

Dance Incorporated

A Step Ahead of the Rest!

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**STUDIO CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK
DECEMBER 23, 2017 TO JANUARY 7, 2018**

CLASSES RESUME, MON., JANUARY 8, 2018

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS BREAK!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED

We ask that all parents read over the full newsletter so that you are aware of all the policies and procedures put in place at the studio as well as information on all that is going on this season. Being well informed and great communication leads to a very successful school year!

Please make sure we have an email address for you on file as well as join our text message alert. It is a parent's responsibility to read the newsletters and check the bulletin board every time you come to class to make sure you have the most up to date information.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET RAFFLE – SUPPORT OUR COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM

Dance Inc. Competitive Team and is selling raffle tickets for these amazing baskets! \$5 for one ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets - you pick which baskets you want to be put in the draw for!! Tickets available until Dec. 12th. Winners will be drawn the following week just in time for the holidays! Tickets are sold at the office during regular office hours. Support our amazing dance team.

ALL SHOES MUST BE REMOVED

We ask that everyone please remove their shoes/boots prior to entering the studio. No one is permitted to wear street shoes or boots in the studio at any time. This will keep the lobby dry and safe for all students. **Shelves are provided in the hallway to right of the main doors and in studio A & B Lobby.** Food and Drinks are not permitted in the studio at any time in the lobby. Students may have sealed water bottles only. Please help keep our studio clean by abiding by studio policies. **PLEASE PUT YOUR SHOES ON THE RACKS!**

**VIEWING WINDOWS WILL BE OPEN THE
24TH – 30TH OF EVERY MONTH SO
PARENTS CAN SEE THEIR CHILDREN'S
PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON!**

**The viewing cameras will be on at
teachers' discretion between these dates.**

NO FOOD IN THE STUDIO AT ANY TIME PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ABIDE BY THIS POLICY – WATER ONLY

A reminder that we have a no food policy in the studio. **SEALED water bottles only are allowed in the studio.** The no food policy applies to everyone who is in the building. Please make sure that you are aware of this policy. We ask parents to make sure that only sealed water bottles are brought into our classrooms at any time. **Food and drinks are not permitted in the studio.**

WE ARE A PEANUT FREE ENVIRONMENT TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE.

Please respect this as we do have students with allergies. For students who are here for more than two hours and need a snack it must be peanut free and eaten in a supervised area designated by staff.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

JOIN THE TEXT MESSAGE ALERT SYSTEM

When weather is severe and we need to cancel classes, we will be using our **TEXT MESSAGE ALERT SYSTEM**, as well please listen to Rock 95 & B101 FM. A message will be placed on the answering machine at the studio at 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and at 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays. A message will also be put on the home page of the website Facebook page, and Instagram account by the same times as above, and text message alert system will be used so please make sure to sign up for it. **Students will not be called at home.** Please call the studio after the above-mentioned times to see if classes are cancelled. Do not leave messages asking the studio to call and confirm that classes are cancelled. **Refunds will not be issued due to weather.**

COMMUNICATION AND EMAIL

The studio uses Email, website, www.danceincorporated.ca, our Facebook Group (registered students only), Facebook page @danceincbarrie (for the public), Instagram and Text Message Alerts as our sources of communication with parents and students. Please make sure you join the Facebook Group and this is where information for registered students is placed.

Important information will also be posted on the home page on the website. If you have any questions, please direct them to the studio director at 735-2755 or via email at danceinc@rogers.com

PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS WHENEVER CLASSES ARE CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS SENT OUT

Dance Incorporated has added a **cell phone APP** to help communication to parents when inclement weather or important dates and times are happening at the studio. This is strictly an app for a **one-way alert**. You can unsubscribe at any time. **I encourage everyone to join this alert group** as this is an instant message that will go directly to your cell phone. This will also be handy when we get closer to recital information as well. If you wish to get more information on this app go to www.remind to read up on this great communication tool.

HOW DO I JOIN THE TEXT MESSAGE ALERT?

Add a contact to your cell phone called **DANCE INC ALERT** with the phone number **(705)990-0109**. Once you have added this contact **text @danceinc** to this number. You will automatically be added to the group. I am constantly trying to find ways to keep everyone communicated with and up to date at the studio and I think this app will be very helpful to all my families.



Join our Facebook group and our Facebook page by going to the homepage of our

website and clicking the Facebook link at the top right hand corner or click the links below. **This is a great communication tool for students and parents to express their love of dance and be informed of all the great things your children are doing throughout the season.**

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/danceincbarrie

Facebook group: Families & Students Only
www.facebook.com/groups/104365112950762/

NSF/Returned PAD POLICY

The studio will charge a \$35 NSF charge on any returned payments and the remainder of the school year will be due in full prior to any further classes taken.

IMPORTANTPlease note that with the PAD withdrawals' 10 DAY WRITTEN NOTICE must be given to put a stop payment on any PAD payments.**

DRESS CODE

All students must have proper dance attire/shoes at all times. **Jeans, pajamas, and bare midriffs are not permitted in classes at any time.** Hair must be put back off faces at all times. Buns, ponytails, braids are acceptable. School uniform is black bodysuit and ballet pink tights only. Only exception to the dress code is Hip Hop. **All Hip Hop students are to have all white running shoes for class. ** No Exception.** Please do

not wear your shoes outside, they must be carried in to keep the studio clean. If you are unsure of what your child needs, please contact the studio office. We will be happy to assist you.

CELL PHONES Cell phones are not permitted to be turned on while students are in the classroom. Phones are distracting and interrupt our lessons. Students will be asked to turn their phones off while in class.
VALUABLE Please do not leave valuables in the change rooms at any time. The studio is not responsible for any lost or misplaced items.



IMPORTANT DATE CALENDAR

All important dates are listed below. The studio follows the school year calendar and will be closed Thanksgiving, Halloween, Christmas, Family Day, March Break, Easter, Victoria Day. We follow the same holidays that schools follow.

Sat, Dec. 23/17 – Sun., Jan. 7/18
Christmas Break – Studio Closed

Mon., January 8/18
Classes Resume

February 15/18
Tight Payments Withdrawn by
Pre-Authorized Debit

February 19/18
Family Day – Studio Closed

Sat, Mar. 10/18 – Sun., Mar. 18/18
March Break – Studio Closed

Mon., March 19/18 – Classes Resume

Fri., March 30/18 – Mon., April 2/18
Easter – Studio Closed

April/May – Date to be determined
Picture Day

Sat., May 19/18 – Mon., May 21/18
Victoria Day Weekend – Closed

Wed., May 23/18 Stage Rehearsal

Friday, May 25 & Sunday, May 27/18
Recital- Georgian College Theatre
Three Shows – Times to be announced

**On behalf of myself and all of my staff
Welcome and HAPPY DANCING!**