



Dance Dreams SCHOOL OF DANCE

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Established 1999

Welcome Back!

This is our twentieth year of dance and we are very excited for another season in our beautiful facility! We would like to thank our students who participated our highly successful "A Tribute To Canada" dance recital in May! Please log onto our school Facebook, Instagram and Twitter page to see all of our beautiful pictures of this event! This season we will be having our 2019 recital on Sat. June 15th at the Sandra Faire and Ivan Fecan Theatre! Remember to mark this important date on your calendar! We are also excited to announce that our 2018-2019 season will now run from September to June! This school initiative provides an opportunity for your child to exercise for a longer period of time with no increase in yearly tuition fees. Finally, we want to thank all dance parents for their support, encouragement, and commitment towards our Dance Dreams' Dance season, and congratulate all dancers on an amazingly successful year. We are so proud of each and every dancer and it is a joy to watch everyone evolve in their dance journeys. We look forward to another exciting year at Dance Dreams School of Dance!

Dance Dreams is not just a dance studio; we are a dance family!

Ms. Brooks (Principal Director/Dance Teacher)
Ms. Gurgis (Artistic Manager/Dance Teacher)
Ms. Enza (Recreational Division Dance Teacher)

IMPORTANT CLASS TERM DATES:

RECREATIONAL DIVISION CLASSES ONLY:

Term One Recreational Division Classes: (Sept-Dec):

Wednesday Classes: Sept. 26-Dec. 19

Thursday Classes: Sept. 27-Dec. 20

***Rec Division classes commence on Mon. Sept. 24, 2018**

Term Two Recreational Division Classes: (Jan-June):

Wednesday Classes: Jan 23-June 5 (no class Wed. Mar 13th)

Thursday Classes: Jan. 24-June 6 (no class Thurs. Mar. 14th)

***Rec Division classes commence on Mon. Jan. 23, 2019**

**Please note that Dance Dreams School of Dance reserves the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment or student dropout.*

COMPETITIVE DIVISION CLASSES ONLY:

Term One: Competitive Division Classes: (Sept-June):

Monday Classes: Sept 10-Dec 17 (no classes on Monday, October 8th for Thanksgiving Weekend)

Tuesday Classes: Sept 4-Dec. 18

Friday Classes: Sept 7-Dec 21

Saturday Classes: Sept. 8-Dec 22

***Comp Division classes commence on Tues. Sept. 4th**

Term Two Competitive Division Classes: (Jan-June):

Monday Comp Classes: Jan. 7-June 3 (no classes on Monday, Feb. 18th, Mon. Mar. 11 and Mon. Apr. 22, and Mon. May 20th)

Tuesday Comp Classes: Jan. 8-June 4 (no class on Tues. Mar. 12th)

Friday Classes: Jan 11-May 18 (no class on Fri. Mar.15th, Fri. Apr 19th)

Sat Classes: Jan. 12-June 8 (no class on Sat. Mar. 16th, Sat. Apr. 20th)

***Comp Division classes commence on Mon. Jan. 7th**

WEATHER CONDITIONS

In case of inclement weather, classes will be made up at a later date by the instructor. Please note that class cancellations will be posted on our Facebook and Instagram school page if classes are cancelled. We strongly advise all parents join our school pages (noted on the bottom of this newsletter page) to keep up to date with our school's current events. A message will be also be left on the school phone only if classes are cancelled. Parents can call our school phone at (416) 892-0253. Please note that if there is no post noting a class cancellation online or on our school voicemail, classes are not cancelled.

SCHOOL PAGES:

Facebook: [facebook.com/DanceDreamsSchoolPage](https://www.facebook.com/DanceDreamsSchoolPage)

Twitter: @Dance__Dreams

Instagram: [Dance_Dreams_School_Of_Dance](https://www.instagram.com/Dance_Dreams_School_Of_Dance)

Website: dancedreams.ca



SCHOOL INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Please note that all students should have received this school newsletter via email. The school newsletter will also be posted on our school website on the Schedule page. All school information will also be posted on all bulletin boards located in the change room area, front entrance of the studio and the back waiting area. Please check this area regularly for any school updates.

