

CSD CARLSON'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Can you believe it?
We're heading into our second month of dance!

Thank you all for your co-operation as we settle in for the year. We are so grateful to have you all as part of our dance family!

If you haven't paid your costume deposit yet, remember the due date is October 15th.

Please be advised that when we are placing the orders we will only be ordering costumes for the students that have paid their costume deposit. If you wish to order a costume for a solo please contact the office now.

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. Our office is open Tuesday-Thursday from 3-6:30pm and Saturdays from 9:00am-12pm.



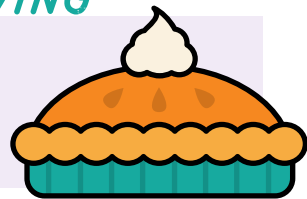
Carlson's t-shirts, zip hoodies and sweatpants will be available to order soon. Keep following us on social media and more information will be e-mailed.

UPCOMING DATES

October 8/10 - 8 week sessions begin
October 12 - Thanksgiving, no classes
October 15 - Costume deposit deadline
October 22 - Solo costume order deadline
Oct 24/25 - Groove Street Convention
October 31 - Classes as usual
November 7-8 - Phoenix Convention
November 11 - Classes as usual
November 22 - 6:30 PAC Meeting
November 23-28 - Watching Week
Dec 19 - Last Day before Winter Break
Dec 19 - Tentative studio party

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

We will be CLOSED
Thanksgiving,
Monday October 12



HALLOWEEK

Wear your costume (you **MUST** be able to dance in it) or show your spirit with old dance costumes, Halloween hair, socks, etc. Get creative! Stop by the office for a photo and Trick or Treat. Starts Monday, October 26



PHOTOS



This year we may be taking photos during classes, performances, and other events to be used for our social media. If you do not wish to have your child photographed please advise the office.

COWICHAN MUSIC FESTIVAL & COMPETITIONS

Remember: Festival Rehearsal & Photos on February 7

Classes that are participating in festival and/or competitions will be notified in the next month. There will be entry fees due by the end of November.

Students with solos, duos, and trios must contact the office by Oct 7 regarding registration for festival and competitions so we can confirm your place and sort out fees, which can be paid with November tuition.

Cowichan Music Festival (Cowichan Performing Arts Centre, Feb 17-22)

Fees are **approximately** \$35 for a solo, duos/trios are \$45 per dancer, and the group rate is divided by the amount of people in the class (typically less than \$10 each)

Synergy (Port Theatre Nanaimo, Feb 25-Mar 1, team and crews only)

Synergy competition will be open to our Team & Crew students first, we will let everyone know if any spaces become available.

Solo = \$130

Duo/Trio = \$85 each

Group = \$70 each

**includes photos and videos*

**dancers at this event may be invited to GDS Provincials in May*

Phoenix Competition (Port Theatre Nanaimo, April 15-18)

Solo = \$145

Duo/Trio = \$90

Group = \$75

**includes photos and videos*

**higher chances to add on more entries, let us know if you'd like a spot*

**dancers at this event may be invited to Phoenix Nationals in Penticton in July*

Summit Dance Challenge (Cowichan Performing Arts Centre, May 13-16)

For Summit there is a limit and we will be going first come first serve. Those that did let us know before deadline will have first dibs on spaces. We ask families to confirm if they already e-mailed us and if you haven't yet you can still put your name on the list.

Solo = \$150

Duo/Trio = \$88 each

Group = \$70 each

**limited spaces reserved, first come first serve basis*

Please note we do all we can to offer opportunities to all our students but still keep things affordable and avoid burn out for our busy students and dance families.

A few studio policies...

Attendance and punctuality are extremely important as classes are progressive and geared to year-end performances, exams and/or competitions. Late or absent students hold the entire class back as lost lessons must be repeated. The focus of our classes is learning, not repeating. Therefore, **repeat absences may result in a student being asked to understudy.** Please contact the studio if your child will be missing class.

Arriving on time and being prepared for class is as important as attendance. Parents should allow enough time for their child to dress correctly and enter into a state of mind that is conducive to learning. **Arriving 15 minutes prior to class** is recommended to review the previous lesson and catch up with friends before entering the studio. If a class must be entered late, please wait and enter between songs and offer an apology to the teacher and class.

No outdoor shoes are to be worn in the studio.

Only water allowed in class. Food, gum and other drinks must be left in the waiting room.

All important information and studio policies can be found in our Student Handbook on our website carlsons.ca

LATE FEES

As per our policies in the handbook, we will be charging 5% each week payments are past due, as it is a lot of extra admin work to track everyone down.

Thank you



CONVENTIONS

**Groove Street Productions Convention
VANCOUVER - OCTOBER 24 & 25**

Cost for convention starts at \$300 (not incl. hotel, travel, etc). Families will register and travel as individuals, but we will have teachers at the event and do things as a group.

**Phoenix Convention
NANAIMO - NOVEMBER 7 & 8**

Still intersted? Miss the deadline? Just let us know!

Fundraisers

BOTTLE DRIVE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

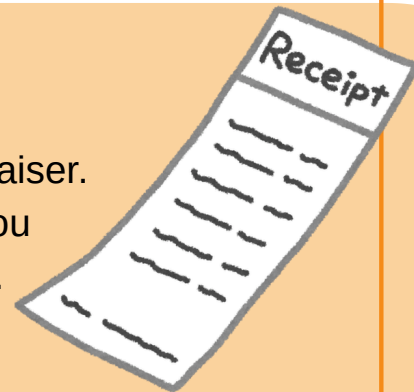
STOP BY AND SEE US AT THE STUDIO FROM 8:30-11

RECEIPTS

Carlson's PAC is collecting Country Grocer Receipts as a fundraiser.

There is a clear bin in each of the dressing rooms and all you need to do is save your receipts and pop them in anytime.

Please ask your friends and family to save them too!



Upcoming fundraisers include a Purdys Chocolate order for Christmas and a cash raffle!

SOUP *sale*

Stock up on yummy soup mixes from Mitchell's Soup Co. and help our PAC raise funds for future educational trips and studio fun!

Order deadline is October 15.

Find the link on social media or in the e-mail sent home.