



To the Pointe Newsletter

MARCH 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy March – we made it through February...what a crazy month! We have two more dance days before the March Break holiday, and I wanted to make sure that I got my monthly newsletter off right away!

As I'm sure you have noticed, we are in full recital mode at the studio. Our Pre Ballet 1 dancers have begun preparing for their performance of "Snow White", and all of our other dancers are getting ready to showcase their talent in our 13th annual production "I Wish..." on *Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th*. More and more of each class is being dedicated to learning the choreography and rehearsing the piece – we are making steady progress, and things are starting to take shape. At this point attendance is crucial; **please strive for perfect attendance until the show**. Not only is it imperative to be in each class for the "team", but the more comfortable the dancers are with the material, the better their recital experience will be. We have a big "surprise" for all of the dancers the week after March Break, but I'm sure that anyone who takes a class in the yellow studio already knows what it is! Sparkles, and rhinestones, and sequins...oh my! I'll send out a 'good news' email before the Monday class on March 18th.

The big recital package will be handed out beginning on Monday, March 25th. You'll receive the dress rehearsal schedule, ticket order forms, volunteer forms, and a list of what each dance style requires for the show. Please make sure to check your dancer's bags, as sometimes the handouts do not make it into parents' hands!

Also, please remember Saturday dancers – we have class this weekend. The Saturday holiday for March Break is on the 16th.

As always, there is never a dull moment at TGAD – this newsletter will give you an overview of the events offered over the next few months.

*Sincerely,
Briana Lynch*

GET SOCIAL

Make sure you follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and 'like' us on Facebook – lots of goodies to see!

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/TGADance
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/tgadance/>
- Twitter: @TGADance

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, Mar. 9th – Sunday, Mar. 17th – NO CLASSES for MARCH BREAK
Mon. Mar 18th – Sat. Mar 23rd – a special surprise for all of our Pre Ballet 2 + dancers!!
Sat. Mar. 23rd – Sun. Mar. 24th – Ballet exam coaching classes
Monday, Mar. 25th – Saturday, Mar. 30th – Recital Information package to be handed out
Sat. Mar. 30th – Sun. Mar. 31st – Ballet exam coaching classes
Saturday, April 6th – Dancer's Night out - theme TBD
Sunday, April 7th – Ballet exam coaching classes
Sat. Apr. 13th – Sun. Apr 14th – Ballet exam coaching classes
Friday, April 19th – Good Friday – no classes running
Saturday, April 20th – ALL CLASSES RUNNING AS SCHEDULED (Easter Weekend)
Monday, April 22nd – ALL CLASSES RUNNING AS SCHEDULED (Easter Weekend)
Sunday, April 28th – "Snow White" recital for Pre Ballet 1 dancers
Tues. Apr 30th – Mon. May 6th – Photo Week at the studio
Tues. May 7th – Thurs. May 9th – DRESS REHEARSALS at E.L. Fox Auditorium
Friday, May 10th – Show 1 6:00 pm
Saturday, May 11th – Show 2 @ 11:00 am & Show 3 @ 5:00 pm

PARKING LOT

With great relief, the construction on Phase Two of 225 Hanlon Creek Blvd. is coming to an end, and the extension of the parking lot is now open to our families. Please use the additional parking found to the east of our unit to drop off/pick up dancers.

For the safety of our families, dancers, and faculty DO NOT drop your dancer off on the curb if you are facing the Hanlon (east). Please treat the parking lot as two-way traffic, do not cut across the centre lane. I will be speaking to our new landlords about painting two-way arrows on the pavement as a reminder. If you plan to drop your dancer off curbside, please use the Phase Two parking lot like a turn around spot and drop them off on the proper side of the road. Your diligence is greatly appreciated.

