



“To the Pointe” Newsletter

September 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to The Guelph Academy of Dance’s 13th season, we’ve had a phenomenal start and are so happy to be back in the studio dancing with your children! The faculty and I are feeling inspired by the energy and training in our classes, we love getting back to work and cannot wait to see what the dancers can accomplish by the recital in May. A special welcome to the new students who are dancing with our studio for the first time, we’re thrilled that you have joined us and I hope that your experience so far has been positive. WELCOME BACK to all our returning students – we’re so happy to be able to dance with you again this season.

As a way to stay in touch and keep you updated, each month you will receive an email copy of our newsletter, “To the Pointe”. This outlines the upcoming important dates and information as well as the exciting programs, activities and workshops that we have to offer throughout the 2018-2019 season. I will post the newsletters on our website in the [“About Us”](#) section. Please take a moment to read through all the information, there never is a dull moment at TGAD.

If you have any questions throughout the dance season you can always reach me via email briana@guelphdance.com, by phone (519) 822-2697, or pop in to say hello when I’m in the office.

Here is to lucky number 13!!

Briana Lynch
artistic director

Important Dates - <http://guelphdance.com/for-parents/important-dates/>

Mon. Sept 24th – Sat. Sept 29th – Ballet “Bun” week and character skirt/shoes swap
Wednesday, September 26th – [Parent and Tot](#) class begins (10 week session)
Friday, September 28th – Classes are running as scheduled (UGDSB/WCDSB PD day)
Monday, October 1st – October’s monthly payment Deposit
Friday October 5th – Friday Classes are running as scheduled (Thanksgiving weekend)
Saturday October 6th – Saturday Classes are running as scheduled (Thanksgiving weekend)
Monday October 8th – NO DANCE CLASSES (Thanksgiving Day)
Wednesday, October 24th – Tuesday, October 30th – Halloween Theme Week ~ dress up for dance class
Monday, October 29th – [Adult Ballet 2](#) begins (7 week session)
Tuesday, October 30th – [Adult Tap 2](#) begins (7 week session)
Wednesday, October 31st – NO DANCE CLASSES (Halloween)
Thursday November 1st – Term 2 Deposit + November’s monthly payment
Thursday, November 1st – [Adult Hip Hop 1](#) begins (7 week session)

Friday, November 2nd – Classes are running as scheduled (UGDSB/WCDSB PD day)

Get Social

Like our [Facebook](#) page, follow TGAD on [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for updates, events, and other goodies!

Newsletters

In our attempt to be as environmentally friendly as we can, all newsletters, teacher absences, inclement weather days, and general information will be “paperless” and will be delivered by email. Please ensure that my email address, briana@guelphdance.com, is safe and does not get bounced to your spam or junk folder. If your email addresses changes, please let us know – we don’t want you to miss out on any essential information.

Office Hours

Briana office hours: I try my best to be in the studio 10:00am – 2:00pm Monday - Friday, but I do run out from time to time. You can always reach me at briana@guelphdance.com except on Sundays when I turn my email off.

Allison and Maddison’s front desk hours: During the week the studio opens at 2:00pm, you are more than welcome to drop by.

Front Desk hours:

- Mondays 4:30 – 8:30 ~ Taylor Jamieson
- Tuesdays 4:30 – 7:45 ~ Julia Nunan
- Wednesday 4:30 – 8:30 ~ Emily Annis
- Thursday 5:00 – 7:45 ~ Sydney Bluck
- Thursday 7:45 – 8:45 ~ Maddison Robinson
- Friday 4:30 – 8:30 ~ Julia Nunan
- Saturdays 8:45 – 1:45 ~ Taylor Jamieson

Parent and Tot class

Parent and Tot - fall session to begin Wednesday, Sept. 26th. The program is specifically designed to take dancers born in 2016 and their care giver on a magical journey of dance and discovery. With a teacher who praises your child’s success and cherish their progress just as much as you do, week after week their confidence blossoms. And you get to be right there beside them, as you experience their first dance class together. REGISTER NOW...<http://guelphdance.com/parent-and-tot-dance-classes/>

Adult Dance Classes

The registration for Adult classes has been overwhelming – we have over 55 adults taking classes each week...good for you!! If you have not signed up and wish to participate there are new sessions beginning in late October/early November. To Register: <http://guelphdance.com/adult-classes/registration/>
The cost is \$84.00 + HST = \$94.92 for a seven-week session. Experience is NOT necessary; come sweat, learn, and have fun...we promise to not put you in the recital!!!

The Big Show 2018-2019

Our 13th annual recital will be held on Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th, we will be producing three shows again for 2018. We will continue to run three nights of dress rehearsals – Tuesday, May 7th, Wednesday, May 8th, and Thursday, May 9th.

- Classes performing in one show: Pre Ballet 2, 3, 4, Primary, Pre Jazz, Jazz 1, 2, Hip Hop 1, Tap 1/2
- Classes performing in two shows: Grade 1, Jazz 3, Hip Hop 2, Musical Theatre 1, Tap 3/4
- All other classes will participate in all three shows.

Snow White 2019

Pre Ballet 1 students (Briana's Wednesday 10:30am and Saturday 9:00am classes) will participate in their own recital – "Snow White" on Sunday, April 28th.

"All you need is LOVE" DVDs and recital photos

Please make sure that you pick up your photos and DVDs/Blu Rays from last year's show, we still have lots that have not gone home. Stop by the front desk to pick yours up if you have not yet.

The World Ballet Day ~ Tuesday, October 2nd

If you have ever wanted to see what a professional ballet company looks like behind the scenes, Tuesday October 2nd. Five of the world's best ballet companies (our own National Ballet of Canada being one of them) will be live streaming their company classes and rehearsals. I took some time to watch this last year and I found it amazing, a true glimpse into their world.

Here is the link: <https://national.ballet.ca/Explore/Education-and-Outreach/World-Ballet-Day?>

Lost and Found

If you are missing parts of your dance uniform please check the Lost and Found bin (the green storage box) in the reception area. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LABEL ALL DANCE CLOTHING...pink ballet slippers and black jazz shoes all look very similar! We also have a huge collection of water bottles, please check the windowsill if your dancer has left theirs at the studio. All unclaimed items will be donated to local charities on our last dance day, Monday December 17th.

Inclement Weather Policy

Thinking of snow in September seems ominous, but I wanted to take a moment to remind all families about our inclement weather policy. I'm hoping that we won't need to use any inclement weather days, but just in case...

- **If buses are cancelled, but schools remain open – we will be open for dance classes.**
- **If both buses and schools are cancelled – the studio will be closed as well.**
- **If schools are cancelled due to cold weather – check your email for updates.**

Special exceptions may apply if a horrendous snow storm starts later in the afternoon, we will keep our eyes on the weather network and will confirm by email to all families.

If you are not sure, please call the studio; we update the answering machine message as well as the [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) to help get the information across. The decision to run or cancel classes will be made by 2:00pm.