




March Newsletter

Pre-Registration is here!! Can you believe it's that time of year already? Pre-registration has begun for the fall 2016/2017 dance season. Attached is the tentative class schedule. We have highlighted all of the classes your child is eligible to take. The purpose of pre-registration is to hold your child's place in the class she/he wishes to take. We have added in some additional class times in order to keep each class small. All registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Only pre-registered students will have first choice over all classes. The cost of pre-registration is \$60 + HST (\$67.80). This amount will come off of your September dance fees. Each student who pre-registers will receive a free (\$35) recital DVD or one piece of OSD dancewear. You have the option of choosing whichever item is of most interest to you.

If you would like to pre-register for the 2016-2017 dance season, you can do so online (www.oxfordschoolofdance.com), over the phone, or at the reception counter. Fall tuition will be based on the amount of hours a student dances. We will also be offering our Family Discount and our Referral Discount again this year. Please note, that once a student dances more than 4 hours per week, all additional classes are free.

NEW!!! We are excited to announce that Oxford School of Dance is presenting its first **Showcase!!** We will be showing off the recital pieces for Grades 4 and up. The purpose of this performance is to give the students an opportunity to execute their dances for an audience before recital. We will be putting on this free performance at Woodingford Lodge Nursing Home (325 Thames St S. Ingersoll) on Sunday, April 10th at 3:00pm. Feel free to bring family and friends to this event. The hospital has limited seating and they do give their residents priority seating. Please be prepared to stand if the event is busy. The show will last approximately 30-45 minutes in length.

Dates to Remember:

-  March Break –NO CLASSES will be held between March 14th – 19th. Because March Break and Easter are so close together this year, the Saturday students will be missing two Saturdays in a row.
-  Easter Weekend –NO CLASSES will be held on Friday March 25th - Monday 28th
-  The 2015-2016 dance season ends May 15th.

The March Wall of Achievement

the theme is Spatial Awareness/Formati ons. In case you are wondering, spatial awareness is the ability to be aware of oneself in a space. It also involves understanding your body in relation to other dancers and objects in the room, as well as traveling steps vs stationary steps.

Ballet Exams

are happening this Friday! Good Luck to all the students taking their Ballet Exams on March 4th. All of the dancers have been working so hard and putting in extra hours perfecting their technique. These students have been showing exemplary work. We are so proud of their efforts and work ethic.

Parent Volunteers are so important backstage during the Recital. Depending on the group, we will be asking one to two Moms from each class to look after the students during the Dress Rehearsal on Sunday, May 8th and the Recital on Sunday, May 15th. Volunteers must be present for both the Dress Rehearsal and the Recital. This allows the volunteer to learn how the show will run in order to best assist their group on recital day! You will not be alone in this job, as the assistant teacher for each class will also be there. If you would be willing to volunteer, please enter your full name and the name of your child on the "Parent Volunteer Sign Up Sheet" that is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions prior to volunteering, feel free to call or email the office. We want the dancers to have a positive experience during the Dress Rehearsal and the Recital and a huge part of that is the parent volunteer keeping everything positive, organized, and entertaining. Given that the majority of the dancers are girls, we will only be asking for female parent volunteers. Thank you in advance for considering volunteering your time. Volunteers will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Thank you!

Picture Day & Run Through is coming up on April 13th, 14th, and 15th. Regular classes will not be running on these days. Please check the Picture Day & Run Through schedule located on the reception counter to see your child's class time. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the office staff. These are very special days for your dancer so please make sure they are prepared for it.

Recital Tickets go on sale March 15th! These can be picked up and paid for at the reception counter on Mon-Thurs evening or Sat morning. Payment options are cash, cheque, or credit. Adult tickets are \$16 in advance and \$20 at the door and child tickets (under 12) are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. We are renting out the beautiful theatre at Forest City Community Church in London. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to each show. Please arrive early to claim the seats you would like, as we are NOT doing assigned seating. The theatre has a strict no food and beverage policy so we do ask that all dance families be respectful of this. If you are planning on attending both shows, you will need to purchase tickets for both performances. The theatre will be cleared and closed for cleaning in between shows.

Recital DVDs are available for purchase. If you would like to order a DVD of the Recital, please fill out a DVD order form located at the reception counter. A DVD can be ordered up until the night of the Recital at the rate of \$35 (free with Pre-registration). NO VIDEOGRAPHY OR PHOTOGRAPHY IS PERMITTED DURING THE SHOW. This is extremely distracting for the dancers onstage and the parents sitting around you. If you wish to remember the event, please purchase a DVD. Both the Junior Show and the Senior Show will be on the same DVD this year!

Dress Rehearsal is Sunday May 8th for both the junior show and senior show. The Dress Rehearsal will take place at Forest City Community Church (3725 Bostwick Rd London). Students should arrive in their costumes with their hair in a ballet bun. Please see the attached recital sheet for Dress Rehearsal and Recital information.

Summer Camp registrations are going really well! There are still spots available in the July and August programs. We are gearing up to have an amazing summer! Our July Full Day Camp will be putting on a performance in the Canterbury Folk Festival in Ingersoll and our August Full Day Camp will be putting on a performance in the Harvest Festival in Ingersoll. Both performances are happening at 2pm on the Saturday after camp. It is so wonderful so see the dancers show off the skills they have worked so hard to master during the week of camp. We are still offering a 10% early bird discount on all summer dance registrations received before May 15th.

Thank you