

WELCOME TO THE DANCE CONNECTION

Welcome back all Dance Connection dancers, as well as all newcomers. We are excited to start our 2021/2022 dance season. We hope everyone had a great summer holiday and are ready to get back into the swing of things. Classes commence on Tuesday, **September 7th, 2021.**

This newsletter is intended to inform parents and dancers of some of our studio policies. It also contains important dates of dress rehearsals and festival dates. Please mark these dates on your calendar as attendance is important.

Class Placement: Students are placed in classes in accordance to several factors: ability, age and exam level. We ask that all parents trust the teacher's judgment as qualified professionals. All students are constantly assessed and will be moved only if the teacher determines a move is necessary.

At the Dance Connection we try to promote learning in a positive atmosphere with mutual respect for teachers, students and parents. We try to maintain a healthy balance of fun and hard work. We are pleased that you have chosen the Dance Connection and hope all students and parents have a successful and rewarding season.

Class attendance: Weekly class attendance is mandatory. Illness is unforeseen, however missing more than 2 classes in a row (two weeks) for any other reasons **may** result in removal from dance as the student can fall behind quickly. There will be no refund for missed classes. If you know your child will be unable to attend class due to holidays please inform the teacher, where then they will decide if your child will need extra lessons to catch up what they missed for competition. This will be at your expense for the private lessons.

A Waiver must be signed in order for your child to begin their first lesson, if you have not signed one at one of the dance camps this summer please do so. This waiver will be good from the entire dance season. You can download and print the waiver off of the Band App. As well as I will have extra copies at the studio.

Newsletters - we will email newsletters this year and continue to post them on our webpage at danceconnectionnb.com. These newsletters will keep dancers and parents informed on studio news. They will also be posted on the bulletin board along with other information. Also please sign up to you parent App called Band App. You should receive a link to sign up to the app if you are new, if you have not, please inform us and we will make sure you get access to it. This is another great way to keep up to date with what is happening at the studio. Feel free to put your notifications on so you don't miss out. If you choose not to, please make sure you check it then periodically. Thank you!!

Parents are responsible to keep themselves informed on studio news, festivals, important dates, costumes etc. Please check your child's dance bags for notes, stop into the studio to check the bulletin board, visit our web site or ask the teachers if you are unsure about any information. If your child is missing from class due to severe illness and miss any newsletters, please make sure you check the bulletin boards, **BAND** app or website. www.danceconnectionnb.com We can also be reached by email at dance.connection@sasktel.net. We try to do our best to keep parents and dancers informed so please do your part as well. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram

@danceconnectionb

Dance Clothing - If you missed out on getting your hands on any of our dance clothing this summer please contact us if you are wanting any. Arrangements can be made if we have your size in stock. Thank you for supporting and representing The Dance Connection!!

Lost and Found: There is always an abundance of shoes and clothing left at the studio during the dance year, please check the upstairs dressing room for your lost articles. I will be going through lost and found each month and donating what has been left behind for more than 2 weeks, so please get your child to check periodically.

Contact Michelle.S at 306-481-5653 if you are in need of any used dance shoes. She is in charge of our shoe swap and is happy to help get you what style of shoes you need if available to her. Also, if you have any to sell or get rid of throughout the year you may contact her as well to arrange getting them to her. There is also a facebook page where you can sell used dance shoes and clothing.

Costume Deposits: For every dance signed up to, there will be a costume fee. This year it will be a **flat rate:**

Non-Competitive: \$85.00 + GST and PST

Competitive - Grades 1 - Advanced - \$100.00 + GST & PST

Festival Entry and Festival Fees for competitive dance groups

All competitive groups will be entered into “The Performer” in Saskatoon running April 6th-10th as well as “North Battleford Dance Festival” running over Easter break April 19th-22nd. We also have credits to use for Showtime promotions in Sherwood Park April 26th- May 1st. We will determine at a later date which groups will be competing.

Competition Fees will be invoiced once we know fees. Payment will be due upon invoicing.

