



# To the Pointe Newsletter

 *November 2018* 

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I write this newsletter there is snow on the ground and the temperature has taken a turn, winter is officially on its way. It's hard to believe how quickly this dance season is going. The students have been working incredibly hard in their classes this season, the faculty and I are so proud of the effort they put forth every week.

Thank you so much to the parents, guardians, and carpoolers for your patience and diligence in the parking lot so far this year. Hopefully, construction will end soon, and more parking (woohoo) will become available to our families. Unfortunately, the construction at the studio has put pressure on our planned Open House for 2018; more information about the event is provided further in the newsletter.

Our costume measuring week is fast approaching: Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme is set, the costumes have been chosen, the huge order is going in early December, and then the fun begins. I am very excited to announce the theme of the big show on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 – I think the dancers are going to love it, they have directly influenced all of our choices. I have included a recital date reminder in this email so that you can save the date.

With the cool air comes many great events at the studio, please take a moment to read through the newsletter to find out everything that we have planned.

Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

Briana Lynch  
*artistic director*

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

Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Costume Measurement week

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Aberfoyle Santa Claus Parade 2 pm

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Classes are running as scheduled (UGDSB and WCDSB PD day)

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – December payment Deposit

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Sugar Plum Fairy Workshop (RAD Grade 5, 6, Inter Found, Intermediate)

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

Tuesday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Winter Holidays

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – January payment Deposit (deposited on January 4<sup>th</sup>)

Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Back to class 2019

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Recital Theme announcement day  
Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – All classes running as scheduled (UGDSB and WCDSB PD day)  
Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Term 3 and February payment deposit  
Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - “Dance Days of Summer 2019” registration opens

## Get Social

Like our [Facebook](#) page for updates, events, and other goodies!

## Open House Classes – Cancelled for 2018

As you are all very well aware, the construction beside our unit (Phase 2) has put a tremendous amount of pressure on the parking lot. Day to day classes are going well thanks to your patience and diligent driving, but Open House is a completely different story. Open House demands at least twice as much parking as we have available at the moment. What makes this situation worse, the overflow area that we use behind the building is now occupied by construction vehicles and materials. I wanted to give the construction crew as much time as I could, but the parking lot in Phase 2 will not be ready in time.

I have had to make the incredibly difficult and unfortunate decision to cancel Open House for 2018. Please know how disappointed we are; we love inviting you into the classroom to showcase the work that goes into each class. Even though we are not able to run a formal Open House class, as always, you are always invited to observe through the viewing window. Dance students who are in their final year of High School (Advanced 1, Jazz 12, Hip Hop 10, Contemporary 10, Musical Theatre 9) will have an Open House class, one last one before you go graduate.

I want to thank you so much in advance for your understanding, we did not want to cancel this event at the studio, but we have to be mindful of everyone’s safety as well as the other businesses in our complex.

## Winter Holiday Days

**The studio is closed for the winter holidays on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** All classes will resume on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## Recital Date Reminder

**SNOW WHITE** ~ The Pre Ballet 1 dancers participate in a recital held at the studio on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (Miss Briana’s classes only – Wednesday 10:30 am, and Saturday 9:00 am). Times are provided in January.

**BIG SHOW** ~ The Pre Ballet 2 and above dancers will participate in the big recital at E. L. Fox Auditorium on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. There are three shows again this season; Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm, Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am, Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm. Dress Rehearsals run Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Who is in what show will be emailed to all families the week of our Recital Theme announcement, Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Dance Days of Summer Camp 2019

As crazy as it may seem, we’re already preparing for our award-winning “Dance Days of Summer” camp. Registration will open on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, to help those families who need to have everything organised well ahead of time (I’m one of them!!). There will be six sessions again this summer: Four weeks in July and two weeks at the end of August. Details for camp to be released in January 2019.

## **Sugar Plum Fairy Workshop**

Has your dancer ever dreamed of learning the iconic Sugar Plum Fairy variation from The Nutcracker? Now is your chance. On Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Miss Samantha will be running a Nutcracker workshop class, to teach the original Sugar Plum Fairy choreography set by Mauris Petipa and Lev Ivanov in 1892.

The workshop will be two hours in length – one hour of technique and training exercises, one hour of repertoire choreography. Price: \$20.00 + HST (\$22.60) per dancer

12:00 – 2:00 pm – Grade 5 and Grade 6 Ballet students

2:30 – 4:30 pm – Inter Foundation, Intermediate, and Advanced 1 students

## **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found box is starting to overflow with clothing and dance shoes that are left behind. Please take a moment to look through the pile if you are missing anything. PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL DANCE CLOTHING...pink ballet slippers and black jazz shoes all look very similar! We donate all unclaimed items to local charities on our last dance day, Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

Well, that was a rude awakening this morning – the snow and icy roads have arrived! Please take a moment to review our inclement weather policy. At 2:00 pm the decision to run or cancel classes will be posted. I'm hoping that we won't need to use any inclement weather days, but just in case...

- **Buses cancelled, but schools remain open – we are open for dance classes.**
- **Buses and schools cancelled - the studio is closed as well.**
- **Schools closed 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.