



FALL NEWSLETTER

A warm welcome to all students and parents! I hope that everyone is eager to learn new dance moves and meet new friends. I am confident that this is the start of a great year for everyone. Please take a few minutes and read the remainder of this newsletter carefully. All newsletters will be sent through email. You will also be able to find them posted on our website and bulletin board if you misplace your copy. If you have not supplied an email address, we will make sure you have a hard copy.

If your child is going to be missing a class or is ill, please call and leave a message on our studio machine (519)272-1118.

At this time I ask anyone who has not yet picked up their registration info, signed a waiver or deposited their term fee cheques needs to do so as quickly as possible.

I am very pleased to announce that we are entering our 10th season. As you know in honour of our 10th anniversary we are offering a draw for the \$1500.00 travel voucher. The draw will take place at the studio on Friday Oct. 14th at 5:30. Good luck to you all!

ENTRY WAY

We ask that when you enter the facility you take the time to place your shoes on the racks that have been provided and hang up your coats on the hooks. **PLEASE DO NOT STEP ONTO THE GREY MAT WITH YOUR SHOES ON!!** The mat has been placed there so you have somewhere to step once you have removed your shoes so that your socks and feet don't get wet or dirty.

Please only use the new entrance to our building to enter and exit. The old entry way is now an emergency exit only.

DRESSING ROOMS

I would like to remind everyone that the dressing room areas are available to you. Those parents with little children, we ask that you escort them into their dressing room and help them to get settled in the change room before classes begin. Those students or parents who leave their bags in the lobby will be asked to place their things in the change room area. When our studio is full, there is not enough room for everyone to leave their jackets in the change rooms. Please use the coat hooks provided in the entry way. At this time, we also ask that you do not bring any valuables of any kind to the studio. This includes bodywear and shoes. The studio is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

OUR STAFF

I would like to introduce our instructors and assistants to you at this time. Our main teaching staff consists of myself, Kelly Ann Aarts, Sharon Vasser and Chelsea Coghlin. To learn more about your child's instructor feel free to read their bio's on the webpage or outside their classroom doors. Congratulations go out to Miss Chelsea who completed the 3 year ADAPT teaching program this past summer. We are now able to offer jazz and tap exams to our students as well. Our teaching assistants this season are Sarah Frier, Daisy Gruchy, Bailey Heimpel, Camryn McIntosh, Madison Sorsdahl, Madison VanOsch, Chantel Strangway, Brianna Abbey, Spencer Everett, Jesse Groenestege, Renee Keupfer and Amelia Phillips.

DRESS CODE

Dance Aarts Academy does follow a strict dress code for the benefit and safety of all the students. Parents please work with the academy to follow the guidelines posted in the clothing room. Our dress code is also listed on line. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to address a teacher or myself, regarding this matter. Just a reminder to all students that you need to have your hair tacked back securely for all classes & students attending ballet classes should have their hair in a bun, using their bun wrap. If it is too short, please pull it back neatly. Anyone who needs assistance on learning how to put in a bun, feel free to ask your child's instructor or head to the recital page on our website where it gives instructions on how to make the perfect bun that won't fall out. As of October, any students that do not have the required items for their class(es) will be given one warning. After this they will only be allowed to observe, but not participate during their class time, until they meet the dress code requirements.

If you have ordered an item that you have not yet received, please be patient. We will be having dancewear arriving for you weekly and hope to have everything distributed by the end of September. Please check in to see if your items have arrived.

Windsuits will also be available to order for Christmas. Check out our store window for a sample. All orders need to be placed by Oct. 10th.

LUNCH ROOM

A lunch room just beyond our second foyer has been provided for the students' convenience. Please remember to clean up after yourselves and wipe down the table when you are finished and pick up any food that belongs on the floor as well. **There is no eating allowed in the change rooms at any time.** Drinks can be purchased at the studio. Water is \$1 and Gatorade is \$2.50.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Just a reminder to all parents and students that there will be **no classes** on Thanksgiving weekend – this includes Saturday, Sunday & Monday.

BALLET EXAMINATIONS

I would like to start by congratulating everyone who completed their graded examinations through the Royal Academy of Dance last spring. It is wonderful to see that all 42 of our students received their certificates and most with honours and distinction. Way to go dancers!! I know that as we begin our new season, all of our exam candidates will be working very hard to complete their syllabus material. **I ask that all of the exam students bring in a blank CD as soon as possible so that I can copy the exam music for their convenience.** Please feel free to ask if you have any questions regarding exam procedures. Graded exams are scheduled to take place this spring.

COMPETITOR UPDATES

Just a reminder for all of our competitive families, to check their email and the website on a regular basis. All information regarding our upcoming competitive season will be posted on line shortly. Your production schedule will also be available to you very soon. All new competitors need to get measured for their windsuit asap. Please see Ms Karen or Ms Laura so you can be put on the list. Also any students who have grown out of their windsuit pants or jackets need to reorder. We will only be placing one order this season. Order deadline is Oct. 10th. Dream Duffle costume bags as well as individual garment bags and hangers are also being ordered. Get your name on the list if you want any of these this season. This is by far the easiest and most compact way to keep yourself organized during competition and recital this year!

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

If classes need to be cancelled due to weather, please tune into CJCS radio or their website, for all cancellations. They will do updates every half hour and post it on their website. All cancellations will be placed by noon. You can also call the studio machine to find out whether classes are cancelled.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

No set up, no clean up, no hassle - we have the perfect dance party for your child! We look after everything from the dance style you choose or party theme to cleaning up the food and cake – all provided by us. Check out the website or announcement board to see our birthday bash options. Give your child the opportunity to share the love of dance with their friends this birthday!

RECITAL INFORMATION & FUNDRAISING PACKETS

It is hard to believe that we are heading into another recital year – how exciting for the teachers, parents and students involved! For now, please mark down on your calendars that recital will be taking place on the weekend of May 11 & 12/ 2012. You will be receiving all the information regarding the recital very shortly.

Fundraising packets will also be distributed very soon. I am in the process of organizing all this information for you. Fundraising delivery will happen prior to Christmas.

As we begin our season I hope that everyone enjoys their classes and gets to know not only their teachers but the other students as well! Please contact me, Kelly Ann, at the studio (519-272-1118) in the evening or at my home (519-655-6814) Mon. to Fri. between the hours of 9-2, if at any point throughout the season you have concerns or questions. All of the instructors and assistants are here to make this a positive and educational experience for both you and your child. We look forward to meeting all the children and getting to know them, as well as their families, a little bit better as our season begins.

Enjoy your first weeks of classes dancers!!

Ms Kelly