Payment Policy:

We will be accepting 9 post-dated cheques for the years total, or you may pay in full by cheque or E-transfer. **ALL** 9 monthly cheques will be due September 1st and marked for the beginning of each month in order for your child to begin classes at the studio. We will no longer be accepting E-transfers monthly. Once your registration is complete, we will invoice you your monthly fees for the year.

Cheques returned NSF will be charged a \$25.00 service fee. If two NSF cheques are returned, we will ask that your child not return to dance until payment in full has been received.

Dance fees are based on a minimum of 30 dance lessons per year. The Dance Connection Inc. reserves the right to cancel classes due to extenuating circumstances. No refunds will be issued for students missing classes.

COVID-19 - As of now we are able to run our studio mask free and no limitations to classes. If you wish to send your child with a mask that is your choice, please inform the teacher so we are aware and can make sure your child keeps the mask on during class. If regulations change, we will keep you informed and do our best to adjust accordingly.

Other studio policies -

There is no longer a telephone in the lobby due to the misuse of it. If a child is needing to use the phone for anything important, they may ask a teacher to do so. Also, to the parents of our younger students please remind your child/children not to leave the studio until a guardian has picked them. The kids are more than welcome to wait at the studio until someone has arrived, but I do ask you to be quite punctual with being on time.

Studio Rules - No Gum Chewing allowed in class

- Proper dance attire **MUST** be worn at all times. IF a child has forgotten, a studio set will be lent out for them to wear in order to attend the class.
- Hair **MUST** be tied back before entering the studio.
- Students problems or concerns will be addressed outside of class time, a phone call or meeting can take place outside of dance hours.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO BULLYING**. We wish our students to encourage one another within our studio as well as outside of the studio. We are all here to do something we have grown to love so let's all praise each other for their accomplishments, hard work and even small improvements throughout the year.
- **NO Running, Yelling, or Play Fighting** in the waiting areas. This distracts our dancers and teachers, there is a playground outside and across the street if you wish to do so.
- **ALL BAGS** must be put in the cubbies provided for the dancers. **PLEASE NO** bags left on the benches offered for the people to sit on. Bags will be removed if they are left lying around.
- **PLEASE THROW** out all of your garbage in the garbage bins provided in each room.

Breaks within your Schedule - I have scheduled the odd quick supper break for my more competitive students who have 3 classes running in an evening. If your break is a 45min- an hour long and you are able to be picked up that would be appreciated. If not, or if it's a quick 30 min break, students are able to stay at the studio but **PLEASE** remember to tidy up after yourself. Thank you

For my younger students, if a group decides to remain during a break, I do ask a parent rotation schedule to help supervise them over the duration if they choose to remain at the studio. To make sure they behave, don't venture out, and pick up after themselves. Thank you.

Class withdrawals - We must be advised of withdrawals from dance or a dance class by email at dance.connection@sasktel.net or by calling the studio at 306-446-6226 or 306-481-6224 and leaving a detailed message with your name, date of your message, phone number, name of dancer and class withdrawing from to ensure your next monthly payment is not processed. Please speak clearly as messages from cell phones are not always clear. You will be contacted back by telephone or by email address on file if further information is required. Fees paid in full will be refunded effective the date of withdrawal notification. Costume deposits paid will be refunded if class withdrawal is by October 31, 2021. Withdrawal after October 31, 2021 will result in being responsible for costume costs if they have been ordered. If costumes have been ordered any refund balance of the costume will then be refunded accordingly in the spring.

Please notify us of any changes to your address, phone number, email address or contact numbers by emailing us.

The Dance Connection accounting office has no specific set hours, if you need to get ahold of myself or our bookkeeper Jodi, please make prior arrangements by texting or calling 306-481-6224 or email us at dance.connection@sasktel.net

The following is the regulation dance wear required:

Ballet Full sole leather ballet slippers, any colour bodysuit, salmon tights.
Hair neat in a bun.
Ballet exam students will be required to have a simple black bodysuit. No extra straps, Lace, low backs, or patterns for exam.
Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 ballet exam students will require Character Shoes any heel height. Can purchase a pair from older students.
Boys ballet dress requirements are - white body fitting T-shirt, black tights, White Ballet Shoe and white socks.

