

## FUN 'N' DANCE LTD. - SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024

First, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our students and their parents and say, 'thank you' for choosing Fun 'n' Dance. We hope that you had a safe and enjoyable summer and are ready for a 'fun-filled' year of dance! As the fall term gets underway, there are some items we would like you to note:



### START DATE FOR CLASSES

Our first day of regular classes will be **Monday, September 9.**

To confirm days and times for classes, please refer to our 2024/2025 schedule which has been sent out with this newsletter.

### OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER

Our email address for all enquiries is [office@funndance.com](mailto:office@funndance.com) All emails and email transfers for fees should be sent to this email address, thank you! You can also call the office at **403-289-6493.**

### REGISTRATION & FEES

Registration for the 2024/2025 school year is ongoing. Should you have not yet registered your child for dance class(es), then please email Miss Julie at [office@funndance.com](mailto:office@funndance.com) and she will email the necessary forms which need to be returned *as soon as possible*. It is very important that ALL students registering for classes submit the following forms before classes commence on **Monday September 9:**

- **registration form** (1 per student registering)
- **medical/waiver of liability form** (1 per student registering)
- **consent to receive e-mails form** (1 per family)

These forms can be found on our website at [www.funndance.com](http://www.funndance.com) OR [www.funndance.ca](http://www.funndance.ca)

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- **WE WOULD PREFER FEES TO BE PAID BY EMAIL TRANSFER** (email transfers are due on the **1<sup>st</sup> day of each month** and should be sent to [office@funndance.com](mailto:office@funndance.com))
- **FEES CAN ALSO BE PAID BY POSTDATED CHEQUES** (i.e. 10 postdated cheques dated the first of each month from Sept. 2024 to June 2025 OR 3 termly postdated cheques dated Sept. 1, 2024, Jan. 1, 2025 and April 1, 2025).
- Fees are due on the **1st day of each month** from Sept. 2024 to June 2025 *unless an alternative date has been arranged with Miss Julie*
- There is a **\$40.00** registration fee charged per student registering or **\$60.00** per family registering.

### TEACHING STAFF

Our teaching staff comprises of Miss Julie for Ballet and Pointe; Miss Natasha for Ballet, Pointe, Lyrical and Ukrainian; Miss Amanda for the Tuesday Tap/Jazz classes; Miss Alena for our Thursday Jazz, Musical Theatre and Contemporary classes and Miss Mikaela for our Hip-Hop and Acrobatics classes on Tuesdays; Dagmar Viberg will also be coming in to help with pointe classes. And we are delighted to have Miss Tory teaching ballet classes on Monday and Saturday.

We pride ourselves on quality teaching with individual correction and a strong emphasis on the use of correct and safe technique while not forgetting that learning to dance should be 'fun'! All our teachers are life-long learners and regularly undertake Continuing Professional Development courses to further enhance their teaching skills, they also undergo police checks every 3 years.

### GETTING READY FOR CLASS

Miss Julie would recommend that all students arrive with their dance attire on under their regular clothes if possible. They should then wait in the cloak room downstairs until their teacher comes to collect them. Students should bring their dance bags and all valuables up to the studio/Beugin hall with them and store them neatly at the side or in the cubbies provided. **NO** outdoor shoes should be worn in the dance studio so that we can keep our dance floor clean. If a parent is delayed in picking their child up at the end of dance class, the teacher will take the child back upstairs to wait safely in the dance studio until mum or dad arrives, this is particularly for the safety of the younger students.

Please ensure that you are prompt when dropping off and picking up your child. Teachers are **not** responsible for students before and after classes.

For younger students and students who are new to the studio, we would ask that only one parent enter the building to help the child get ready for class to avoid congestion in the downstairs cloak room.

Please **keep your child(ren) at home if they are showing signs of being in any way unwell**, we *truly* appreciate your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

### E-MAIL ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure that all your contact information submitted on your registration form is *correct* and *up-to-date* and you have an *emergency contact* person listed other than a parent.

