



# Newsletter

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## Always read over for "NEW" information & Policies

- **IMPORTANT:** please check your emails often for important information & upcoming dates at the studio. Provide us with your active E-mail address as we will be sending all notices, schedules etc by email throughout the season. You can also follow our website at [www.danceplus.ca](http://www.danceplus.ca)
- **Parent Portal & Dancer's ABSENTS:** we remind parents to visit your Parent Portal to check your account for any balance owing etc and to mark your dancer's absents for their teachers. We encourage Parents to please utilize the Parent Portal to mark their dancers absents from class, this will advise teacher directly and they can then see why the student is missing class and when they are expected to return to class instead of sending an email. Please take advantage of this option in your Parent Portal instead of emailing the studio.
- **PAYMENTS: ALWAYS** provide dancer's name with any form of payment to the studio to ensure payment is posted to correct dancer. E-transfers must have Dancer's name in the "Message", especially important when dancer's last name does not match parent's name or name E-transfer is coming from. Payments must be submitted to Office Mailslot located beside the office window, payments may take 24-48 hours to be posted to your parent portal and may not be posted on weekends.
- **COMMUNICATION/STUDIO HOURS:** Studio is **NOT open during the day, opens for classes in the evening, studio CLOSED on Fridays & Sundays** - please contact us by email during the day rather than leave a phone message, we can respond to your email faster. Provide dancer's name & contact information in your email. There is not always someone available in the office during studio hours, if you need to speak with us we can arrange a time to meet. **Emails received after 3:00 pm should be responded to within 24-48 hours.**
- **Discontinuing/Cancellation Policy:** Written/electronic notification must be given to the office before the start of a NEW month, current month to be completed. Written notification must be given to stop billing. Once a NEW month has started or dancer attends any class in the month you are responsible for fees for that month. NOT attending class is not notification of discontinuing of class, billing will not stop until written notification is given.

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

- **"Costume Alterations"** "Costume/Stage Info" Charts will be posted on website soon (early March once ALL costumes have arrived). These will be posted by Team Color, please watch for this on website to know what needs to be done with your dancer's costumes before they dance on the stage.
- **Tues. March 14 & Wed. March 15, 2023** (evenings) – Students attending Competition – a scheduled stage practice for ALL dancers attending competition, see information below & schedule T.B.A. & sent out soon. NO classes held at studio on these nights.
- **Saturday March 18, 2023** – solo/duo group practice at Regina studio, see information below
- **Competition Schedules** will be emailed out & posted on our website (<https://www.danceplus.ca/newsletters>) as soon as we have a finalized schedule, these schedules are confirmed 2-3 prior to each competition, please watch for this email.
- **Souvenir Picture Days** – Tues. May 9, Wed. May 10, Thurs. May 11, 2023 at Dance Plus studio, schedule T.B.A.
- **Year-End "Parade of Stars" Performance:** Friday June 2, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. at Conexus Arts Centre, more information to follow. ALL dancers in ALL season classes will perform in this year-end show for all their family & friends.

### February Break:

- Classes are HELD Monday Feb. 20th Family Day
- Regular Classes HELD all week Feb. 18th – 25th

### Easter Break: (studio CLOSED)

- The studio will be "CLOSED" for Easter Break, the last day of regular classes will be held **Wednesday April 5th** - classes return to normal schedule on **Saturday April 15, 2023**. Have a wonderful Easter Break.

# COSTUMES:

## **Costumes ARE HELD back for ALL dancers with “Outstanding Accounts:**

- **Costumes will be held and not handed out** if you have an outstanding account when costumes are ready to go home.
- Accounts must be PAID up to date. It is only fair that all dancers have paid up to date for lessons when they compete on stage therefore their account cannot be outstanding.
- Please clear up any outstanding accounts a.s.a.p. Outstanding payments made by cheque, the cheque must clear before costumes handed out.
- Contact us to discuss your intentions for clearing up your outstanding account ASAP.

**Costumes:** Handed out as they arrive, please be patient

- Costumes are being handed out to classes as they arrive ..... Some students in the class may receive their costumes before others as we are handing out as they arrive. All costumes will arrive in time for first competition.
- **When you receive your dancer's costume please try it on** right away then hang it up along with accessories and/or steam the costume as they are quite wrinkled from shipping.
- **Do not iron the costume** ..... Steam ONLY please (using a steamer or can steam by hanging in the bathroom with hot showers so wrinkles fall out).

## **Costume Fit:**

- **If you are concerned about the fit of your costume** once it has been tried on, **you must email the studio to make arrangements for a time to bring costume to studio to meet with either Joyce or Deanna to see costume on the dancer.** We will then suggest what must be done. Contact the studio at [danceplus@sasktel.net](mailto:danceplus@sasktel.net) to arrange an appointment to meet. We must deal with any costume problems right away with the company so you must try costume on when you receive it and contact us by email to make an appointment to see the costume on your dancer.
- Costumes come in size small, medium, large, they are not custom made for each dancer. We determine the best we can which size your child would fit based on their measurements and size charts provided for us, keep in mind that those children that have measurements that are at the top of one size, we will go next larger size to allow some growing room.
- Alterations to costumes is your responsibility, in order to keep costume costs down, we do not add an additional charge to costume for costume alterations.

