

Dance Dimensions Student/Parent Handbook 2015-2016

Welcome to Dance Dimensions for all new and returning students and parents! This guide should answer all your questions, as well as give you a year to date calendar of events and deadlines at the studio...

ALL studio information will now be available to parents & dancers on our website @ www.dancedimensionsregina.ca

The calendar of events and all monthly newsletters will also be posted on the bulletin boards.

Please read this FULLY and keep it as a reference for the dance season!

The 2015-2016 Staff members are Artistic Director- Kara Chernishenko, Ballet Director- Jennifer Dodge, Teachers: Erin Schwalm, Alyssa Kirk, Shayla Brown, Mackenzie Drumm and Sara Burchi.

Welcome to ALL Assistant Teachers and Class demonstrators. We would like to welcome Stephanie Milner our new office manager!

Dancers/Parents

We have a 30 cubby wall system for dancers to use for their jackets, small dance bags etc. We encourage our dancers to utilize this space for storage! We also have a 10 compartment cell phone/wallet locker. Dancers need to bring their own lock for these lockers and we ask that they please share with friends, as there are only 10 of them.

Dancers are NOT allowed to bring any items into the dance rooms, so please only bring what is necessary to the studio. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please do not leave items over night!

We understand that the lobby gets extremely busy here and finding space is never easy, but we ask you to do your best to be out of traffic ways when getting your children ready for class; if the doorways are clear, people are able to get in and out more easily and hopefully the lobby won't be so crowded. If your dancer has excess clothing (pants, jackets, sweaters, etc.) please hang them on the hooks on the wall or place them in a cubby box.

Hair/Dancewear/Footwear

A complete list of requirements for all classes is available on our website. We will be strictly enforcing them this season, so be sure your dancer has their hair properly secured every class, and wears the correct attire and footwear. If a dancer repeatedly has their hair down or is not dressed appropriately for class they will not be permitted to take part. A hockey player cannot participate without skates...therefore a dancer needs to also be prepared for every class ☺

Class Attendance

Dance Dimensions is a competition performance studio therefore regular class attendance is expected. If a dancer needs to miss a class we appreciate an email to inform the studio. (dancedimensions@sasktel.net)

In the event of a dancer missing multiple classes and therefore falling behind in the classes & choreography he/she may be removed from a section of choreography. We do not offer private lessons to catch dancers up. Please remember that our classes go until the end of May and attendance AFTER the competitions is still very important!

Dance Dimensions Studio Merchandise

DD studio merchandise is only ordered once/season. We offer a variety of DD clothing such as Sweatpants, Hoodies, Track Suits, Gym bags etc. The try-on sizes will be available at the studio beginning September 19th through Oct. 3rd. The deadline to place an order will be October 3rd and all merchandise will be delivered sometime in late November.

*Showstoppers MUST purchase a black team track suit!

Parents

Please do not feel obligated to stay and wait while your dancer is in class. Feel free to use this time to do some running around. Our lobby area is very small and with dancers waiting in-between classes it can get quite full. We also ask that parents drop off their dancers no more than 15 minutes prior to their class time and pick them up on time.

We encourage parents to leave the studio during your child's 45 minute class (consider it time to run errands or grab a quick coffee) as the lobby does get SO packed. Please ensure that the office has your home phone number as well as a cell phone number available in case there is any reason we need to get a hold of you. We ask that parents refrain from entering the dance studios at anytime, with the exception of the scheduled watch week. We run on a very tight time frame and cannot afford to give up class time. If you have questions for your teachers please EMAIL the studio and Stephanie will pass the message onto the teacher and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

***We hold one watch week in the dance season, see the calendar for details. We ask that you limit the number of people who attend watch week as the studio space is limited, thank you.**

General Competition, Rehearsal & Recital Information

All classes and dancers participate in 1-2 competition performances held in April. See the calendar of Events for exact dates.

Our tiny tot classes will now perform at our annual Solo/Duo/Trio Showcase instead of attending the Showcase competition.

Our Combo classes as well as our Acro classes only attend the Showcase competition in Regina, NOT Moose Jaw.

All other classes (Pre-Primary, Primary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate & Senior classes) attend both the Regina and the Moose Jaw competitions.

ALL Full season classes (Sept.-May) participate in the year-end recital. Our recital is held at the Conexus Arts Center & we will hold two shows. One Monday May 30th (Tiny Tot, Pre-Primary, Primary & Junior Classes) and the other on Tuesday May 31st (Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate & Senior classes ~including all Showstopper classes).

*Each show will have its' own rehearsal during the day of the show.

***Please remember that we are a competition performance studio and it is imperative that all dancers attend the competitions and performances...dance is a team sport but we do not have any "substitutes" when a dancer is missing.**

***Regular class attendance is expected for all dancers, in the event of an absence we ask that you email the studio. Thank you for your cooperation!**

DD believes the experience of performing before a live audience helps each dancer develop self confidence and stage personality.

DD Policies & Regulations

~All classes are paid over 9 months regardless of how many classes are held in that month. Monthly fees are not pro-rated based on the number of classes/month. The monthly tuition is equally spread over 9 months.

~Any accounts outstanding past 60 days will result in withdrawal of services.

~Regular class attendance is expected for all ages/levels...we are a TEAM sport and missed dancers on a regular basis has an effect on everyone in the class.

~A one month written notice to the office is required to withdraw from any class.

