



To the Pointe Newsletter

🎃 October 2018 🎃

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an incredible fall! The colours are in full bloom, my favourite time of year! Late September and early October have been beautiful, but there is quite a distinct change today. The reality of shorter days and colder nights is starting to set in as I write this newsletter. On the brighter note, late fall and winter is always an exciting time at the studio, we have so many events planned to keep our dancers busy.

A quick reminder – Wednesday, October 24th marks the beginning of our HALLOWEEN DRESS UP WEEK at the studio. Dancers are invited to wear their costumes (or old dance costumes!) throughout the week. Wednesday, Oct. 24th – Tuesday, Oct. 30th. We do not run classes on Halloween – the studio will be closed Wednesday, October 31st (Happy Trick or Treating).

On a more personal note – I would like to extend our most heartfelt thank-you for voting The Guelph Academy of Dance Inc. as the **GOLD** winner in the Mercury Tribune's 2018 Reader's Choice Awards for **BEST DANCE STUDIO** as well as **BEST DANCE STUDIO 2018** according to the Top Three Awards. This means so much to us, thank-you for your continued support and trust in us, we all LOVE to teach your children and watch them flourish.

Stay dry and warm out there today,

Briana Lynch
artistic director

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

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)

Monday, Nov. 19th – Saturday, Nov. 24th – Costume Measurement week

Friday, November 23rd – Classes are running as scheduled (UGDSB and WCDSB PD day)

Sunday, November 25th – Aberfoyle Santa Claus Parade 2pm

Saturday, December 1st – December payment Deposit

Tuesday, Dec. 11th – Monday, Dec. 17th – Last week of classes before Winter Holiday

Tuesday, Dec 18th – Sunday Jan. 6th – Winter Holidays

Monday, January 1st – January payment Deposit (deposited on January 4th)

Monday, January 7th – Back to class 2019

Get Social

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

Halloween Dress Up Week – Wednesday, October 24th – Tuesday, October 30th

All dancers are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to dance class throughout the week and will participate in a fun themed class. Please note that we will still be dancing, make sure that your dancer can still move in costume. The studio is closed on Wednesday, October 31st (except for the Parent and Tot class at 10am). Have fun Trick or Treating!!

Adult Dance Classes

The new Adult dance class sessions are just about to begin, come sweat, learn, and have fun...we promise to not put you in the recital! The cost is \$84.00 + HST = \$94.92. Spots are going very quickly; Hip Hop 1 is already full! Register online: <http://guelphdance.com/adult-classes/registration/>

Winter Boots – please remove

With the winter weather on its way, it is important to remind everyone about our boot policy at TGAD. For safety reasons, and to not wreck expensive dance shoes, we ask that everyone removes their winter boots when the enter the reception area. We will have winter carpets to stand on and racks at the front door to place boots. Dancers are permitted to carry their boots to the change room. Do not leave boots on the ground, this causes a tripping hazard for our families. PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S WINTER BOOTS, so many dancers have the same pair and don't always remember where they left theirs. I hate having to try to track down boots that have gone missing. Often, we can find them, but occasionally they do not get returned to their proper owner. Thank you so much for your understanding and co-operation. Fingers crossed that no boots go missing this year!

Costume Measurement week 2018-2019

As crazy as this might seem, the faculty and I are deep into recital preparations for our Pre-Ballet 2 and older dancers. We will be measuring the students Monday, November 19th to Saturday, November 24th. Please make sure that your dancer attends her class this week. If you are going to be away, please contact me so that I can let you know an alternative date. The HUGE costume order is placed early December to make sure that everything arrives in time.

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

Yes...Winter is coming! Please take a moment to review our inclement weather policy. The decision to run or cancel classes will be made by 2:00pm. 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.