 19th -21st

Dance Drive Festival

April 2nd -9th

Easter Break

April 28th—May 2nd

Glitter & Gold Competition

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Pictures—DansConnection Studio

May 17th-23rd

Blocking & Spacing GPRC Theatre
 Dress Rehearsal GPRC Theatre
 Recital GPRC Theatre