## **Costume & Stage Info (alterations/specifications):**

- Information will be posted on our website and not handed out to each dancer in a note. **These costume instructions will be posted approximately early March once ALL costumes have been received.** Please check website under dancer's Team Color for your Costume Alterations.
- This chart will also confirm which hair style dancer is to wear for each discipline, legwear color & style required for each costume, type of shoes & indicate for you what minor adjustments must be made to your costume, will also indicate where all the pieces must be attached if needed.
- Some costumes will need straps attached and headpieces secured etc. If the shoulder straps are not attached it is so you may adjust them to fit your child, simply attach them as indicated on your note and stitch. **Do not** attach other costume pieces if unsure until you speak to your teacher. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions regarding your costume
- Any alterations needed to your costume are your responsibility.

## **LEGWEAR with costumes:** Pre-Ordered Legwear will be sent home with dancer when it arrives.

- All students must be wearing the proper color of legwear. Style & Color needed for each class will be indicated on the Costume Chart posted on our website, these will be posted by Team Color.
- **If you did not pre-order legwear** in December through the studio, legwear may then be purchased locally at any Dance store in the city. Please ensure that you have the proper legwear for your child's costume that is indicated on costume chart posted on website.
- Pantyhose cannot be worn in place of Mondor legwear unless worn under costumes with pants.
- **Legwear Styles (acceptable/comparable purchased locally):** Suntan, Black, Classic Pink  
Mondor #310 - available in Suntan or Black or Classic Pink for ballet classes.  
Mondor #314 - convertible tight may also be worn in appropriate color.  
Mondor #317 - capri tights, Some dancers will require Capri tights, will be indicated on costume sheet.
- **Legwear & Costumes with Pants:** Those students with pants as part of their costumes and are required to wear "black legwear" underneath with the exception of Boys who will wear color of socks specified. Dancers do not need Mondor #310 tights, you can wear any kind of tight that is black (purchase your own black legwear if it is indicated on costume instructions). Please be sure to check your costume instructions sheet so that you have the proper legwear for each of your child's costumes.

## **Hairpieces (optional):**

- Hairpieces are Optional but if you are interested in purchasing a hairpiece for your dancer please visit our website for more information at <https://www.danceplus.ca/newsletters>, click on "Stage hairpieces". These hairpieces quite often sell out early, so if interested in purchasing hairpieces you should look into them soon. Some Dance stores locally sell Hairpieces but you would have to check on which ones sell Hairpieces.
- **Pre-school** – will be require to wear "Curly Pigtails"
- **Combo, Team Teal, Team Violet** – will be required to wear "Curly Ponytails". Optional to purchase "Curly Pigtails" will make for a smaller "curly ponytail" for younger dancers, then ponytail is not as heavy & big on some dancers.
- All others Teams will be informed on their "Costume/Stage Info" chart on our website what style of hair to be worn for each discipline. This should be all posted in early March.
- All dancers **must be wearing the hairstyle as indicated** for each of their costumes, purchasing a hairpiece is optional.

# COMPETITIONS:

## **COMPETITION Stage Practice:** evenings of Tues. March 14 & Wed. March 15, 2023

### **PreSchool, Combo, Acro, Classes NOT included in this practice**

- **ALL students attending competition** must attend this extra practice with their groups. If your dancer is NOT attending competitions, then they do not attend this extra stage practice.
- We will be holding an extra practice in FULL costume (less accessories) for ALL dancers that are attending competitions on the evenings of dates indicated above, location & schedule T.B.A. Please mark your calendar.
- **Schedule will be coming** out by email to indicate what time your dancer will have to attend the practice as soon as we have confirmation of location.
- **NO classes held** at studio on these dates only, dancers will attend stage practice.
- We will do the practice in sections so your dancer should only have to be there for 1 or 2 sessions, this will depend of course on how many group routines your dancer has attending competition.

## **SOLO & DUET Practice:** Saturday March 18, 2023 (cost \$5.00 per dancer)

- Dance Plus Regina studio location: We will be opening up the studio for ALL solos & duets to come for a group practice to perform in front of an audience and rehearse before their first competition.
- This gives dancers the opportunity to dance in front of their peers in a larger space and also for us to ensure that their music is correct before the first competition.
- Cost to attend this practice is \$5.00 per dancer, payment in CASH at the beginning of the practice.
- We will break the solos & duets into smaller groups and run in 2 studios so that they get several times to practice. Schedule will be emailed out shortly.

