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To the Pointe Newsletter



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Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! Thank you again to everyone for an amazing Christmas Recital. We could not be more proud of our dancers and appreciate everyone who came to watch and cheer them on!

We are excited to kick off the second half of the dance year, as we launch into finishing and cleaning choreography for our Performing Arts dancers, prepping for festival season and our year-end recital at the end of April. A reminder that classes start up on Monday, January 8th.

We would also like to welcome the new Recreational dancers that have joined us. We can't wait to meet you! Here's to 2024!

Sincerely,
Gjenna & Anne-Alisa

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Make up class details

Miss Alexis will be holding a make up class for when her classes were cancelled on December 5th. All Tuesday night ballet classes will run at their regular times on **Friday, January 12th**. Attendance is important, so please let us know if your dancer is unable to be there. Thank you from G2D!

Attendance reminder

As we head into the second half of the season, we want to take a moment to remind our dancers and dance families the importance of attendance. Our Performing Arts dancers can have up to three unexcused absences in a class - after this time an instructor reserves the right to remove a dancer from portions of choreography. Dance is a team effort and when a dancer has repeated absences, it's hard for the class to move forward, make corrections in routines, and add on new choreography. Excusable absences include illness, vacations, and family emergencies, and must be communicated to a G2D instructor. Thank you for your cooperation!

Congratulations, Blakely & Alexis!

Congratulations go out to Junior Level dancer Blakely, and Senior Level dancer, Alexis, who performed in The Nutcracker in December. This is a great experience to be part of, and we commend them both for the extra commitment and dedication it takes to be in this production. They did an amazing job. Bravo!



Festivals - Performing Arts only

The second half of the season means that festivals are quickly approaching! G2D has now entered all of our dancer's festival fees and submitted our entries. Festival fee invoices will be emailed out to all dance families this week, and are **due by February 16th**. A reminder of our upcoming festival dates:

- Debut Dance (St. Albert): March 16-18
- Sparkle (Camrose): April 6- 7 *Adult Hip Hop dancers will attend this festival.
- For the Love of Dance (Fort Saskatchewan): April 18-21 *Rising Stars and Adult Hip Hop dancers will attend this festival.

We typically receive festival schedules in February, and we will distribute them at that time. For those new to festivals, you only have to attend on the day you perform, and each festival is organized slightly different based on the festival organizer's rules and regulations. Please note that G2D has no control over the festival schedule, category, or level placement of routines.



Costumes

Costume invoices for our Junior, Intermediate and Senior dancers will be distributed shortly with remaining balances owing. Remember, costumes are ordered to fit a dancer's largest measurement, and therefore alterations may be required to some pieces in order to ensure the best fit (ie. shortening the length of pants, straps, etc.) Amber's Alterations is a great local store with tons of costume alteration experience! Please ensure you book an appointment as she becomes very busy during this time of the year.

Please note that costumes are sent home once all lesson, costume and festival fees are paid in full. Thank you for your cooperation!

Recreational and Rising Stars dancers: A reminder that the costumes purchased and worn for the Christmas Recital will also be worn for festival (Rising Stars) and our year-end recital in May. Please refrain from wearing your costume to keep it in good condition. If you have just joined our Recreational program, we will be taking your dancer's measurements and ordering theirs soon!

Important upcoming dates

Please mark your calendar with the following upcoming important dates:

Winter Break: To coincide with the Wolf Creek School Division's Winter Break (Family Day and Teachers' Convention), there will be no classes the week of February 19-23. Classes will resume on Monday, February 26.

Performing Arts Stage Rehearsal: scheduled for the week of March 4-7

Stage Rehearsal is for Rising Stars, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior level dancers, as well as our adult hip hop class. It gives our dancers the chance to practice their routines on stage before festivals begin. Due to increased theatre bookings, we were unfortunately not offered our usual weekend date, so rehearsals will run in the evenings. More details will be circulated in next month's newsletter. All Performing Arts dancers are required to attend, parents are welcome to sit and watch, and you can leave as soon as your routine(s) have rehearsed.

Extra Number Recital: details TBA

Spring Break: There will be no classes March 25-29 to coincide with the Wolf Creek School Division's Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, April 1. This is Easter Monday, but classes will be held in light of it being festival season. Thank you!

Picture Day: details TBA, but will once again be held during regular class time in April

Year-End Recital: Sunday, April 28, Red Deer Memorial Centre, additional details TBA

