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To the Pointe Newsletter



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Welcome, February!

We are one month closer to spring and our most favourite time of the year - festivals and recital! Please ensure you read our monthly newsletters thoroughly, as they outline important upcoming dates, performances, make up classes, and schedules.

February 10-13 is Valentine's Week, and dancers are welcome to wear any red, pink, or heart clothing and accessories to celebrate.

Sincerely,
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Important February Dates

Performing Arts dancers in a solo or duet are welcome to rent studio time during the month of February to rehearse your extra numbers. Email us to book!

February 17-20: Winter Break. The studio will be closed for regular classes to coincide with the Wolf Creek School Division's Winter Break. Classes will resume on Monday, February 24th.

Tuesday, February 18: Make up classes for Miss Gjenna's Thursday classes cancelled in January due to illness and weather. Miss Alexis would also like to hold two additional ballet practices for the Intermediates and Seniors.

Class times will be as follows:

Studio A (Miss Alexis)

- 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Senior Ballet
- 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Intermediate Ballet

Studio B (Miss Gjenna)

- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers II
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Junior Lyrical
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Senior Lyrical
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Senior Modern (2 make up classes that were cancelled due to instructor illness & weather)

Seniors will be provided breaks throughout the evening! ;)

February 21: Festival fees due for all Performing Arts dancers.

Friday, February 28: Ballet make up classes for Miss Alexis' cancellation in December due to illness. Class times are as follows:

- 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. | Pre-pointe/pointe
- 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Junior I Ballet
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. | Intermediate Ballet
- 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Junior II Ballet
- 8:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. | Senior Ballet

Attendance Reminder

It's hard to believe we are already six months into the dance season! Thank you, dancers and families, for your dedication. As we approach our final months, a reminder that attendance is very important, especially for our Performing Arts dancers. Instructors are working hard to put the final touches on choreography and clean routines so that everyone is prepared to hit the stage in March. Every dancer is an important part of the team! Multiple unexcused absences may result in a dancer being choreographed out of portions of their routine. If your dancer is unable to attend a class, please let your instructor know as soon as possible. Thank you from G2D!

Festivals - Performing Arts only

We have started to receive draft schedules from festival organizers. You can expect the finalized schedules to be arriving to your inbox over the coming weeks. Festival fee invoices were emailed out to all dance families last month, and are **due by February 21st**. A reminder of our upcoming festival dates:

- Debut Dance (St. Albert): March 14-16 (this festival has been shortened by one day)
- Dance Vibe (April 10-13) Adult Hip Hop dancers will attend this festival.
- For the Love of Dance (Fort Saskatchewan): April 15-19 *Rising Stars and Adult Hip Hop dancers will attend this festival.

Performing Arts Fees Reminder

A reminder that all lesson, costume, and festival fees must be paid in full before costumes are released and sent home. Costume payments are due by March 1st. If you have any questions, please contact us. We are happy to assist!

Performing Arts Stage Rehearsal week, modified schedules & Extra Number Recital details

Stage Rehearsal is for Performing Arts 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. Rehearsals will run in the evenings March 4th & 5th at the Red Deer Memorial Centre (the same location as our Christmas Recital). We have tried our best to schedule stage rehearsal to allow time for our dance families to get to Red Deer after school, while also not holding rehearsals too late into the evenings.

Please note that to accommodate stage rehearsals, there will be a modified schedule for all classes this week as instructors will be in Red Deer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

MONDAY, MARCH 3 - Modified Recreational schedule, no PA classes

ALL Recreational classes will run on Monday this week. There will be NO Performing Arts classes and no adult hip hop held on March 4th to accommodate our modified Recreational schedule. If you cannot attend, please let your instructor know. Class times are as follows:

Studio B (Miss Megan)

- 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Kinderdance I
- 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers I
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. | Kinderdance II
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. | Movers & Groovers

Studio A

- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Mini Movers & Groovers II (Miss Gjenna's Thursday class)
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Kinderdance III (Miss Gjenna's Tuesday class)
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Kinderdance IV (Miss Anne-Alisa's Thursday class)
- 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Rec Hip Hop

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 - Stage Rehearsal, Night 1, Red Deer Memorial Centre 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

There will be no classes running at the studio this evening!

All Performing Arts dancers are required to attend when their routines are scheduled, parents are welcome to sit and watch, and you can leave as soon as your routine(s) have rehearsed. This is not a ticketed event and all dances are filmed so that we can watch our footage in the studio afterwards.

