

October Newsletter

Welcome Students and Parents to the 2016/2017 dance season. We could not be more thrilled to have you with us! We have lots of wonderful dance activities/events planned for the students this year! The children are settling well into their new routines; welcome to all those who are new to our studio.

Communication/Social Media is very important in the dance environment. We have extended our office hours to assist you better; Miss Julie or Miss Connie will be at the reception counter to help with any questions or concerns you may have. Feel free to join OSD on Instagram and Facebook, as we will be posting pictures and videos of daily life at the studio.

Important Dates:

- Thanksgiving – No classes. The School will be closed from Saturday, October 8th to Monday, October 10th.
- Halloween – No classes. The School will be closed on Monday, October 31st. Classes will be held on Sunday, October 30th instead. All class times will remain exactly the same. We are simply running our Monday evening classes on Sunday evening to allow the children to go trick or treating on Halloween.
- Open House – Coming soon! All classes will be open for parent viewing from Monday, November 7th to Saturday, November 12th.

The School Lost and Found is located in the ladies change room. Should your child leave any items behind during the dance season, they can be found in this location. Oxford School of Dance is not responsible for any lost items. At the end of each night, all items left behind will be placed in this location.

The Santa Clause Parade is taking place on Saturday, November 19th in Ingersoll. We are so excited to announce that OSD will be participating this year! We will be putting on a huge performance! Our dancers will be dancing down the street to our favourite Christmas music in a flash mob dance style! If your child is in Gr. 2 Ballet and up, or 9 years of age and older, we would love to have them participate! If your child is under the minimum age requirement, feel free to come out and cheer us on!

New Clothing has arrived. Please feel free to come to the reception area and have a look at our OSD dancewear. Warm-up jackets, shorts, leggings, hoodies, t-shirts, and tank tops are brand new this season. Please ask about sizes and we will "fit" you up! The warm up jacket can also be personalized if you wish to have your child's name put on the left chest.

Rules of Conduct - For the sake of preserving the quality of every student's experience at Oxford School of Dance and for the safety of your children, we would appreciate your observation of the following policies and rules of conduct.

1. There will be no screaming or running in the facility.
2. Siblings who are not dancing should behave appropriately and wait quietly so as not to disturb the dance classes.
3. With the exception of when the student is in dance class, it is the parent's/caregiver's responsibility to supervise his/her children, including siblings, at all times. This applies to inside and outside of the building on the Dance School grounds. Children must be picked up immediately following their class, as their teacher will be teaching the next scheduled class.
4. Please remove wet shoes/boots after entering from the outside, and put them on the shelves provided. Young children should be taken to the bathroom by the parent/caregiver before class.
5. Gum is not allowed during class. Please ensure that your child does not enter the classroom while chewing gum.
6. Please put name labels on dance shoes and dance attire so that you can identify your belongings.
7. Remember to have your child take off their jewellery before class and better still, leave it safely at home.
8. Cellphones must be kept in the student's dance bag and turned off during classes. They are absolutely forbidden in the classroom.
9. Have a positive attitude and always be polite.
10. Clean up after yourself. Let's all work together to keep the dance school neat and tidy.

The Wall of Achievement is back! Our monthly themes/goals for the students are posted on the star board downstairs. Each month the teachers will be giving out stars to the students in their classes they feel have achieved the monthly goal. This is a really nice way of encouraging and rewarding hard work!

The Adult Jazz Class is cancelled, due to lack of attendance. Our Adult Ballet and Barre Classes are still running strong. If you're interested in trying an adult class. We are offering a free trial class to everyone!

Congratulations to our Gr. 5 students! These ladies will be traveling to The Shoe Room in Toronto on October 2nd to be fitted for their very first pair of pointe shoes. Congratulations girls for making it to this very important milestone in a dancer's life.

Studio News! There is going to be another OSD baby! Miss Victoria and her husband Alex are expecting their second child. The baby is due in January.