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**University School of Dance**  
**College of Kinesiology**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**October/November 2019**

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back to another year of dance! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and that you have a happy and successful year in all of your dance classes! **We want to be confident that every dancer in our school reaches their potential, so please be patient while we place the children in the correct classes according to their technical skill and age.**

You may have noticed that we have a new webpage and logo! We are now identified as **USASKrec**. You can find the link at <https://rec.usask.ca>. All of our programming is listed here, but to find the School of Dance, you must click on the **Activities and Programs** icon on the top.

I have some **2019 Recital DVD's** in my office that need to be picked up. If you asked to pick up your DVD from PAC, they have been here since July. I still have about 10 in my office that haven't been picked up. If you wish to have your child pick it up from their teacher, please email me and I will pass it on.

The following is a list of the school of dance staff. Please use this for future reference so that you can contact your child's teacher in case of illness, class conflict, or any comments or questions regarding your child's progress. **Phone numbers are not listed, please contact the dance office at (306) 966-1005 for a teacher's phone number if required.**

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**Fees:**

We try to ensure that every child is successful and doesn't become frustrated with classes that are either too easy or too difficult for them. Over the next few weeks the teachers may be moving or have moved students from one class to another to ensure they receive the best possible dance

experience that they can. Please be patient as we sort this out. Some classes may also be cancelled due to low enrollment, in this case, we try to find the best alternative for any dancers registered in those classes. **All children should be registered through the USASKrec office (966-1001) in the classes they are taking by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There are no refunds after December 1, 2019.**

### **Free Indoor Track Use:**

Parents please bring your runners and use the walk/jog track at the PAC. On the night your child dances you are welcome to make use of the walk/jog track during this time. It doesn't matter which studio your child may be taking class in at the time. Just bring your shoes and do a few laps around the track. **You will need a pass to enter. To acquire your pass, please email Michelle at [michelle.weimer@usask.ca](mailto:michelle.weimer@usask.ca).** *This only includes the use of the track when it is not closed for events. It does not include the use of the Fit Centre, Tri-Gym, or pools.*

### **Dress Code and Studio Cleanliness:**

Since dance, like other art forms, requires a disciplined approach to learning, **students must come to class dressed in the appropriate attire with their hair neatly done.** Please try to adhere to this rule so that all classes consistently look well groomed and the children feel good about how they look. As well, there is **no outdoor footwear or food allowed in either studio.** **Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!**

### **Sale of Shoes:**

Since dance shoes are rather expensive and the children often grow out of them, we would like you to **make use of our bulletin boards or the left wall as you enter the PAC studio.** If you wish please make use of this to post shoes you wish to sell or purchase. Once you have purchased or sold the shoes posted, please remove the sign the next time you are in the studio. This is helpful to those wishing to purchase.

### **Parking:**

Those students who dance at the **RJD Williams studios** can park for free in the front of the building on Cumberland Avenue after 4 pm. Behind the building, there is a pay parking lot at the back (***you must purchase a ticket and put on your dash***). Within this lot, there is a daycare loading zone, where vehicles can be parked for up to 10 minutes. I encourage you to make use of the loading zone behind the building to "drop off and pick up" dancers so you do not have to pay for parking. However, if you leave your car in that spot, and do not purchase a ticket from the machine, you could potentially get a ticket. Those students who dance at the **Physical Activity Complex** are encouraged to be dropped off and picked up as well. There are also several pay parking meters that can be used also. As well, R lot, right in front of the PAC building and the Stadium Parkade across the street. Hourly rates vary at parking meters and lots, but typically, from 6am-6 pm, **it is \$3/hr** and 6pm-6am, **it \$1.50/hr**. The Stadium parkade is \$2.50/hr during the day and \$1.50/hr for the evening. **We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but parking on campus is beyond our control.**

### **Parent's Program:**

The Parent's Program will be held in May. Exact dates will be announced January/February. Dance Pictures will occur one Sunday in April in the PAC studio. ***Watch for upcoming announcements regarding these two events. Announcements will be posted on our webpage, <https://rec.usask.ca>. Click on the top "Activities and Programs". Scroll down to "Dance" and that will bring you to our page. Scroll down to "News and Important Dates" and click there.*** There will be a new newsletter every two months, and all of the recital and photo day information and forms will be posted here.

### **Media Release Form:**

The University School of Dance often uses pictures from the dance recital, summer camps, or specific classes in their advertising and activity guide every year. **The name of your child will not be publicized, but a photograph might be.** Please fill out the Media Release form on the back of this letter if you approve, and return it to their teacher.

We also have a **facebook** page. We can be found under the *University School of Dance*. Announcements, news, information, and articles regarding dance and the arts will be posted here. If you wish to post a picture or information about an upcoming event that may be of interest to our participants, please contact me at [michelle.weimer@usask.ca](mailto:michelle.weimer@usask.ca).

### **Classes:**

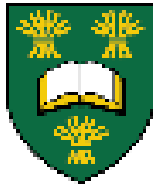
There is still room in some of our classes! ***Adult classes have started but there is still room to register. Come out and take a class while your child is! The schedule can be found at <http://rec.usask.ca>.***

### **Dates to Remember:**

Please note that there are **no dance classes over the Thanksgiving break, Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> through Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (inclusive).** There are no classes on Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> in lieu of Remembrance Day. There are no adult classes over the fall break from November 11-15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, but children's classes will begin again on Tuesday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Break runs from Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 through Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (inclusive). **All children's dance classes resume on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

***Parents and Friends are invited to watch their child's dance class(es) during the week of October 21-26, 2019. Feel free to speak with the teachers before or after the class to avoid disruption or delays in daily/evening schedule. Thanks!***

Yours in Dance,  
Michelle Weimer, Coordinator



# UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The organizers of Recreation Services with the College of Kinesiology may be videotaping and / or taking photographs of the activities during the program you/you're your child are registered in. This documentation may be used in future brochures or posters, and may be used in Kinesiology classes or shown to sponsors of the program.

To ensure your privacy we would like your permission to include your child in these photographs. Please complete this form and return it to our office prior to the beginning of your program.

Sincerely,

Michelle Weimer (Dance Coordinator)

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ agree to give permission for my child to be included in the photographs during the activities of Recreation Services at the College of Kinesiology.

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Signature

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Date

