



## ***ISLAND DANCE STUDIO 2009-10***

### **Parent/Guardian Information**

#### ***Program Dates:***

**FALL TERM:**        **Classes begin Wed Sept. 9 to Saturday Dec. 12.**

*Dec. 14-18, Rehearsals may be announced for Performing Arts Festival participants and special workshops scheduled for interested students.*

***Thanksgiving*** *Mon. Oct. 12 no classes*

***Remembrance Day***, *Wed. Nov. 11 No regular classes. Possible exam candidate classes TBA*

**WINTER TERM:**    **Mon. Jan. 4, to Sat. March 6**

***Spring Break*** *Mon. Mar.8, to Sat. Mar. 20, no regular classes, except for student participants in Performing Arts Festival. Rehearsal times TBA for Monday, March 15 to Saturday March 20.*

**SPRING TERM:**    **Mon Mar.15, to Sat. June 19.**

***Good Friday*** *April 2, no classes*

***Easter Monday*** *April 5, classes/rehearsal for Performing Arts Festival participants TBA , no regular classes*

*Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival, Studio Dance section dates: April 18-22, Honours performance, May 1.*

***Victoria Day*** *Mon. May 24, classes as usual*

### ***Studio Policies***

Since its conception in 1990, Island Dance Studio (IDS) has acquired a reputation for consistently high standards of achievement through the commitment of the staff, students, and parents. The following policies have been developed to help maintain those standards.

- ***Attendance and Punctuality:*** To ensure continual progress it is necessary for students to attend classes on a regular basis.

**Arrival:** 15 minutes before the start of the class. If a student arrives late, he/she should wait at the door until there is a break in the music and then join the class.

- **Missed classes:** There is no refund for missed classes. Arrangements can be made to make up classes missed due to illness or excused absence and should be made up as soon as possible. Please call the office at 250-532-1244 or email [info@islanddancestudio.com](mailto:info@islanddancestudio.com) if you are unable to attend class.
- **Call Board:** It is the responsibility of the student and/or parent to check the notice board regularly for information regarding schedule changes and special events.
- **Communication:** If a parent or student has a concern, please contact the Director by phone, 250-532-1244. An e-mail newsletter will be sent each term and will also be posted on the Call Board.
- **Lock Box:** There will be a locked box for dropping off any payments. Please put cheques in a sealed envelope indicating the student's name and reason for payment. We hope that this new system will help keep classes running on time. Please do not give these payments to the Director between classes.
- **Withdrawal:** Parents should give one month's written notice of their intention to withdraw a student from IDS. Any unprocessed cheques will be returned.
- **Student drop off and pick up:** We all want to keep our Children safe. Although IDS staff would never close the studio and leave an unattended child, we can not be responsible for students before or after classes. Staff are not required to act in a supervisory capacity. In the interest of safety please make sure younger children are seen into the studio and picked up on time.
- **Watching Week:** In the best interest of the students, parents and friends do not watch regular classes. They are invited to observe during designated watching weeks.
- **Showcase:** IDS usually stages a year-end showcase. It is the student's choice to be involved. However when the commitment has been made, regular attendance is essential. A group performance needs participation from **ALL** members of the class. Any student missing more than 3 classes, once showcase rehearsals have begun, may not be able to participate. Parents are responsible for the cost of costumes and tickets for performance events.

➤ **Dress Code** All supplies are available at Toes'n Taps.

### **BALLET**

(Girls)

Pre-Prim-blue body suit (Capezio 1481C), pink ballet socks, ballet slippers with elastics

Prim, St 1, Gr 1, St 2 - Black camisole body suit (Mirella 207), pink ballet socks, ballet slippers with elastics

Gr 2 & up - Black camisole Body suit (Mirella 207) pink ballet tights, pink ballet slippers

Gr 6 & up - Split-sole canvas ballet slippers required

**All** - Hair neatly secured in a bun with a hairnet (**NO bun warmers or scrunchies**)

(Boys)

Pre-prim to Gr 2 - White T-shirt or body suit, black shorts, white socks, white ballet slippers with elastics

Gr 3 & up - White T-shirt or body suit & black tights or black unitard, white socks, white ballet slippers with elastics, dance belt

### **JAZZ**

(Girls) Plain colored body suit & jazz pants, caramel slip-on jazz shoes, hair off face & neck

(Boys) T-shirt, jazz pants, black jazz shoes

### **MODERN**

(Girls) Plain colored body suit & footless tights or capris, bare feet, hair off face & neck

(Boys) T-shirt, jazz pants, bare feet

**GOOD GROOMING IS A VITAL PART OF DANCE TRAINING**. Please wear appropriate attire to class.

**REMEMBER: NO BANGS, SCRUNCHIES, JEWELRY OR GUM** in any class.

**Examinations:** Students taking the required number of classes for their level and attending the Summer School Program, may be considered for examinations.

Exam participation is at the discretion of the Director and is based on knowledge of the syllabus, physical ability of the student and artistic presentation. Examinations are a valuable tool for some students but not advisable for all. Summer school participation is necessary for students in Grade 3 and up wishing to be considered for examinations.

**Parents are responsible for the cost of examination entrance fees, pianist fees and any extrapractices.**

➤ **Festival:**

Students are entered in performing arts festivals at the Director's discretion.

Students must be taking the recommended number of classes per week for their level.

Selection is made on ability, work ethic and proven commitment.

There is considerable time outside regularly scheduled classes required for rehearsal.

Parents are responsible for the cost of entry fees, rehearsal fees and costumes.

A student may be selected to perform a solo at the Director's discretion.

Festival participation is not necessarily a yearly activity.

➤ **Pointework:**

Students who are of an appropriate age and have developed sufficient strength may be considered for pointe work. To prevent injury, only students taking a minimum of 3 ballet classes per week will be considered. Certain physical limitations may exclude some students from participating.

➤ **Summer Programs:**

Students wishing to audition or apply for Summer Programs other than IDS must make arrangements with the Director, prior to making application.

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