



CENTRESTAGE DANCE

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Welcome to CentreStage Dance! We would like to thank you all for your unbelievable support throughout this past season, all previous seasons, and welcome you if you are new to our studio. We are all looking forward to having another exciting year with you all!

This newsletter will serve as a guide to this entire year's events. **Please take the time to read this thoroughly as it has many important dates for the entire dance season.** Keep it handy and refer to it regularly to help keep you informed.

CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2023.

EMAIL

ALL updates, reminders, as well as your Spring Newsletter with Recital Guidelines will be sent via email.

*If you do not receive an email by the end of the first week of classes, please notify the studio via email at info@centrestagedance.com to ensure that we have your correct email address. Also check your junk mail! If our emails are going to your junk mail, add us as a "favorite" on a PC (not from a phone, iPad, or laptop) and it should resolve this. *

DANCE ATTIRE REQUIREMENTS

You will also receive the guidelines outlining the appropriate attire and footwear required to participate in dance class. Street clothes such as jean shorts, and jeans do not allow for freedom of movement. These requirements are **mandatory** to enable the teacher to detect and correct students' body alignment. Please follow our guidelines as they are designed for the safety of our students. Please make sure to label both shoes and clothing with the student's name.

BALLET CLASS ATTIRE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!

DANCE ETIQUETTE & BEHAVIOR

We look forward to creating a positive atmosphere for all students attending the studio. It is our responsibility to show appropriate and respectful behavior towards the students and in turn, we feel the students should be respectful and show appropriate behavior towards all teachers, reception staff, and other students while on the premises. If any problems occur, parents will be contacted, and a solution will be discussed.

BULLYING & VANDALISM

We have zero tolerance towards any type of bullying, whether physical or emotional. In today's day and age, bullying is becoming a huge problem, and it will not be tolerated here at CentreStage Dance. Any students caught bullying risk being dismissed from the studio. Any students caught mistreating or vandalizing the premises will be dismissed from the studio.

THEFT

Any students caught stealing items from the studio (whether belonging to the studio or to other dancers) will be dismissed from the studio. Please leave your valuable items at home, as we want to minimize the risk. The studio and its faculty are not responsible for any lost or stolen articles. We understand that some valuables are brought to the studio such as iPods, cell phones, laptops, and wallets when the students come straight from school, but we would like to remind everyone to take such valuables into class with them.

ATTENDANCE & COMMITMENT

During each dance season, students work on a choreographed dance, which will be performed in the year-end recital. Students gain a great sense of pride and accomplishment through hard work and dedication. Our goal is to see each student improve his or her performance and technical skills throughout each year. A successful performance requires both attendance and commitment to dance classes; therefore, we ask that students attend their classes regularly. Re-enforcing the work each week goes a long way to increasing the student's self-esteem. Students missing 4 or more consecutive classes (without just cause) may, at the discretion of the teacher, be excluded from the year-end performance. Please remember dancing is a **TEAM EFFORT**, no different than any other sport and we all rely on each other to be there!!!!

Please contact the studio via email or phone call if your child will be absent from class.

STUDENT PLACEMENT

Upon registration, you will receive a day and time for your child to attend dance class. Occasionally, a teacher will see a need to place a student into a class that is better suited to their age or individual abilities. During the months of September and October, the teacher may suggest to parents an alternative day and time for their child to attend class. Our goal is for the students to enjoy dancing and feel good about their accomplishments.

Please note: Studio schedules are subject to change.

EXAM CLASSES

Exam classes are recommended for the more advanced, serious, and dedicated students. Exams offer students an excellent opportunity to enhance their technical skills and achieve higher levels in dance. Please ask to see our detailed printout outlining this program.

COMP LITE CLASSES

In addition to our *Recreational program*, and our *Competitive Company*, we also have our fantastic "**COMP LITE**" program! This exciting program is perfect for students (with at least 2 years of dance) and parents who would like to have some extra fun throughout the season and experience the competition scene on a smaller scale, with less of a time and financial commitment! Please ask to see our detailed printout outlining this program.

HOLIDAYS AFFECTING SUNDAY, MONDAY, AND FRIDAY CLASSES

On **Tuesday, June 4th, 2024**, we will be holding our annual "Make-Up Class Day" for students affected by holidays and statutory holidays. On this day, students can take an assortment of different classes.

Please note: Classes cancelled due to weather conditions beyond our control will not be rescheduled, but you may also attend the make-up class day.

FAMILY VIEWING

Family viewing week will be held **Monday, January 15th to Sunday, January 21st, 2024**. During this week, family members are invited to view their child's class. Parents bringing small children are asked to keep them seated during this time. We ask that during family viewing all cell phones and electronic devices be turned OFF.

BRING A FRIEND WEEK

One of our favorite weeks! Bring A Friend Week! This year our “Bring A Friend Week” will take place **Monday, March 11th to Sunday, March 17th, 2024.**

Your children may invite a friend to come and participate in this week's class alongside them!

