



Dance Dreams SCHOOL OF DANCE

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Established 1999

Welcome Back!

This is our 21st year of dance and we are very excited for our upcoming season! We would like to thank our students who participated in our highly successful "Be The Change" dance recital in June! This season we will be having once again our performance at the York University Theatre on Sat. June 6th! Make sure to mark this date on your calendar! 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. Henderson (Rec Division Dance Teacher)

IMPORTANT CLASS TERM DATES:

The studio will be closed on the following dates:

Monday Classes: Mon. Oct 14th (Thanksgiving Weekend)
Mon. Feb. 17th (Family Day)
Mon. March 16th (March Break)
Mon. April 13th (Easter Weekend)
Mon. May 18 (Victoria Day)

Tuesday Classes: Tues. March 17th (March Break)

Wednesday Classes: Wed. March 18th (March Break)

Thursday Classes: Thurs. March 19th (March Break) and
Thurs. May 14th (Photo Day)

RECREATIONAL CLASSES

Thurs. Sept 26th to Dec. 19th (Term 1)

Thurs. Jan. 9th to May 28th (Term 2)

*Thursday classes commence one week earlier (Jan. 9th instead of Jan. 16th to replace classes missed on Photo Day)

*Please note that there are no classes held during the week of our Dance Recital

**Dance Dreams reserves the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment or student dropout.

VISITOR DAYS

Thurs. Dec. 19

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

WAIVER AND YEARLY PAYMENT

Please note that dancers will not 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.

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 school page if classes are cancelled. We strongly advise all parents join our school Facebook page (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.

Please follow us on our School Pages:

Facebook: 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.

PHOTO DAY

Photo day will be held this year at the studio on Thurs. May 14, 2020. **There will be no Thursday classes held on this day.** Dancers are to arrive on this day during their specified time in costume and with hair up and make up done (Please scroll down to our Photo Day Schedule). 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

On Photo Day, 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@raintreephotography.com

BRING A FRIEND DAY!

Dance Dreams is inviting dancers to bring their friend to dance on 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 per dance class.

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 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 in 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 is of much importance in both the recreational and competitive program in our school.

COMPETITION DANCE JUDGES

We are also excited to announce that two of our teachers, Ms. Brooks and Ms. Gurgis were Dance Judges for another year for the 2019-2020 season based on the merit of both creative choreography and proper ballet technique in training dancers at Dance Dreams School of Dance. Both teachers were excited to use their experiences as Dance Judges to further benefit our own students in training, performance, and choreography.

WAITING ROOMS/SCHOOL ENTRANCES:

We ask that students and parents enter via the side of the building. Parents can walk down the pathway at the side of the premises building to enter via the back studio entrance. **We strongly ask that under no circumstances should anyone walk through the studio(s) with their outdoor shoes on.** 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. **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 areas, hallways or studio can affect the focus and learning of all of the dance students

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. In the second term, all costumes will be handed out in dance classes at the end of April to all Dance Dreams dancers. ***Please note that all costume fees have been included already in the yearly fees and all costumes are yours to keep!*** Also, if any parents have old costumes they would like to dispose of, you can donate them to the school! We could use these costumes for our recreational camps. We will also be having tickets sold for our 2020 recital in the beginning of May. Tickets can be purchased online. More details to follow.

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 professional dance teacher come to your home to teach a dance class (in any dance form) to your friends! Please email the school at dancedreams@rogers.com to inquire. We provide both children and adult dance parties! Book it now!

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 2020 recital, please let the school know by Thurs. Oct. 31, 2020 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 Thurs. Oct. 10th to switch to another class. After this date there will be no costume reimbursement nor class changes will be made.

PARKING

Parking is very limited in the front of the building. There is 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. Many dancers live in King City and walking to the studio on warm days will be greatly appreciated, especially for older students. When dropping off your young child(ren), we ask that parents escort each student from their car into the studio. Please note that back parking is only for staff and tenants of the building.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Teachers are not responsible for unattended dancers before the dance class begins. Please adhere to the designated start times and we ask that dancers are not dropped off a substantial time before the class start time and left on their own. We ask to respect that this is a studio area and running around the space and being loud affects the learning of all dance students who are in class.

ALLEGIES

We have students in the school who are allergic to peanut butter products. We kindly ask that no peanut butter products are brought into the studio and if your child eats peanut butter at home, please have them wash their hands before attending a dance class at the studio. We thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

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. 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. 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 \$10.00 per person. Payment must be submitted to the school before attending this workshop.

BENEFITS OF MARCH BREAK AND SUMMER DANCE CAMPS!

Dance Camps emphasize 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 2020 March Break Dance Camp and our 2020 Summer Camps. Dates are already posted!

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