

April Newsletter

by Oxford School of Dance

We hope you have a lovely March Break and Easter Weekend. I am happy to say that there are no more holidays left in this dance season. Here are all the details you need to be aware of this month:

The Wall of Achievement Theme this month is *Musicality/Responsiveness to the Music*. Musicality is extremely important in a dancer's training. The teachers will be specifically looking for students who reflect the mood of the music through their entire body.

Bring a Friend Week is coming up on Monday, April 25th - Saturday, April 30th. Each dancer has the option of bringing a friend along to dance with them. The friend should be of a similar age to that of your child so that they can also enjoy the class. Please instruct your child's friend to wear comfortable clothing that they can easily move in.

OSD is presenting it's first Showcase! If you would like to see our Gr. 4 - Advanced Foundation dancers perform in a free community performance, come to Woodingford Lodge Nursing Home (325 Thames St S, Ingersoll) on Sunday April 10th at 3:00pm.

Pre-Registration for the 2016-2017 Dance Season is well underway. Pre-register online, over the phone, or at the reception counter. We are giving a free DVD or piece of OSD Dancewear to each student who pre-registers before May 15th.

Recital Tickets are now on sale! Stop by the reception counter to get yours!



Picture Days are Wednesday, April 13th, and Thursday, April 14th. Regular classes will NOT be running on these days. Please check the Picture Day Schedule for your child's exact date and time. Dancers need to arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled picture time in their costumes with their hair in a ballet bun.

Run Through for The Senior Show will take place on Friday, April 15th. Regular classes will NOT be running on this day. We will be running through the entire senior show to give the students an opportunity to watch the show and perform their dances for their peers. Run Through will be held from 6:00-8:15pm. We will NOT be doing a run through for the Junior Show as this can be an extremely long process for dancers of a young age.

Parent Volunteers are needed for the recital. This is so important backstage. 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. Please consider this option, as it is imperative that the students be properly attended to backstage during the recital. 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.

Recital DVDs can be ordered up until the night of the Recital at the rate of \$35 (free with Pre-registrations). NO VIDEOGRAPHY OR PHOTOGRAPHY IS PERMITTED DURING THE RECITAL. 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!

The Dress Rehearsal for The Junior and Senior show is Sunday, May 8th at Forest City Community Church. See the attached Dress Rehearsal Schedule for your child's class time.

The Year End Recital is Sunday, May 15th at Forest City Community Church. The Junior Show is at 4:30pm and the Senior Show is at 6:30pm. The 2015-2016 Dance Season comes to a close after the recital. OSD will be open every Tuesday for registration and office hours after the recital and throughout the summer months

Dance This Summer!

Summer Dance Programs are just around the corner. Register before May 15th and receive 10% off! Ask us about the exciting things the students in each program will participate in this summer!