DANCE DAYS OF SUMMER 2019

Spots are filling up very quickly in our Dance Days of Summer camp – register now to secure your dancer's spot(s). <http://guelphdance.com/events-workshops/register-online/>

- **Session 1 - July 8th – 12th (5-6, 7-9, 10-12 years)**
- **Session 2 - July 15th – 19th (5-6, 7-9, 10-12 years)**
- **Session 3 - July 22nd – 26th (5-6, 7-9, 10-12 years)**
- **Session 4 - July 29th – August 2nd (5-6, 7-9, 10-12 years)**
The studio closes for two weeks August 3rd – 19th
- **Session 5 - August 20th – 24th (5-6 and 7-9 years)**
- **Session 6 - August 26th – 30th (5-6 and 7-9 years)**

To be eligible for camp, you must turn five by December 31st, 2019

How to pick the proper age group:

- **5-6 years = entering SK – Grade 1 in September 2019**

- **7-9 years = entering Grade 2 – Grade 4 in September 2019**
- **10-12 years = entering Grade 5 – Grade 7 in September 2019**

We will be offering Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Creative Movement, Arts and Crafts, Singing and Storytime, Drama, National Dance, and Yoga. Each dance discipline will work through the proper technical steps and will build a 'dance' to showcase at the end of the week. There will also be an opportunity for dancers to create their own combination and present it to each other. On Wednesday afternoon (SUPER FUN DAY) we take the campers by bus to the splash park off of Kortright Ave. for some fun in the sun and then a trip to Dairy Queen for ice cream.

Drop off 8:30 – 9:00 am (*Complimentary early morning care*)

Dance Day runs 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pick up is from 4:00 – 5:00 pm (*Complimentary extended care offered this year*)

The tuition for the camp is \$215.00 (*t-shirt, transportation, Dairy Queen, pizza Friday, and taxes included*)

RECITAL DATES 2019

“Snow White” – Sunday, April 28th

Pre-Ballet 1 students only

Show 1 ~ Sunday, April 28th 11:00 am (Miss Briana’s Saturday 9 am class)

Show 2 ~ Sunday, April 28th 12:30 pm (Miss Briana’s Wednesday 10:30 am class)

“I Wish...” – Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th

Pre-Ballet 2 students and above

Show 1 ~ Friday, May 10th 6:00pm

Show 2 ~ Saturday, May 11th 11:00am

Show 3 ~ Saturday, May 11th 5:00pm

An email was sent out on Monday, January 21st to all families that let you know who is performing in what show. You can also find this information on our website: <http://guelphdance.com/recitals/>

DANCER’S NIGHT OUT

Saturday, April 6th – 5-10 years

- **Theme TBD as soon as possible**

The event runs from 5:00 – 8:00 pm: 5:00 – 5:15 drop off, an hour dance workshop from 5:15 – 6:15 then pizza, juice, water, snacks and the movie in Studio A finishing at 8:00 pm. Admission is \$20.00, payable when you register.

CHANGE ROOMS – no electronics

May I please ask all parents to use the reception area to wait for their dancers, and not stay in the change rooms while the classes are running. Please, of course, help your dancers get dressed if they require assistance, but then relocate to the reception room to wait. The older girls who need to change feel uncomfortable when adults are working in the change rooms while they are using them. Also, for the

safety and comfort of our students, avoid the use of your electronics in the change room, especially if it has a camera.

BALLET EXAMS 2019

Registration for our fourth year of Ballet exams was submitted to the Royal Academy of Dance yesterday – we have 57 participants this season! Coaching classes are the weekend of March 23rd/24th, March 30/31st, April 7th, and April 12/13th. Good luck dancers!!

LOST AND FOUND

If you are missing parts of your dance uniform, please check the Lost and Found station at the end of the hallway by the “Girls Only” washroom. We have clothing, water bottles, boots, and dance shoes. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO WRITE YOUR DANCER’S NAME IN THEIR DANCE SHOES...**they all look the same, and we don’t want you to have to buy a second pair.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If the weather turns nasty again, I’d like to lease a fleet of Zambonis to drive around Guelph and pick up our dancers. If only wishing could make it so..

Just in case, here is a reminder of our weather policy.

- **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. We aim to run classes as much as possible, but as always, please use your discretion.

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 2:00 pm to allow as much time as possible.