It is important that we have a **current email address** on file for your child as this is our main way of communicating with parents. Please note that Fun 'n' Dance is committed to keeping all e-mail information private and will use e-mail addresses purely to relay school related material. A newsletter will be emailed to parents at the start of each month, we appreciate you taking the time to read it through. The monthly newsletters are also posted on our website at [www.funndance.com](http://www.funndance.com) or [www.funndance.ca](http://www.funndance.ca)

### STUDIO HOLIDAYS

Please note, **ALL** regular dance classes will be **CANCELLED** on the following dates:

**Sat. October 12 and Mon. October 14** (Thanksgiving weekend)

**Thurs. October 31** (Halloween)

**Mon. November 11** (Remembrance Day)

**Frid. December 20, 2024 to Sun. January 5, 2025** (Christmas holidays)

**Thurs. February 13, Sat. February 15 & Mon. February 17** (Teacher's Convention & Family Day)

**Frid. March 21 to Sun. March 30** (Spring break)

**Sat. May 17 and Mon. May 19, 2025** (Victoria Day long weekend)

**Sat. June 21** (last day of classes before summer break)

## 2ND HAND SALE

We shall be holding our annual “2nd hand sale” on **Friday, September 20** at the Rosedale community centre from **4.00 to 5.00pm** in the studio upstairs. All the ‘used’ dance clothing and footwear stored in our cupboards will be on sale at very reasonable prices. Should you have any dance wear that your child has outgrown and you wish to sell, please drop it off during class time, washed and clearly labeled with your name and the price you wish to sell the item for, no later than Thursday, September 19 \*(putting the items in individual zip-loc bags helps to keep them clean and makes labeling easier, however please label all items inside the bag individually as well as labeling the bag on the outside).

We ask that all purchases be paid for with **CASH** as the money is returned directly to the previous owner. Parent volunteers to help sort and label items before the sale as well as help during the sale would be greatly appreciated, if you are willing to lend a hand, please call Miss Julie at **403-289-6493** or e-mail her *as soon as possible*. A reminder that our 2nd hand sale is *only* for students registered in our dance program.

*\*Miss Julie will also be selling some **white tutus** she is retiring from the costume stash for **\$5 per tutu**\**

## DRESS REQUIREMENTS

A detailed list of dress requirements for each class has been sent out with this newsletter, if you have any questions, then please email Miss Julie at [office@funndance.com](mailto:office@funndance.com)

### Character Skirts

Character skirts for all students in Grade 1 to Grade 8 Ballet are custom-made for Fun ‘n’ Dance Ltd. by ‘*Stardom Costumes*’. Order forms will be handed out in class during the next couple of weeks.

### Hair & Jewellery

Hair must be securely tied back in a classical bun using hair pins and a hair net for **Grade 1 ballet and higher** as well as for **Ukrainian**. For Storybook to Primary ballet and all Jazz, Tap, Hip-Hop, Lyrical/Contemporary and Musical Theatre Class, students may wear their hair neatly pulled back away from their face, in a ponytail or a French braid. For Acrobatics classes, long hair should be neatly tied back away from the face in a braid or low bun.

No jewellery should be worn to any of the dance classes purely for reasons of safety. Very small stud earrings are acceptable but hanging earrings or hoops are not allowed. Please leave all valuables at home.

## STUDIO RULES

Please take a moment to go through the following rules with your child, particularly the rules regarding cell phones/electronic devices. The rules are **important** and enable us to make Fun ‘n’ Dance a safe and enjoyable place to learn for everyone. Thank you for your co-operation:

1. Fun ‘n’ Dance Ltd. *strictly* prohibits the use of cell phones/electronic devices in the cloak room downstairs and upstairs in the dance studio and Beugin hall. Students are advised to always keep their cell phones/electronic devices in their dance bags or leave them at home. If a student needs to call/text their parents, they should do so in the front door area of the community centre or outside.
2. Filming or taking photos of other students is strictly forbidden in the cloak room downstairs and upstairs in the dance studio and Beugin hall. This rule also applies to the changing area on recital photo day as well as the dressing rooms in the theatre during recital.

3. All students are expected to treat the community centre with respect and be courteous to each other as well as to other groups renting the premises.
4. Poor behaviour in class and disrespect for fellow students and teachers will **NOT** be tolerated.
5. If a problem arises regarding your child, please phone the office (403-289-6493) or email Miss Julie at [office@funndance.com](mailto:office@funndance.com) to set up an appointment to discuss the issue.
6. Parents, please be prompt in picking up students after class. Teachers are **not** responsible for students before and after classes.
7. NO chewing gum in class or in the building.
8. A missed class does not entitle you to a refund.
9. **ONE MONTH'S** written notice is required if a student wishes to terminate classes.
10. The teacher's decision as to whether a student will or will not take an exam is final.
11. Students must arrive and leave the community centre properly dressed in outdoor clothing, not just in dance wear, particularly during the winter months. This is a rule for health reasons as well as for appearances.
12. Students in Grade 2 Ballet or higher must attend two ballet classes per week.

*The teachers will also be going through these rules with the students the first week back of classes. We are **really** looking forward to seeing everybody again!!*

