



Winter Newsletter

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! It is so good to see everyone ready to jump back into their classes and work hard for the remainder of our season. On behalf of the other teachers and myself, we would like to thank all those families who gave Christmas gifts. Your generosity and kindness was much appreciated – thank you for thinking of us! If your child was absent during the last week of classes and did not receive their Christmas item from me, please feel free to ask your child's teacher and they will get one for you.

Just a reminder and for all those new families who are joining us if you are wondering about the weather and whether classes are cancelled, feel free to check the CJCS website after 11:00am to find out. If we would be forced to cancel mid evening we will call you directly. On that note, if any of your personal info. has changed since registration, please keep us up to date – this also includes your email. If you haven't been receiving the email's and you want to be added to the list, make sure you write your first and last name on a piece of paper along with your email and give it to your child's teacher.

If you haven't had a chance to join our facebook and twitter pages yet, you may want to consider doing that. This should help to make communication easier. Messages regarding things like class cancellations will be able to come directly to you and help you to stay on track for the remainder of our season.

As the snow begins to fly it is even more important that we remember to place our shoes on the rack and to stay off the grey matting with wet boots and shoes. I realize that the entry way can get very crowded at times, but I know if we all make the effort to set our boots to the side it will make things easier for everyone. Please do not leave your boots directly in front of the doorway. I ask that the taller students/adults use the higher hooks and leave the lower hooks for our younger dancers. Please do not take your coats into the change rooms. Our changing areas become congested enough without all that extra bulk. This is also a friendly reminder to all parents and students to double check their belongings before leaving and to make sure all items are clearly labelled with your name. Accidents can happen, but let's all try to avoid taking someone else's things if we can.

The competitive team is gearing up as their competitive season is fast approaching. The team will be traveling to Barrie, London, Brantford and Guelph this season. The location for each of these events will be posted on the studio bulletin board. If you choose to venture out, you will have the opportunity to view a variety of great choreography from many different dance studios while supporting our studio in the process. Good luck to all of my competitors. I know that all of your hard work, dedication and commitment will be rewarded as our competitive season gets under way!

All ballet students taking two ballet classes per week, from Grade 1 to Grade 5 and have taken a ballet examination in the past, will be automatically entered for their examinations that will take place this spring. If your child **is not** planning to take an examination, you need to email me by Sat. Jan. 14th. Any of our first year ballet students (Gr. 1 level) that take 2 classes per week will be receiving info. about the examinations this week if we feel your child is ready for this step. If you haven't already sent a CD with your child, please do so. I would be happy to copy the examination music for them, so they can be practicing at home. There will be a "mock" exam for each of the grade levels. Please check the bulletin board and email regularly for updates.

Many students along with Miss Chelsea, Miss Sharon as well as myself will be attending a dance workshop in Toronto mid February. There will be no competitive classes on this weekend – Fri Feb. 10 to Sun Feb. 12. All regularly scheduled technique classes will still be taking place. This is a great opportunity for those students who enrolled and for us as

teachers to work with many different choreographers and dance technicians. I along with some other instructors will also be heading out this summer to take class and experience what is new in the world of dance.

I have listed any upcoming holidays for you below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Please mark them on your calendar now, so they don't get missed.

Family Day – Monday February 20th

March Break – Friday March 9 to Friday March 16 – All regular classes will resume on Saturday March 17th. Competitive classes for this day will be scheduled once we know who will be in attendance.

March Break Dance Camp Week!

We will be offering a full day dance camp during March Break this year. The classes will start Mon. March 12th and run until the end of the week, Fri. Mar. 16th. The program will start daily at 8:30am and finish at 4:30pm. Before and after care are available if anyone is interested. The students will have a chance to experience all styles of dance including musical theatre. It will be a fun filled week for them for sure. The program is available for students age 4 and up. Enrolment will be limited. I've attached the registration form for your convenience. If you are interested please fill it out and return it to your teacher along with the payment as soon as possible.

Dance Aarts Academy will be running a wide variety of dance and musical theatre programs again this summer. Watch the bulletin board at the end of Feb. for updates, times and dates of these classes to be scheduled so you don't miss out on your chance to enrol. All of our summer programs were very popular last season and filled up quickly. Registration info. along with registration forms will also be available on line on the website under dance camps.

I will be sending out a direct email regarding recital info. in the next couple weeks. All students will be measured during this week of classes and costumes in some cases are already in the works. It is very important as our recital preparation begins that the students attend their technique classes on a regular basis. We want them to do their very best for you and their guests at their yearend performance. If anyone has any questions once the newsletter comes out, please don't hesitate to ask. We want to make sure that everyone is informed and up to date at all times.

I will be in and out of the studio over the next several months working with the competitive team and adjudicating for other dance competitions that take place in Ontario. Therefore, it may be hard to catch me in between classes. As our season continues, as always, please don't hesitate to contact me at home during daytime hours Mon. to Fri. at 519-655-6814 or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy Dancing!

Miss Kelly