

September 2007

SSDC Newsletter



Welcome Back!



We hope that you all had a great summer and are excited to get back to dancing! We have lots of exciting things planned for this year. The staff of SSDC has been busy this summer.

In July Miss Samantha attended and successfully completed her 3rd year of the Dance Masters of America Teacher's Training School. She has also been attending regular dance and pilates classes and workshops throughout the summer. This past Labor Day weekend she had a blast judging the Paris Fair as the dance specialist. As well Samantha is excited to announce she has been offered and has accepted the position of choreographer for Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's production of High School Musical.

Miss Georgina has been busy studying for her adjudication qualifications. Miss Danielle attended the DMA Teacher's Training School with Samantha and completed her 1st year. Miss Kristen taught a fun-filled workshop for camp kids in Waterloo with Samantha. As well, she has been learning many new steps that she is excited to share with her students this year.

Our office manager Marianne has been busy promoting her novel, Tending Memory. She is also been reworking her first novel which will be republished under a new title - Twice in a Blue Moon.

We are all looking forward to getting back to the studio, seeing everyone again and meeting new students!

Post-dated cheques for the year are due by the end of September. Dates are as follows:
6 installments – Sept. 1st, Oct 22nd, Dec. 3rd, Jan. 28th/08, Mar. 10th/08, Apr. 28th/08.
3 Installments – Sept 1st, Dec. 3rd, Mar. 10th/08.
2 Installments – Sept. 1st, Jan. 28th/08.

SSDC Dress Code

Jazz – Body suit and tights or jazz pants and a fitted t-shirt. Jazz shoes for the various age groups are:

Pre-Jazz – Any colour gymnastic slippers or jazz shoes.

Competitive jazz – Capezio CGO5 jazz shoes in the colour caramel.

All other jazz classes – Black jazz shoes.

Tap – Same as jazz for appropriate dance wear. All classes require black tap shoes. Younger students may purchase patent leather shoes.

Ballet – All students should wear a body suit and tights; dance skirts may be worn. Adults may wear the same attire required for jazz. Shoe requirements are as follows:

Pre-Ballet and Pre-Dance – Pink gymnastic slippers or ballet slippers.

All other ballet classes - require pink ballet shoes

Irish Dance – Body suit and tights or shorts and a t-shirt. Capri pants are acceptable although full-length pants may only be worn during warm-up.

Pre-Irish – Black gymnastic or ballet slippers.

Beginner-Advanced – Black Irish dance soft shoes.

Junior-Advanced – These levels also require Irish hard shoes. Intermediate and advanced students should buy super or ultra flexi shoes to allow them to learn toe work.

Hip Hop – Same dress code as jazz. Shoes- black jazz shoes or dance sneakers

Boys – For all classes boys should wear shorts or pants that are an appropriate length and a t-shirt. Ask your teacher about shoes.

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Important Dates

Thanksgiving – *Classes on Monday October 8th will be cancelled. Classes will run as usual on Saturday October 6th.

Halloween – *Classes will be cancelled on Wednesday October 31st as dance cannot compete will candy!

December Show – Date TBD

Year-End Show – Saturday June 14th. Dress rehearsals are scheduled for the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior.

*Canceled classes will be rescheduled or students will be given another class time to attend.

Other Important Information...

Kitchener Studio Parking – Parking is available behind the studio and on the street in front and beside the studio. Additional parking is also available in the Scotiabank lot across Sheldon Ave. All Scotiabank parking is also studio parking.

Paris Location Parking – Parking is available on the street around the church. Please read street signs, since which side of the street you may park on changes mid-month. There is also a parking lot across Grand River Ave you may use.

Student Files – For all students that take lessons in Kitchener there will be a family file in the parents' waiting area. All receipts will be in those files. Files will be updated late September. For Paris students all receipts will be handed out in class.

Used shoe book – There is a book in the parents' waiting room where you may buy and sell shoes. Paris students may call the office for information on used shoes.

Viewing Week - Come see what your dancer has already learned in only a few short weeks! During the week of **Tuesday October 9th to Monday October 15th** parents are invited to view classes. Please check the bulletin boards for what times you are able to watch your child's class. Each teacher will be setting times (Eg. First half or second half of class).

Tuck Shop – Water and snacks are available for sale in the waiting area. All sales are on the honour system. The tuck shop is run by the competitive companies' fundraising group. All proceeds go toward their fundraising goals. Please note that only water is allowed in the dance room.

Peanut/Nut Products – Due to life threatening allergies absolutely no peanut/nut products are allowed anywhere in the studio.

Office Hours – Our regular office hours are as follows:

Mon. – 5:00pm-7:00pm

Tues. – Fri. – 5:00pm-8:00pm

Sat. – 9:30am-1:00pm

***Please note that SSDC is a small business and office hours may vary. If no one is in the office please speak with Samantha before or after classes. Both phone messages and emails are checked and answered regularly.