

Dance Dimensions Student/Parent Handbook 2020-2021

***This handbook has VERY important information, please read fully!!**

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 is 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.

The 2020-2021 Staff members are: Artistic Director - Kara Chernishenko, Teachers: Erin Schwalm, Alyssa Kirk, Shayla Brown, Mackenzie Griffiths, Sara Burchi & Charleigh Sandercock. Office Personnel – Jayme Atkinson & Amanda Walker. We would like to welcome all Assistant Teachers and Class Demonstrators as well!

Studio Policies & New Regulations:

~ALL parents must fill out a Covid-19 Waiver (this will be emailed to you) and return it with your dancer to the office the first week of class!

~ Dancers are asked to enter the studio, place shoes on the boot racks and sanitize their hands before entering the lobby. Take your SMALL dance bag and water bottle (to be placed against the wall) into your dance room and find a designated square to sit in until class begins. Masks are asked to be worn in common areas but are not required in class. Social distancing is being enforced in the dance rooms; therefore, the masks are not required and are optional.

~ Dancers age 7 & over enter the studio without a parent and the teachers/assistants will guide you to the classroom. Dancers age 6 & under (or first-time dancers to the studio) may be accompanied by ONE parent who can drop off your dancer, but must leave immediately after drop off.

~ALL parents are required to fill out a WAIVER and email to the studio or send it with your dancer THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS.

~Our safety plan asks the PARENTS to make sure that their dancer does not have a temperature above 38 ° or exhibit cold/cough/flu symptoms before attending class.

~If a teacher notices your dancer with any symptoms, we will call home and ask you to pick your dancer up.

~Dancers are to be dropped off NO more than 5-10 minutes before class and picked up in the studio parking lot immediately after class. Any break longer than 45 minutes will require you to pick your dancer up from the studio. **Parents need to discuss social distancing in the lobby area with your dancers!!**

~Cleaning Protocol ~ Please note that we have staggered class times and we have a 5-minute dry-time disinfectant that we will be using in-between all classes to sanitize the floors & barres as well as cleaning our lobby/boot room area regularly!!

~ 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.

****Tuition for your dancers is due on the FIRST of each month. We are asking parents to NOT enter the studio unnecessarily so please provide the office with a filled-out pre-authorization credit card form that can be found on our website with the registration forms and email it to the studio – If you already have one on file or have done so already, please disregard. DUE: Before Sept. 1st!**

~Payments to the studio can also be brought into the office by your dancer. Office hours will be posted online and we also provide a lock-box for cash payments outside of the office. (NO CHEQUES. Cash or CC/Debit only).

~The payment for your dance season is divided into 9 equal payments from September through May. It is not based on how many classes a dancer receives each month, rather on a 30-week dance season.

~In the event of a short term shut down of the studio we are fully prepared to run Zoom classes. Regular tuition will apply.

~ Any accounts outstanding past 45 days will result in withdrawal of services. A 5% late fee will be applied to ALL accounts over 30 days past due.

~If a dancer misses a class due to vacation, health, or any other reason there are NO refunds on tuition or make up classes.

~A ONE MONTH written notice to the studio email is required to withdraw from a dance class, otherwise tuition will be charged.

~ 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.

~ The studio is not liable for any items left in the waiting area. (There are lockers available for cell phones & wallets). Dancers must bring their own lock.

~ **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! (NO popcorn or slurpees allowed in the studio period!! All too often they create a big mess. Please choose snacks for your dancer that are healthy and provide energy.

~Parents are not permitted to enter the dance studio to talk to a teacher at any time. Please email the studio and your teacher will get back to you when they can and set up a discussion or meeting.

~Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will not be offering a watch week this dance season. We will not be setting up live stream and we encourage all parents to watch in excitement as their dancers go on stage for the first time at competitions!!

****Please read our Covid-19 studio safety plan on the website and continue to look for any updates & newsletters regularly!!**

Costuming/Competition 2020/2021

There will not be a costume deposit this season as we plan to re-do, re-use and continue this year as an extension of last season.

We will be asking our returning dancers/parents to try on their dancers costuming in early October to assess if it will fit for the rest of the season. If it does not fit and they need a bigger size we are planning a **COSTUME SALE @ the studio on Sunday October 18th! Drop off will be Saturday October 17th** and more details will follow regarding this closer to the date. This will be for any dancer to buy/sell one or more of last year's costumes to a dancer that needs one for this season.

We will also likely have to order some new costumes/groups if costumes for the majority of the class do not fit. If we need to order, you will then be charged for a costume. When we know the status of each individual class, we will notify you by email.

Each dancer that competed last season will have an 80% credit to the competition fees this season., This will be figured out and applied to your accounts between October-November. Any monies owing for the competition fees will be due by Saturday November 28th. (Tiny Tot & Combo dancers do not attend competition).