Please arrive by entering through the Central Alberta Theatre (CAT) doors and allow yourself enough time to get organized in your designated change room and to properly stretch before we begin. Full hair, make up and costumes are required for Stage Rehearsal so that we can see how everything looks on stage. Please see the attached hair, costume and make up checklists to reference for performance season.

Performance order for Tuesday, March 4:

- 5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Variety

Remaining routines have roughly 15 minutes of practice each. Once your routine(s) are done, you are free to leave and aren't required to stay to the end.

- 5:45 p.m. - 8 p.m. performance order:

1. Rising Stars Ballet
2. Junior Hip Hop
3. Rising Stars Jazz
4. Junior I Ballet
5. Intermediate Ballet
6. Junior II Ballet
7. Senior Ballet
8. Junior I Jazz
9. Junior Acro
10. Junior Lyrical
11. Junior II Jazz

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 - Stage Rehearsal, Night 2, Red Deer Memorial Centre 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

There will be no classes running at the studio this evening! Rising Stars and Junior level dancers do not attend tonight, as you have already rehearsed your dances.

Routines have roughly 15 minutes of practice each. Once your routine(s) are done, you are free to leave and aren't required to stay to the end.

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. performance order:

1. INT/SR Hip Hop
2. Intermediate Jazz
3. Senior Jazz
4. Intermediate Lyrical
5. Senior Lyrical
6. INT/SR Acro
7. Intermediate Modern
8. Senior Modern
9. Intermediate Contemporary
10. Senior Contemporary
11. Adult Hip Hop

Extra Number Recital

Extra Number Dress Rehearsal: We will hold a dress rehearsal for our Extra Number Recital on Saturday, March 1 at the studio, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Dancers should come in costume, and once they have performed their number, they are free to go. (See below for performance order.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6 - Extra Number Recital, Red Deer Memorial Centre 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

There will be no classes running at the studio this evening!

All Performing Arts dancers in a solo or duet will have their routines showcased in our Extra Number Recital. This will be a ticketed event and gives dancers the chance to practice their routines on stage in front of an audience before festivals begin. These numbers will not perform in our year-end recital, so we encourage everyone to come and cheer on their teammates! Awards will be also be handed out at the end of the show.

Ticket cost: \$20 (includes link to recital filming that will be emailed to parents after the completion of the show). Dancers performing do not require a ticket, as they will be backstage.

How to purchase tickets: Tickets will go on sale on February 6th, starting at 9:30 a.m. through the Red Deer Memorial Centre, and can be purchased online: <https://www.showpass.com/g2dx25/>

Performance order:

1. Erika Reguly - variety solo
2. Jensen Gray & Alexis Raby - acro duet
3. Zeia Ayuno - jazz solo
4. Alexis Bogath - contemporary solo
5. Sophie Poncelet-Bjarnason - jazz solo
6. Hanna Paterson - lyrical solo
7. Zuri Ayuno - musical theatre solo
8. Alexis Raby - contemporary solo
9. Parker Hanke & Brielle Wiancko - lyrical duet
10. Klaire Potts - lyrical solo
11. Blaire Hulsman - contemporary solo
12. Lacey Cornelssen - acro solo
13. Blakely Veary - ballet solo
14. Alexis Raby - lyrical solo
15. Erika Reguly - jazz solo
16. Serenity Casey - jazz solo
17. Georgia Applin & Mackenzie McKnight - jazz duet
18. Kaylor Buffalo - acro solo
19. Cali Marshall - lyrical solo
20. Lacey Cornelssen & Layla-May Olson - contemporary duet
21. Alexis Raby - modern solo
22. Kayley Olson - jazz solo
23. Addison Wagner - lyrical solo
24. Blaire Hulsman - lyrical solo
25. Mackenzie McKnight - hip hop solo
26. Georgia Applin - contemporary solo
27. Erika Reguly - contemporary solo
28. Rylen Sande - lyrical solo
29. Layla-May Olson - contemporary solo
30. Mya Auvigne & Alexis Raby - jazz duet
31. Jessa York-McNichol - contemporary solo

Upcoming Important Dates

Spring Break: There will be no classes March 24-27 to coincide with the Wolf Creek School Division's Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, March 31st.

Picture Day: April 21-24 during regular class time. More details TBA.

Year-End Recital: Sunday, April 27, Red Deer Memorial Centre, additional details TBA.

