

## Take 5 Dance Studio

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# Take 5 Times

Welcome Parents and Students,

Welcome to the beginning of Take 5 Dance Studio's 11<sup>th</sup> year! We hope you are all excited to be starting off another successful, energetic, fun dance year! Please read through this newsletter carefully as it has some very important information within it.

## Website

A reminder we are on the web. Our website is [www.take5dance.com](http://www.take5dance.com). You can find weather updates, calendar, newsletters, upcoming important information, etc.

## 2011 Calendar

- **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Classes begin**
- Thanksgiving – all classes will run as scheduled
- Next Newsletter – November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Christmas Holidays – December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Instructors

Our professionally trained and certified teaching staff is back and looking forward to the new dance season. We would like announce Tess McPherson to our staff this year who has been a dancer with Take 5 from the beginning. She will be teaching our pre-dance classes (ballet and tap/jazz) on Saturday mornings. We welcome back Haley and Mario who are both eager to start our 11<sup>th</sup> year! Haley, Mario, Tess, and I welcome back all of the familiar faces of previous years and look forward to meeting all our new students.

## Parent Viewing Week

We will be holding parent viewing weeks where you can come into the studio and observe your dancers classes in December. Exact times/days TBA.

## DANCE ATTIRE & SHOE SALE

We will be holding a gently used dancewear/dance shoe sale at the studio during registration dates as follows:

August 31 <sup>st</sup>	6-8 pm
September 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	6-8 pm

## Class Fees and Payments

At time of registration, the entire year's tuition **MUST BE PAID IN FULL, or be on file with post dated cheques (including your recreational costume deposit)**. If you have not given all post-dated cheques – please submit immediately. Once a payment is late, \$25.00 will be charged to your account.

There will be \$50.00 charged to your account for any returned cheques

There will be NO refund given for the class fees after the cheque have been cashed. You must notify us in writing 2 weeks prior to the next term that you will be withdrawing from the class or the next cheque will be processed. Notification must be given in writing to Jesslyn.

**Dance fees must be paid in full by the due dates in order to attend class.**

## Jesslyn Absent due to Surgery

I would like to notify everyone I am having jaw surgery September 15<sup>th</sup>. I will not be able to teach fully until after Thanksgiving (3-4 classes). Hopefully I will be able to get back sooner than that into everyone's classes, however, the doctor has said 4 weeks to return. When I return to teaching, I will have an assistant helping in all classes for the first couple of weeks. If you need to reach me, email would be preferred as I won't be able to speak for the first couple of weeks (my jaw will be wired shut). If you have any concerns in regards to my absence, please notify me immediately. Mario will be taking over Wednesday classes, Tess will be taking over Friday classes and Haley will be taking over Saturday classes (starting at Pre-Primary) until I come back. I will try and keep everyone updated.

Again, I would like to stress I will be unable to speak. If you have any questions during this time, emailing me would be the best way to communicate with me ([info@take5dance.com](mailto:info@take5dance.com)).

Thank you in advance everyone for your patience during this time.

## Class Attire and Shoes

- Pre-Ballet & Pre-Primary Ballet Levels (girls)
- Pink tank style bodysuit
  - Pink ballet skirt
  - Pink tights
  - Pink ballet slippers
- Primary to Elementary Ballet (girls)
- Black tank style bodysuit
  - Pink tights
  - Pink ballet slippers
- 3-5 Combination Jazz/Tap (girls)
- Black tank style bodysuit
  - Any colour tights, dance pants, or shorts
  - Jazz – white non-marking running shoes
  - Black tap shoes (with an elastic loop, NO laces)
- Jazz (6 yrs+ girls)
- Black Leather **slip on** Jazz Shoes
  - Black tank style bodysuit or dance tank top
  - Dance shorts are optional
- Tap (6 yrs+ girls)
- Black Tap Shoes
  - Black Bodysuit or dance tank top
  - Dance shorts are optional
- Acro (all ages - girls)
- Black Bodysuit or dance tank top
  - Dance shorts
  - BARE FEET
  - NO JEWELRY
- Hip Hop (all ages girls and boys)
- Dance shorts, pants, or tack pants
  - tank top or t-shirt (form fitting)
  - Indoor running shoes
- Technique/Stretch
- black shorts
  - black bodysuit or tank top
- Boys (jazz, tap, ballet, acro)
- T-shirt and track pants/track shorts
  - Black jazz, tap, and ballet shoes, bare feet

### Where Can I Buy Dance Attire and Shoes?

1. Sequins Plus  
Oshawa (Olive and Wilson)  
(905) 433-2319

### Recital

Towards the beginning of June we will be holding our 11<sup>th</sup> annual year-end recital where all classes will perform. Our date and venue will be confirmed at a later time. Please note: there will be an additional fee ranging from \$25 - \$70 (more) for your child's costume. More details to follow.

## BATD Exams

Our successful examination syllabus will be taught in all ballet classes as well as selected Jazz and Tap classes throughout the year starting at age 5. An examiner will be coming to Take 5 during the end of our dance year. If you are selected to participate, you will receive an examination package in May.

Congratulations to Olivia Norris who was starred in her Grade 4 ballet exam last February. Olivia has the opportunity to move onto the BATD Canadian Scholarships.

### Award Winning Competitive Team

We have a very strong competitive program at Take 5. We do not hold auditions for our competitive team as we feel it doesn't give each dancer a fair chance. We will be observing all students during their regular classes during the first couple of weeks. If we feel your child is ready to be a part of our competitive team, you will receive a package from your teacher at the beginning of the dance year.

### Studio Rules

- No smoking in or around our building
- No outdoor shoes in studio
- No gum
- Only water is allowed into the studio
- Please use the cubbies provided for your bags/coats (other than the baby class dancers on Saturday mornings)
- No phone calls to your teachers to their home. You can reach us by leaving a message at the studio or emailing us at [info@take5dance.com](mailto:info@take5dance.com)
- Take 5 is not responsible for any lost or stolen articles
- All students must be picked up on time.
- No criticizing others. It is the teachers job, not yours
- Please ensure each dancer uses the bathroom BEFORE class begins.
- **WE ARE A NUT FREE FACILITY!!!**
- If you need to speak with a teacher, please arrange a time to do so. We are not able to answer questions while instructing. To do so, please contact us at [info@take5dance.com](mailto:info@take5dance.com) or (905) 655-4167

### MABELS LABELS FUNDRAISER FOR OUR TEAM

If you need labels for school or for those tap shoes, please support our competitive team by using Mabels Labels: A portion of the sales go towards our competitive team

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