~Teachers are NOT responsible for dancers during their class breaks, as we are in class teaching. Parents please note that your children are UNSUPERVISED in the lobby area and we ask that you remind them to CLEAN UP after snacks and break times.

~ Please ensure that your dancers are NOT snacking in-between classes on "sugar straws", slurpees or candy. It is very difficult to fully participate in an active class when they are on a "sugar high". It is also very difficult for the teachers!

~We have also BANNED POPCORN & SLURPEES from the studio! All too often they create a big mess and also many spills. Please choose snacks for your dancer that are healthy and provide energy.

~We also ask that the table area be for the dancers only. Many of them have multiple classes and use this area for lunches/suppers and doing homework.

Absolutely no nut products allowed in the studio at any time.

*We are a **NUT FREE ZONE**, due to severe allergies!*

OFFICE HOURS

September

Monday - Thursdays 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Saturdays 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

October - May

Mondays through Thursdays 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

***The First 2 weeks of each month!**

Saturdays 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM (**EVERY SATURDAY**)

ALL MONTHLY FEES ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH.

Please see Stephanie in the office during this time for all payments. You may use the lock box, located outside of the office when the office is closed.

A 2% INTEREST CHARGE WILL BE APPLIED TO ACCOUNTS OVER 30 DAYS!!

(Any accounts over 60 days will result in suspension of services)

The preferred method of payment is a pre-authorized credit card. A form has been sent home by email with your confirmation or it is also available from Stephanie in the office.

Payments are also accepted by cash, money order, direct payment, Visa or MasterCard. We do not accept CHEQUES.

Dance Workshops for ALL DANCERS!

Dance Jam 2015
Sunday October 4th
Regina

Groove Street Dance Convention 2015
November 14th & 15th
Saskatoon

~Watch bulletin for details!!~

Please see the studio bulletin board in our lobby and check our website regularly for newsletters, upcoming events, dance workshops, Dance Dimensions clothing etc...

(Be sure the office has your correct email address and contact information!!)

www.dancedimensionsregina.ca

Please call 781-6151 if you have any questions or email the studio dancedimensions@sasktel.net

Here's to a successful & rewarding dance season 😊

Kara & DD Faculty

Calendar Of Events 2015 ~ 2016

- August 31st Regular season classes start
- September 5th Dance & Tumble session starts
- September 7th NO CLASSES – Labour Day
- September 19th Studio merchandise for sale...see bulletin board for order details! (This is only available once/year...some sizes are available in the office)
- October 3rd Deadline to order studio Merchandise.
- October 4th Dance Jam workshop - Regina (See bulletin for details)
- October 8th Fall exams fees are due
(Your account will be charged if your dancer is taking exams in December).
- October 10th ~ 12th **NO CLASSES for Thanksgiving.** (Saturday-Monday)
- October 24th **Costume deposit (\$75/class) is due, remainder of costume payments are due on November 28th!**
(These will be charged to your accounts)
- Oct. 26th – Oct. 31st Halloween Dress-up Week.
- November 11th Classes as usual.
- November 23rd – 28th **WATCH WEEK.**
(The only watch week for the year)
*No watching for Exams, Conditioning, Technique or Monday Troupe classes.
- November 28th *Last lesson & Watch Day for Dance & Tumble.
*Spring exam fees due.
(Your account will be charged if your dancer is taking exams in December).
***FINAL COSTUME PAYMENTS DUE!!**
- December 18th Last day of classes for Christmas break.
Saturday December 19th – Sunday January 3rd
(CHRISTMAS BREAK- NO CLASSES)
- January 4th Classes resume.
(Competition fee schedule comes out ~See website)
- January 9th Dance & Tumble starts
****Competition fees due!****
- February 15th Family Day - CLASSES AS USUAL! (ALL WEEK)
- March 6th** Solo/Duo/Trio Showcase (Including our tiny tot classes)
(Regina Performing Arts Center)

March 13th

Picture Day at the studio. All Pre-Inter-Senior (Incl. ALL Showstopper routines)

March 20th

Picture Day at the studio. All Tiny Tot-Junior Classes

**Friday March 25th - Friday April 1st
(EASTER BREAK-NO CLASSES)**

April 2nd

*Classes Resume. ***This is a Saturday!**
*Last day of Dance & Tumble
(Watch lesson for D & T only).

April 7th – 10th

INVITATIONAL DANCE SHOWCASE COMPETITION.

(No Classes run at the studio)

All Classes participate with the exception of our tiny tot classes)

April 14th – 17th

INVITATIONAL DANCE CARNIVAL. (Moose Jaw).

(All classes participate except Tiny-Tot, 5-6 Combos, & Acro).

*Classes running subject to the schedule...TBA)

May 23rd

CLASSES AS USUAL! (Victoria Day)

May 28th

LAST DAY OF CLASSES.

May 30th

DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL

***All Tiny Tot, Combo, Pre-Primary, Primary & Junior Classes** (Conexus Arts Center)

*Some Showstopper classes participate also.

*Rehearsal begins in the morning at 10:00 am-4:30pm.

*Show is at 6:30PM

***ALL dancers are required to attend our dress rehearsal to ensure that the shows run smoothly and each dancer knows where to be backstage ready to dance.**

May 31st

DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL

~Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate & Senior Classes.

ALL Showstoppers

*Rehearsal begins as early as 9:00 AM!