SPRING BREAK 2024

School District #42 is keeping with its two-week-long spring break. And we will be closed for both weeks. Spring Break will be held **Monday, March 18th to Monday, April 1st, 2024.**

Classes will resume **Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024.**

MASTERCLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

CentreStage Dance will be hosting workshops and masterclasses right here in studio throughout the season! We will be bringing in talented choreographers and incredible instructors and holding classes in an assortment of genres and levels. These are a great way to learn from different professionals and be versatile in multiple styles of dance. Stay tuned for announcements on who is coming soon!

****Please note that one workshop/masterclass per season each of the styles a dancer is competing in, is mandatory for our Comp Lite and Competitive Company dancers.
If a company dancer would like to attend a full convention instead, that is permitted.****

DANCE CONVENTIONS

Each season various companies host dance conventions in the Vancouver area. The conventions are intensive 2-to-3-day workshops offering classes in various disciplines from world-renowned choreographers. Our students that attend conventions each season learn amazing choreography and always have a great time! There are usually 3 levels offered: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Students interested in attending a convention should be taking more than 1 style of dance, to get the most benefit from the workshop. Please email us or see the below websites to register!

Groove Street: October 21st & 22nd 2023 – Sheraton Guilford Hotel, Surrey

<https://www.gspdanceconventions.com/>

Nuvo: November 10th, 11th, and 12th 2023 – TBA, Vancouver

gonuvo.com/

Triple Threat Dance Convention: November 18th & 19th – Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

triplethreatdance.com/

View Dance Convention: November 26th 2023 – JW Marriot Parq, Vancouver

viewdancechallenge.com/dance-convention/

PHOTO SESSION

We are excited to once again be using **VIBRANT PHOTOS** as our photographer this year.

After your photo day you will be emailed a link to create your personal page with Vibrant Photos!

- **INTERMEDIATE / SENIOR / COMP PHOTOS** – Sunday, April 14th, 2024
- **JUNIOR / INTERMEDIATE PHOTOS** – Sunday, May 5th, 2024

Class and individual photos are taken of the students each year at the studio. Exact days and time slots for your child's photos will be posted in the lobby of the studio and emailed out prior to the photo sessions.

LOST & FOUND.

The lost and found bin is located in the girls' change room. We will be donating the items left in the lost and found to charities at Christmas, Spring Break, and Year End. Please look through all the items to see if any belong to you or your family.

YEAR END RECITALS 2024

In June 2024, we will be holding our annual Dance Recitals at The ACT Theatre.

The students work very hard on their dances during the year, and the recital is a great way to bring the dance season to a close. Also, it gives the students an opportunity to learn the art of entertainment, which is another important part of dance. As the year end approaches, we all share in the enthusiasm and excitement. Seeing our dancers onstage in their costumes, celebrating their accomplishments, and sharing their excitement is why we do what we do! Each dance will perform in two of the five shows, and it is very important that dancers attend both performances. Like any other team activity, their teammates rely on them.

Dress Rehearsals at the ACT
Wednesday, June 5th – Thursday, June 6th 2024
Year End Recitals at the ACT
Sunday, June 16th – Wednesday, June 19th 2024

Rehearsal and Recital Line-Ups will be emailed out and posted May 1st, 2024.

Tickets will go on sale one month prior to recital.

All Rehearsal & Recital information as well as ticket sale instructions will be in your “Spring Newsletter” and “Recital Guidelines” which will be emailed out just prior to Spring Break!

We would like to take this opportunity to again sincerely thank all the friends, family, and parents for volunteering their time at our rehearsals, recitals, and community events each year. We cannot thank you enough for your support each and every year.

We would not be able to do it without you!

Please understand that we have set recital dates on rotation with other studios at The Act Theatre, and that we do not choose our dates from year to year.

COSTUMES

For the recital, the students will need a costume. We try very hard to keep the costumes reasonably priced and try to, if possible, keep costs to under \$100.00 (with tax included). Costumes may be purchased, or sewn by seamstresses, whichever proves to be the most economical.

COSTUME DEPOSIT - \$65.00 PER REC. CLASS - DUE UPON REGISTRATION

This deposit will be due upon registration to ensure your child's spot in the class and the \$65.00 will be deducted from the total cost of the costume. The costume deposit must be paid before your child begins classes, and the balance will be due in the Spring upon completion.

Costumes WILL NOT be handed out until the final balance is paid, as well as ALL outstanding fees.

COSTUME DEPOSIT & REFUND POLICY

From September, through to November 1st, 2023, \$10.00 of the costume deposit will be withheld upon cancellation of classes to cover administrative fees. Costume Deposits will **NOT** be refunded after November 1st, 2023. Costumes started or completed at time of cancellation **must be paid for in full.** For our competitive classes, the \$80.00 costume deposit is non-refundable after the first day of classes Monday, September 11th, 2023.

Any costumes started or completed at the time of cancellation will have the balance owing due.

