

Dance Dimensions Student/Parent Handbook

2019-2020

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 2019-2020 Staff members are: Artistic Director - Kara Chernishenko, Ballet Director - Jennifer Dodge (Mentor), Teachers: Erin Schwalm, Alyssa Kirk, Shayla Brown, MacKenzie Griffiths (Drumm), Sara Burchi & Megan Obrigewitsch. Office Personnel – Jayme Atkinson & Amanda Walker.

We would like to welcome all Assistant Teachers and Class Demonstrators as well!

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. We are **NOT** responsible for items left in the lobby if they are not locked up.

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.

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.

NEW: If your dancer is 10 years & over we ask that you NOT WAIT IN THE LOBBY ANYMORE...space is very limited and the dancers who have multiple classes need the space for eating & doing their homework!

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 number available in case there is any reason we need to get ahold of you.

OFFICE HOURS

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAYS 5:15 PM - 8:15 PM

SATURDAYS 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

OCTOBER - MAY

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 5:15 PM - 8:15 PM

***The first 2 weeks of each month only!**

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

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 any questions for your teachers please EMAIL the studio and Amanda 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.

Costuming 2019/2020

There is a costume deposit of \$75 due for each class your dancer is registered in. This payment is due **Saturday October 5th**.

The total costs for costuming is \$90-\$120 for younger less competitive classes and \$100-\$160 for older more competitive classes.

Final charges for costuming is due Saturday November 9th.

Hair/Dancewear/Footwear

A complete list of requirements for all classes is available on our website. We will 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 dancedimensions@sasktel.net to inform the studio.

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 per season. We offer some DD clothing such as sweatpants, hoodies, track suits, gym bags, etc.

The date of the DD order is **Sept. 28th**.

Solo, Duo, Trio (Private Lessons)

Students interested in learning a solo/duo/trio for the competition season may pick up forms in the office or on the bulletin board.

Deadline to register is October 1st!!!

Dancers may participate in 2 competitions as well as our Solo/Duo/Trio Recital on March 8th at the Regina Performing Arts Center. Costuming for these routines can be ordered from our supplies (see your teacher and we will let you look through the books and price costumes out for you!) or you may borrow/rent one from a previous dance year. Discuss your costume with your teacher as they need to approve it BEFORE stage.

*All students interested in participating are expected to practice outside of the allotted studio time and remember the choreography given to them by their teacher. This is a big commitment for both dancers and teachers so please talk directly to your teacher for more information! (More specific information including the cost is on the Entry form for Solos/Dups/Trios.)

General Competition, Rehearsal & Recital Information

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

Our tiny tot & combo classes perform at our annual Solo/Duo/Trio Spring Showcase in March, they do NOT attend any competitions.

Our Acro classes only attend the Showcase competition in Regina, NOT the Spring Stars competition in March.

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 25th (Tiny Tot, Pre-Primary, Primary & Junior Classes) and the other on Tuesday May 26th (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 a 9 month 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!

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

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

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

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

Dance Workshops for ALL DANCERS!

Dance Jam 2019
Sunday October 6th
Regina

Watch studio bulletin board for details!!

The preferred method of payment is a pre-authorized credit card.
Payments are also accepted by cash, money order, direct payment, Visa or MasterCard. We do not accept CHEQUES!

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 306-781-6151 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 2019 ~ 2020

September 3 rd	Regular season classes start
September 7 th	Dance & Tumble session starts
September	Studio merchandise for sale... see bulletin board for order details! (This is only available once a year... some “sizers” are available in the office...deadline to order Sept. 28 th)
October 5 th	Costume deposit (\$75/class) is due, remainder of costume payments are due on November 9th! (These will be charged to your accounts) Fall exam fees are due (Your dancer will be notified & your account will be charged if your dancer is taking exams in December)
October 6 th	Dance Jam workshop - Regina (See bulletin for details)
October 12 th -14 th	NO Classes (Thanksgiving weekend) (Saturday - Monday)
Thurs. Oct 24 th –	Halloween Dress-up Week
Wed. Oct. 30 th	(dancers may wear costuming over their dance clothes)
October 31 st	NO Classes (Halloween)
November 9 th	*FINAL COSTUME PAYMENTS DUE!!
November 11 th	Remembrance Day (No classes)
Nov. 25 th – Nov. 30 th	WATCH WEEK (The only watch week for the year) *No watching for Exams, Conditioning, Technique or Monday troupe classes.
November 30 th	*Last lesson & watch day for Dance & Tumble * Competition fees are due for all classes competing (See bulletin board or newsletter for fees) *Spring exam fees due (Your account will be charged if your dancer is taking exams in January - March)
December 21 st	Last day of classes for Christmas break. Sunday December 22nd – Sunday January 5th (CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO CLASSES)
January 6 th	Classes resume.
January 11 th	Dance & Tumble starts
February 17 th	Family Day - CLASSES AS USUAL (ALL WEEK)
March 8 th	Solo/Duo/Trio Showcase (Including our tiny tot classes) (Regina Performing Arts Center)
March 15 th	Picture Day for all Pre-Inter, Inter & Senior classes (At the studio)
March 19 th – 22 nd	Spring Stars Competition (Regina) *All classes participate except tiny-tot, Combo, and Acro classes) *Classes will be cancelled with the exception of Saturday Dance & Tumble, Tiny Tot & Combo classes.

- March 28st *Last lesson & watch day of Dance & Tumble session.
- March 29th Picture Day for Tiny tot, Combo, Pre-Primary, Primary & Junior classes (At the studio).
- April 1st -5th **INVITATIONAL DANCE SHOWCASE COMPETITION**
No classes run at the studio during this time!
*ALL Classes participate with the exception of our tiny tot & combo classes
- *EASTER BREAK - NO CLASSES**
Friday April 10th - Friday April 17th
- April 18th Classes resume ***SATURDAY***
- April 22nd – 27th Showstoppers Away (Dance Invasion - Medicine Hat)
- May 1st Register now for next seasons classes & summer dance camp.
(The month of May)
- May 18th CLASSES AS USUAL! (Victoria Day)
- May 23rd LAST DAY OF CLASSES.
- May 25th **DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL**
***All Tiny Tot, Combo, Pre-Primary, Primary & Junior Classes as well as Adult**
*Some Showstopper classes participate also.
*Rehearsal begins in the morning at 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
*Show is at 6:30 pm
- *ALL dancers are required to attend our dress rehearsal to ensure that the show run smoothly and each dancer knows where to be backstage ready to dance.**
- May 26th **DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL**
~ Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Senior & Adult Classes.
ALL Showstoppers
*Rehearsal begins as early as 9:00 AM!
- Our Year End Recital (Showcase) is held at Conexus Arts Center!**