All important information about our Competition Program (including Competition Dates, Schedules, Locations, Maps, Picture Day, Camp, Makeup Classes etc.) and our Recreational Program (Picture Day, Recital, Camp, etc.) will be emailed once to each parent. It is the responsibility of the parents to read all emails and ensure they are up to date with the events of the studio, that they are sharing this information with their children and bringing their children on time to each event. Parents should not wait for "Reminder Emails" to remind them the day before of events that take place within the studio. We also do not encourage text messages or phone calls the day of competitions or performances asking about matters that should be prepared in advance (i.e. costume pieces, hair, dance shoes, theatre venue locations, etc.) You can appreciate that teachers are for busy on the event day, i.e., backstage all day long during performances, and will not be able to communicate effectively with parents through phone the day of performances or competitions or daily events.

PHOTO DAY

Photo day will be held this year at the studio on Wed. May 22, 2019. Dancers are to arrive on this day during their specified time (Please scroll down to our Photo Day Schedule) in costume and with hair up and make up done. If dancers are in more than one dance class and need to change between photos, parents are asked to change their child on the premises (i.e., the change room) for their next photo session. Please note that a group class picture and individual pictures will be taken. If you are not attending this day, please be courteous and email the school at dancedreams@rogers.com to inform the school that your child will not be attending so we are not waiting for your child during the class allotted time. On Photo parents could pre-order their school photos and order a recital video at the studio. Please note in the Sandra

Faire & Ivan Fecan theatre photography and videotaping is prohibited. All questions pertaining to video and photo orders should be emailed to our school photographer/videographer James Scobbie at info@raintreephoto.com

DANCE RECITAL PROGRAM SPONSORS

Dance Dreams is once again looking for sponsors to support our dance studio. Anyone who is interested in advertising their business in our dance recital program, can submit their business card for \$75.00 and emailing it to the school. Submissions could also be from family or friends who don't attend Dance Dreams. Our recital will be at the Sandra Faire and Ivan Fecan theatre at York University and your business will also be mentioned as a sponsor during our speeches on stage. Being that we are a very small studio, funds for our studio can go along way! If interested in supporting our school, please email me back at dancedreams@rogers.com Dance Dreams would like to thank our past recital sponsors who supported our school. Please support the Arts and the future for our children!

WAIVER AND YEARLY PAYMENT

Please note that dancers cannot be admitted into a dance class or camp session unless the yearly fees are paid in full upon entering the studio and a waiver form has been properly filled out and handed or mailed into the studio.

WAITING ROOMS/SCHOOL ENTRANCES:

We ask that students and parents access the studio by walking down the pathway at the side of the premises to enter via the side entrance of the studio. Please do not walk on the driveway which should only be accessed by cars. **We strongly ask that under no circumstances should anyone walk through the studio(s) with their outdoor shoes on. Our studio has professional Harlequin flooring and this will not only dirty our floors but cause damage as well!** We also kindly ask that dancers do not put their shoes inside the cubbies but rather on the floor mats or shoe racks closest to the front door of the studio. The salt off of the shoes or dirt off of shoes could damage or corrode the cubbies.

We have supplied shoe racks, cubbies, coat racks and shoe mats to store your articles of clothing and shoe wear. We also have a change room on the premises so that children can change into their dancewear accordingly. Parents are also welcome to wait for their children in the waiting area of the studio(s). **However, parents are kindly reminded to talk softly while in the hallway or waiting room and when invited into the dance studio to watch the students.** Please be courteous as talking in the waiting area, hallways or studio can affect the focus and learning of all of the dance students.

COMPETITIVE DIVISION AND JUDGING

We are so proud of the Dance Dreams Competitive Dance Company for their amazing performances this 2017-2018 Competitive Season! Please visit our school website and click on the Encore page to view all of the dancers' achievements (Awards and Scholarships received) that they earned from each competition this season.