Tap, Jazz, Lyrical and Contemporary

Clothing - Body suit, tights, tank top, sports bra, shorts, Capri pants, leggings.
Hair neat in ponytail.
please no baggy pants

Tap - Beige Tap Shoe for Beginner Tap to Gr. 2.
Black lace up for Gr 4, Gr 5 Inter & Advanced

Jazz - Beige split-sole jazz shoe.

Lyrical - foot undies - any colour for class. Beige for competition.

Contemporary - bare feet, foot undies, or turners.

Boys require any coloured fitted T-shirt, shorts or fitted pants and black lace-up tap shoe and black jazz shoe.

Hip Hop Relaxed clothing and clean, non-scuff running shoes. NO JEANS.

Acro Bare feet, tight clothing, body suits, shorts, tank tops, sports bras. Hair back

Just for Fun Class - Jazz shoes, runners, bare feet, and clothing they can move in. Please nothing too baggy or distracting. No Jeans

NO BAGGY T-SHIRTS OR SWEATSHIRTS ALLOWED IN CLASS

BALLET EXAM ATTIRE

Girls

Grade 1&2 Mondor #1645 / 11645 - True Pink Leather Full Sole slippers in pink/flesh tone to match tights, salmon tights

Grade 3&4 Mondor #1645 / 11645 - Navy Leather Full Sole slippers in pink/flesh tone to match tights, salmon tights

Vocationals Mondor #13520 - Black Leather or Canvas, Full Sole or Split Sole slippers in pink/flesh toned to match tights, salmon tights

Boys

Grades 1-4 white short sleeved bodysuit White Socks, Leather Full Sole Slippers in white or white fitted T-shirt, black tights or black fitted shorts

Vocational white short sleeved bodysuit White Socks, Leather or Canvas Full Sole or Split Sole Slippers in white or white fitted T-shirt, black tights or Black Socks, Leather or Canvas Full Sole or Split Sole Slippers in black

****Students are welcome to wear their choice of bodysuit for weekly classes; however, ALL exam students will be required to follow the Exam Dress Code both on the day of Mock Exams and on the official Exam Day****

Exam Fees will be invoiced closer to exam registration dates.

Important dates to remember:

There will be no classes during the Christmas Break. Last day of class in December will be Wednesday December 22nd. Classes will commence on Monday January 5th, 2022.

No classes will be held during the February Break (Feb 21-25, 2022) and Easter Break (April 15th-22nd, 2020).

There will be **NO** classes on Thanksgiving, October 11th, 2021, Good Friday April 15th, 2022.

DRESS REHEARSAL (COMPETITIVE STUDENTS) - TBA

SHOWCASE - TBA

DRESS REHEARSAL (non-competitive)

Dates for the non-competitive groups for **Recital** will be held Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 3:30 to 9:30. My competitive groups will not need a second dress rehearsal.

COMPETITIONS

The Performer (Saskatoon) - April 6th - 10th (All Competitive students)

North Battleford - April 19th - 22nd (All competitive students)

Showtime Promotions (Sherwood Park) - April 26th - May 1st (Groups to be announced)

To the Beat - May be an optional competition. Waiting to see if they are returning to North Battleford and dates they will be here.

Year-end recital

dates are booked for Friday May 13th and Saturday May 14th, 2022 at 7pm. There will also be two matinees on Saturday May 14th at noon and 3pm. Details will follow of groups dancing in what show.

If at any time you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email us. We wish all

our parents and students to be properly informed on all of our information.



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
Lots of pictures and info can be found here

Please watch for all important newsletters throughout the year or visit our website at danceconnectionnb.com

Thank you for choosing the Dance Connection. We are pleased that you have entrusted us with your child's Dance Education. We consider it an honour and look forward to a fabulous and rewarding year of dance with our new and returning students!