



## November News

### Dates to Remember

- November 21-26 – Parents viewing week
- December 22 – Last day of classes before Holiday Break
- December 23-January 6 – Winter Break
- January 7 – Classes Resume

### Parents Viewing Week

Parents viewing week is coming up the week of November 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, during regular class time. Parents are invited to come watch your dancer in class to see what they are learning and give them an opportunity to perform for you.

We strongly encourage parents, family and friends of our senior students to attend parents viewing week. This is a great way for the older dancers to get experience performing for an audience as we head into the competitive and performance season.

Parents are welcome to take photos during viewing week however no flash photography will be permitted for the safety of the dancers. Also, no food or drink is permitted in the studios when you're watching.

### Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mom's Pantry Fundraiser and congratulations to our three top fundraisers: **Kerrigan Neilson, Natasha Coates, and Reese Hnatuk**. Great job fundraising!

### Maples Clothing

Studio clothing will be available to order this month. Order forms will be sent home with the dancers soon. These make great Christmas and birthday gifts for your dancer and are the best way to represent the studio at competitions, conventions, and when you're out and about in the city.

If you would like to order any items as Christmas gifts, your order and money must be in by November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9pm. All other orders need to be in by December 17<sup>th</sup> by 3pm and will be ready by the end of January.

### Payment Reminder

There are still a few outstanding November payments. Please remember, your fees are due on the first class of the months and late payments are subject to a \$5 late fee. If you'd like to submit post dated cheques, you can hand them into the office and we'll ensure you're payment is processed on time every month.

### **Message from the Directors**

Lots of fun things are happening at the studio at this time of year – clothing orders, dance conventions, competition preparation – it's a very exciting time. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Mom's Pantry fundraiser. The money raised from this helps us reduce costs associated with picture day and recital.

Congratulations to our dancers who attended the Triple Threat Dance Convention on November 5-6 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Dancers had the joy of dancing for two days with world renowned choreographers: Jason Samuels Smith (Tap), Sho Tyme (Hip Hop), Gustavo Vargas (Latin), Jen Hamilton (Jazz), Lisette Bustamante (Hip Hop), and Carolina Lancaster (Lyrical).

Halloween at the studio was very fun. All the students who dressed up looked great. We hope you all had as much fun as Miss Kitten (Miss Shauna) and Miss Cruella DeVille (Miss Jamie) had!

Competitive letters will be sent home this month on an ongoing basis. Details about the competitive program are listed in the letter. If your dancer receives a letter and you have further questions, feel free to contact Miss Shauna for details.

Finally, Maples Academy of Dance is very excited to be participating in Way Off Broadway for a second year in a row. This show pairs choreographers with non-dancers, who will take the stage on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> to help raise money for the Children's Museum. We'd like to thank "Mix Tape" for their hard work in preparation for this show, and wish them good luck with their performance next week!

Keep shining like stars!

**Miss Shauna & Miss Jamie**