****EMAIL/WEBSITE is key for communication this season. You most certainly need to read all correspondence to be aware of what IS HAPPENING AT THE STUDIO!!**

****Monthly newsletters will be posted on our website the first week of each month!**

Hair/Dancewear/Footwear

A complete list of requirements for all classes will be 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 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, but encourage you to get together with a friend from class and get catch up on anything they may have missed. Please remember that our classes go until the end of May and attendance AFTER the competitions is still very important!

Dance Dimensions Studio Merchandise

We have decided to NOT order any DD studio merchandise this season due to Covid-19. We will be happy to re-introduce new merchandise next season.

Solo, Duo, Trio (Private Lessons)

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

If you choose to do a solo/duo/trio they will be RE-USED from last season!!

(NO options for a new one if you already have one, however you may add a solo, duo or trio).

ALL solo/duo/trio routines require a NEW form and a minimum of one hour with their choreographer to re-format and clean the routine.

Deadline to register is October 1st!!!

Dancers may participate in 2 competitions as well as our Solo/Duo/Trio Recital on March 7th at the Regina Performing Arts Center. Costuming for these routines can be ordered from our suppliers (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. SEE Tickle Trunk costuming on Facebook!!

NO group costumes from last season may be used as a solo/duo/trio costume. They are being re-used and group costuming is NOT allowed for these routines.

*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/duos/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.

ALL full season classes (Sept-May) participate in the year-end recital held at the Conexus Arts Center. We have two shows; Monday May 31st (Tiny Tot, Pre-Primary, Primary & Junior Classes) and Tuesday June 1st (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 and 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.

Office Hours – September

Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 pm -8:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

(No office hours Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Sunday)

Reminders:

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

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

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

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

**All newsletters & information can be found @ www.dancedimensionsregina.ca*

**Please email any questions or concerns to dancedimensions@sasktel.net*

Here's to a successful & rewarding dance season :)

Kara & DD Faculty

**PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE YEAR TO
DATE CALENDER FOR THE 2020-2021
DANCE SEASON**



Calendar of Events 2020 ~ 2021

September 8th	Regular season classes start
September 12th	Dance & Tumble session starts
October 5 th	Fall exam fees are due (Your dancer will be notified & your account will be charged if your dancer is taking exams in December)
October 10 th – 12 th	NO Classes (Thanksgiving weekend) Saturday – Monday.
October 17 th	Costume Drop off for the SALE** More info. To follow.
October 18 th	Costume Sale.
Mon. Oct. 26 th – Saturday Oct. 31 st	Halloween Dress-up Week (dancers may wear costuming over their dance clothes)
November 11 th	Remembrance Day (No classes)
November 28 th	Any competition fees due. (To be posted to your accounts in early November). *Most group charges are 18-22/person/group. *Spring Exam fees due. (Your dancer will be notified & your account will be charged if your dancer is taking exams in March).
December 5 th	Last lesson for Dance & Tumble.
December 21 st	Last day of classes for Christmas break. *MONDAY

Tuesday Dec. 22nd – Sunday January 3rd (CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO CLASSES)

January 4 th	Classes resume. (Monday)
January 9 th	Dance & Tumble starts
February 15 th – 20 th	Family Day/Break – NO CLASSES. NEW**
February 22 nd	Classes resume after Family Day break.
March 7 th	Solo/Duo/Trio Showcase *Including our tiny tot & Combo classes (Regina Performing Arts Center)
March 14 th	Picture Day for all Showstopper & Senior B Classes. (At the studio)
March 17 th – 21 st	Spring Stars Competition (Regina) *All classes participate with the exception of Tiny-Tot, Combo, and Acro classes) Classes will be cancelled with the exception of Saturday Dance & Tumble, as it's the last class.

March 28st Picture Day for Tiny tot, Combo, Pre-Primary, Primary, Junior, Pre-Inter & Inter classes.
(At the studio)

**Friday April 2nd – Friday April 9th
(EASTER BREAK - NO CLASSES)**

April 10th Classes resume ***SATURDAY***
April 14th – 18th **Invitational Dance Showcase Competition (Regina)**
No classes run at the studio during this time!
*ALL Classes participate with the exception of our tiny tot & combo classes

May 1st Register now for next seasons classes & Summer dance camps & intensives.
(The entire month of May)

May 5th – 10th Showstoppers Away (Dance Evolution – Lethbridge)

May 17th Classes as usual. (Victoria Day)

May 29th Last day of regular season classes.

May 31st **DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL
(Conexus Arts Center)**

***All Tiny Tot, Combo, Pre-Primary, Primary & Junior classes as well as Adult**

*Some Showstopper classes participate also.

*Rehearsal begins in the morning at 9:30am - 4:30pm

*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.**

June 1st

**DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL
(Conexus Arts Center)**

~ Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Senior & Adult Classes.

ALL Showstoppers

*Rehearsal begins as early as 9:00 AM!

Here's to our 26th season of dance education!!