We are also excited to announce that two of our teachers, Ms. Brooks and Ms. Gurgis were invited to be Dance Judges for the 2017-2018 season at a Dancefest Dance Competition, based on the merit of both creative choreography and proper ballet technique in training dancers at Dance Dreams School of Dance. Both teachers can now use their experiences as Dance Judges to further benefit our own students in training, performance, and choreography.

CLASS ATTENDANCE & LATENESS

Please be advised that the policy of Dance Dreams School of Dance is that if your child is more than 15 minutes late they are considered late for their class and will be charged for the class (especially if a solo class). We also stress the importance of dancers attending classes to learn both technique and the choreography. When there is a lot of class absenteeism, this plays a major factor in the growth and development of the dancer. Please be considerate and call or email the school to leave a message if you know that your child will not be attending dance class.

DEADLINES

If your child is not going to partake in our 2019 recital held on Sat. June 15th, please let the school know by the deadline date of Sat. Oct. 27, 2018 and the costume fee will be reimbursed to you. Also, students who have participated in a particular dance form and would like to switch to another dance form have until Sat. Oct. 6, 2018 to do so. After these dates, the dancer has committed to a dance form for the year and the end of the year recital costume and annual fees will not be reimbursed.

VISITOR DAYS

Mon. Dec. 17, Tues. Dec. 18, Wed. Dec. 19, Thurs. Dec. 20, Fri. Dec. 21, Sat. Dec. 22

You are invited to view your child's class(es) on these dates.

COSTUME AND RECITAL TICKET SALES

In term one, all dancers will be measured in class and all information sent to the costume supplier to begin production of costumes.

Please note that all costume fees have been included already in the yearly fees and all costumes are yours to keep! If any parents have old costumes they would like to dispose of, you can donate them to the school! We would use these costumes for our recreational camps.

We will also be having tickets sold for our 2019 recital in the beginning of May. Tickets can be purchased online. More details to follow.

PRACTICE AT HOME

Much of dancers' success is the practice they conduct outside of the studio's rehearsal hours. When dancers come to class unrehearsed and not remembering choreography that was thoroughly taught to them in class, it slows down the choreography and teaching process as well as the dancers' rate of progress and growth. The most successful dancers are those that are evidently well rehearsed outside of class, including choreography memorization, practicing musicality with the appropriate song per each dance, working on technique that is in need of improvement, as well as practicing the performance and character development of each dance. If a lack of practice becomes a serious issue in hindering the growth of a dancer, a meeting will be arranged between teachers and parents for the benefit of the student. This will be of much importance in both the recreational and especially the competitive program in our school.

DANCE PARTIES FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS!

If you are looking for a unique party for yourself or your child, then why not consider having a Dance Dreams dance party! Please email the school at dancedreams@rogers.com to inquire. We provide both children and adult dance parties!

BRING A FRIEND WEEK!

Dance Dreams is inviting dancers to bring their friend during dance week on Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 24th. Dancers can bring in a friend to dance in their dance class(es) to share with them their love of dance. Participants are kindly asked to bring only one friend to dance class.

PARKING

Parking is very limited in the front of the building. As many of you live in King City, walking to the studio on warm days will be greatly appreciated, especially for the older students. When dropping off your child(ren) please walk them into the studio for safety reasons as there are many cars moving in the parking lot and off of Keele Street. There is limited street parking on Keele Street and at the front of the studio. Parents can always park in the arena and walk the dancers to the studio as well. Please note that back parking is for staff and tenants of the building.

HEALTH & WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Dance Dreams is committed to supplying a dance program that facilitates a health and wellness education for each dancer. The Dance Dreams team includes a Clinical Psychologist (C. Psych.) who provides workshops for both the competitive and recreational divisions on dancer anxiety and self-esteem. Also on staff is a sports psychology Ph.D. Candidate and certified personal trainer, Mr. Joseph Gurgis, who leads workshops for the Senior Competitive dance students on strengthening, flexibility, and injury prevention while consulting with choreographers on healthy coaching strategies. Our collective approach focuses not on the pressures to win in competition and performance, but to foster the mental and physical health of our students while cultivating their evolution as young artists. You can read more about our Health and Wellness Consultants on our online Faculty page on our school website. This year we will be holding another Dancer Anxiety workshop at the studio on Sat. Dec. 1st from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This workshop will deal with the issues of dancer anxiety, particularly while in performance. If you are interested in attending this workshop with your child, please email the school. The cost of the workshop is \$5.00 per person. We kindly ask that only Dance Dreams dancers and a parent (no siblings please who are not in our school) attend this workshop.