DANCE FEES

All monthly fees will be paid by Pre-Authorized Withdrawals. Payments will be debited from your accounts on the 1st and/or the 15th of each month from September through June. **We have based our monthly fee on your child receiving 34 classes per dance season. The 34 classes are multiplied by the cost per class, and then divided by 10 to arrange equal monthly payments.**

This way, your monthly fee remains the same all season. Depending on the year, your child may not have a class in June, but there will still be a monthly fee this month for classes received. If you have any further questions regarding this, please feel free to email or call the studio!

N.S.F. Fees: Our fees for all N.S.F. pre-authorized payments and cheques are \$25.00.
IMPORTANT - For all outstanding fees, each additional month that your account is in arrears, an additional \$10.00 will be charged to your account.

REGISTRATION FEE - \$55.00 (\$60.00 late registration fee as of September 1st)

If you come in to register prior to September 1st, but do not pay the registration fee until after September 1st, you will owe the \$60.00 late registration fee.

Your registration fee covers not only all registration costs, but as well as ensures that each student will receive an online HD quality media package of **ALL SHOWS!** You do not need to order your child's recital videos or take photos! You will automatically get them both! You will receive a link to download your videos, as well as professional photos of all shows (valued at well over \$200)!

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Students withdrawing permanently from class, upon receiving written cancellation via email, will have pre-authorized payments stopped, **with a full month's notice as of the 1st of each month.**

\$10.00 of the costume deposit will be withheld upon cancellation, for administrative fees.

Recreational Costume Deposits will not be refunded as of November 1st, 2023.
Competitive Costume Deposits will not be refunded after September 11th, 2023.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA EMAIL.
ONE MONTH'S NOTICE AS OF THE 1st OF EACH MONTH IS REQUIRED.
Telephone cancellations or handwritten notes will not be considered valid.

Effective May 1st, each year, June monthly fees are non-refundable upon cancellation.

\$55.00 Registration Fee (or \$60.00 late registration fee, as of Friday, September 1st) is non-refundable



CentreStage Dance 2023/2024 Calendar

Monday, September 11th – First Day of Classes – Studio OPEN

Saturday, September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Studio CLOSED

Sunday, October 1st & Monday, October 2nd – Stats – Studio OPEN

Saturday, October 7th – (Long Weekend) - Studio OPEN

Sunday, October 8th & Monday, October 9th – Thanksgiving Weekend – Studio CLOSED

Please note that some Company classes may still hold a rehearsal the Monday

Saturday, October 21st & Sunday, October 22nd – Groove Street Dance Convention

Tuesday, October 24th – Tuesday, October 31st – Halloween Costume Week (students can dress up for class!)

We will begin on the 24th for those Tuesday students that may miss on the 31st

Tuesday, October 31st – Halloween – Studio OPEN

Wednesday, November 1st – Rec Costume Deposit non-refundable (Also last day to register or switch classes)

Friday, November 10th – Sunday, November 12th – Nuvo Dance Convention

Saturday, November 11th – Remembrance Day – Studio OPEN

Saturday, November 18th & Sunday, November 19th – Triple Threat Dance Convention

Sunday, November 26th – View Dance Convention

Saturday, December 23rd – Last Day before Winter Break – Studio OPEN

Sunday, December 24th through Saturday, January 6th – Winter Break – Studio CLOSED

Sunday, January 7th – Classes Resume – Studio OPEN

Monday, January 15th through Sunday, January 21st – Family Viewing Week

Friday, February 9th & Sunday, February 11th – Galas / Competition Dress Rehearsals at the ACT in Maple Ridge

Monday, February 19th – Family Day – Studio OPEN

Monday, March 11th to Sunday, March 17th – Bring A Friend Week!

Monday, March 18th to Monday, April 1st – SD42 Spring Break & Easter Weekend – CLOSED

Tuesday, April 2nd – Classes Resume – Studio OPEN

Tuesday, April 2nd – Pitt Meadows Day Parade sign up posted and emailed out

Sunday, April 14th – Comp / Comp Lite / Intermediate / Senior Photo Shoot

Wednesday, May 1st – All rehearsal and recital line-up information posted and emailed out.
June monthly fees are now non-refundable upon cancellation.

Sunday, May 5th –Junior / Intermediate Photo Shoot

Monday, May 6th – Priority and Pre-Registration sign-up sent out via Sign-Up Genius.

Saturday, May 18th – (Long Weekend) – Studio OPEN

Sunday, May 19th & Monday, May 20th – Victoria Day Weekend – Studio CLOSED

Saturday, June 1st – Pitt Meadows Day and Parade – Studio OPEN

Monday, June 3rd – This is the last day of classes prior to rehearsal.

Tuesday, June 4th – Make Up Class Day (for classes missed due to holidays, snow days etc...)

Wednesday, June 5th – Thursday, June 6th – Dress Rehearsals - Studio is CLOSED this week.
There are no regular classes this week with the exception of Monday and Make Up Class Day

Sunday, June 9th – Saturday, June 15th – Last full week of classes for the season before recital!

Sunday, June 16th – Wednesday, June 19th – Year End Recitals - Studio is CLOSED this week.

June – Priority & Pre-Registrations TBA

July & August – Summer Camps / Classes TBA

July, August & September – Registrations TBA