## **COMPETITION SCHEDULES: (Preschool & Combo DO NOT attend any Competitions)**

- Finalized schedules **will be posted on our website** as soon as we receive them for those classes that are attending competitions.
- You will be advised by email to check our website for the schedules.
- Final schedules normally are not available until 2-3 weeks prior to competition date.
  - **(Team Blue, Yellow, Burgundy, Orange )**  
Glam Dance Competition #1 – March 23 to 26, 2023 at Performing Arts Centre, Regina
  - **(ALL Team Colors + Mus. Theatre + Acro)**  
Glam Dance Competition #2 – April 20 to 23, 2023 at Performing Arts Centre, Regina
  - **(ALL Team Colors + Mus. Theatre + Acro)**  
Dance Explosion - May 4 to 6, 2023 at Living Hope Alliance Church, Regina

## **CLASSES DURING COMPETITIONS:**

- **REMINDER:** **Regular classes are always held on SATURDAYS during competitions** unless you are notified otherwise.
- Your child should be attending class unless their class is competing at the competition or required to be ready to dance at same time as their Saturday scheduled class.
- Thanks for all your support for those classes attending the various competitions being held this year. Performing on stage is a huge part of learning the “art of dance”. Performing on stage with all members of your “TEAM” will achieve the best success. Dancers improve each time they perform and have FUN! on the stage.



## **SOUVENIR PICTURE DAYS:**

More information will be forthcoming with schedule. Pictures will be taken at Dance Plus Studio. All classes will be scheduled for group pictures by Team.

- Pictures will be taken **on the Evenings of Tues. May 9, Wed. May 10 & Thurs. May 11** - schedule T.B.A. Pictures are held at the dance studio - regular classes WILL NOT be held on picture nights. Teams will be assigned a time slot for their group pictures to be taken.
- Your dancer should only have pictures on ONE of the above dates depending on the schedule, we will do our best to try to schedule you to one day but unfortunately due to scheduling we cannot always limit you to one night.
- Schedule will be done by Team Color etc so all of your costumes will need to be brought on picture night
- Souvenir pictures will be **in full costume and make-up**. Pictures orders will be done on-line by Angylravyn Photography. More information will be sent out by email when photo proofs are ready for viewing and placing your order.
- If your child takes several different classes then you will have pictures taken in each discipline. On-line ordering will be available for all groups for you to choose your picture package.
- We encourage everyone to attend this photo session as it is a souvenir of your child's dance season. If you do not wish to purchase the picture package for all your groups we would still like your dancer to be in the group photo for all other dancers in the group.
- Parents will be dropping their dancer off for Pictures Days and leave the building and return for them at the end of their time slot.
- Preschool & Combo teachers will be looking after the dancers, bring your dancer to studio dressed in costume, leave them with their teacher and teachers will supervise, return for them at end of their time slot. More information will be coming out.



**“PARADE OF STARS” Year-end Performance:**  
**Friday June 2 @ 7:00 p.m. Conexus Arts Centre**

- **ALL dancers in ALL disciplines** (included preschool and combo) and registered for ALL full season classes will perform in our Annual Year-end “Parade of Stars”
- Entire show schedule in order of performance will be posted & sent out in April. Please look to see when your child will perform during the show. The name of your child’s class is posted on our website, please check the lists.
- Dress Rehearsal at Conexus Arts Centre will be held during of day of Friday June 2nd, full Rehearsal schedule to be sent out in May.
- Tickets can be purchased at Conexus Box Office starting early May (more information to be sent out in April)
- **Everyone attending to watch the performance MUST have a ticket regardless of age** (preschoolers or babes in arms included). If you are bringing younger siblings to the show you must purchase a ticket for them.

Our “year-end” show is designed for your family entertainment. Bring your family & friends and come enjoy watching ALL dancers in our studio that just want to SHINE and perform for you on the stage.

**C.D.T.A. Exams in Ballet, Tap & Jazz:** We would also like to congratulate all the students who participated in C.D.T.A. Ballet, Tap & Jazz exams held at the studio this exam session. Your hard work was recognized!!!

**PARKING:** We want to remind parents that we have received several complaints from residents and surrounding businesses and if this persists they will be contacting authorities or towing away.

- Please **DO NOT** block business/residential driveways around the studio, be considerate, they are open until 6:00 pm, you will be **TOWED** away. Obey the parking bylaws.
- **DO NOT** park/block the alley along North side of the studio, use this area to **DROP off /pick up ONLY**.
- **DO NOT** park/block the **STAFF** parking area or block the entrance to Staff parking, staff come and go all night and need access to Staff Parking spots. Staff Parking area is 3 rows facing West towards Dance Plus Building.
- Customer Parking is 5 spots facing South, access from the Alley

This time of year is very busy and may become confusing or overwhelming with competitions, legwear, recital performance etc.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything please feel free to contact us at any time. We can be reached during the day by email to answer any of your questions.

Good Luck to all our students competing in the various competitions that we will be attending this year.

Joyce, Deanna & Staff