BENEFITS OF MARCH BREAK AND SUMMER DANCE CAMPS!

Dance Camps help to further learning, underscoring the importance of both performance and technique in a dancer's training. Our camp provide training in many dance styles (Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary and Musical Theatre), stressing versatility in training, while enhancing the technical aspects of dance. We offer both recreational and competitive level camps. Log onto our school website to register for our 2019 March Break Dance Camp and our 2019 Summer Camps!



STUDIO DANCE STORE:



At Dance Dreams, all dancers must have their hair up and dancewear must be worn at all times in all dance classes. This is not only for hygienic purposes, but dancewear allows the body to breathe and also ensures proper training dancing in stretchable fabric that allows full range of movement, which regular clothing does not provide. We ask that all students adhere to this school policy.

We are also selling drawstring dance bags (\$10.00 tax incl.), Dance Dreams 500 ml stainless steel water bottles with Dance Dreams logo (\$16.00 tax incl.) and dance journals (\$10.00 tax incl.) also with our school logo on it and hair accessories (hairnets and hair pins and hair elastics) in our store. You can log onto our website and click on our Shop Page to order. Please note that proceeds from all sold will go towards raising money for our studio!

There are still spaces available in some of our dance classes. Please visit our school website at dancedreams.ca to register! Please note that students will not be reimbursed for classes missed or for a late registration. Dance Dreams also reserves the right to cancel a class due to low enrollment or student dropout.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are pleased to announce one of our teachers, Ms. Mariana Gurgis, received a full paid scholarship from Performing Arts Educators of Canada. The judges based this award solely on teacher choreography! She has been invited to attend a full Intensive Teacher Workshop with top Canadian Choreographers and in industry professionals. We are very proud of your accomplishments Ms. Gurgis!

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Please note this year the office ours are as follows:

Monday-Friday: 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Please make an appointment via phone or email to schedule in-person registrations or meetings held within office hours.



Dance Dreams Recreational Class Photo Schedule

Wed. May 22, 2019

**This Schedule does not include Photo Day times for Competitive Division Classes which will be handed out in Competitive Division classes)*

Dancers are to arrive on this day during the time specified below in costume and with hair up and make up done. If dancers are in more than one dance class and need to change between photos, parents are asked to change their child on the premises (i.e., the change room) for their next photo session. Please note that a group class picture and individual pictures will be taken. If you are not attending this day, please be courteous and email the school at dancedreams@rogers.com to inform the school that your child will not be attending so we are not waiting for your child during the time allotted below.

Time	Class(es)
5:00	-Jr. Rec Jazz/Hip Hop Combo Thurs. 5:15-6:00 Rec class -Jr Musical Theatre Wed. 4:15-5:00 Rec Class
5:15	-Sr. Ballet /Modern Thurs 6:45-7:45 Rec class - Int Ballet/Modern Combo Wed. 5:00-6:00 Rec Class
5:30	-Int/Sr Tap Wednesday 7:00-8:00 Rec Class -Jr Tap Thursdays 4:30-5:15 Rec Class
5:45	-Sr Hip Hop/Jazz Combo Thursday 7:45-8:45 Rec Class - Int. Jazz/Hip Hop Combo Wed. 6:00-7:00 Rec Class
6:00	-Jr Ballet/Modern combo Thursday 6:00-6:45 Rec class

We look forward to seeing you on all on this day!

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School Facebook Page: facebook.com/DanceDreamsSchoolPage

Twitter Page: [@Dance_Dreams](https://twitter.com/Dance_Dreams)

Instagram: [Dance_Dreams_School_Of_Dance](https://www.instagram.com/Dance_Dreams_School_Of_Dance)