



Footnotes



A newsletter for students and friends of Contemporary School of Dance



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FALL NEWSLETTER!

We will be sharing a quarterly newsletter for fall, winter, spring and summer, as well as specific newsletters for our performances in December and June. We hope you enjoy this issue of CSD Footnotes for Fall 2018!

CSD FOOD DRIVE

We hope that everyone can contribute to our annual Fall Food Drive for the Waterloo Region Food Bank! Donations can be dropped off in our front lobby area from Monday, Sept. 24 – Friday, Oct. 5th. Thank you for helping us help others in our community!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

We are so *thankful* to be able to share our passion for dance with our students! **There are NO classes Thanksgiving weekend, Sat. Oct. 6th through Mon. Oct. 8th.** Classes will resume Tues. Oct. 9th. Thank you for being a part of our dance family!

CSD GETS SPOOKY!



CSD students are invited to wear Halloween costumes or 'orange & black' to dance classes Wednesday, October 24th through Tuesday, October 30th. Please choose costumes and accessories that will allow you to dance properly! **There are NO classes Wednesday, October 31st.** We wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!

CSD DISNEY TRIP 2020!



We had so much fun on our Disney trips in 2014 and 2017! We can't wait to go back! Start planning now for our **July 2020 trip to Walt Disney World!** Dancers participate in a Disney parade, perform dances in a showcase at Epcot, attend a Disney Gala party, and enjoy the Disney parks with their family! The trip is usually 4-5 days, but you can extend your vacation! Minimum age in previous years was 8 years at time of trip. Deposit will be due October 2019. We would love to share this exciting performance experience with your dancer and hope that your family can join us for this memorable trip-of-a-lifetime!

IMPORTANT DATES!

<http://csdance.com/news-info/important-dates/>

CSD Fall Food Drive Mon. Sept. 24 – Fri. Oct. 5

Happy Thanksgiving – NO classes

Sat. Oct. 6 – Mon. Oct. 8

Deadline for participation in Santa Claus parade
Wed. Oct. 24

Halloween Dress Up! Wed. Oct. 24 – Tues. Oct. 30

Halloween- No classes - Wed. Oct. 31

Parent Observation Week
Sun. Nov. 4 – Sat. Nov. 10

Deadline for Exam Interest Forms
Saturday, Nov. 10

Deadline: Purdys Chocolate Orders
Saturday, Nov. 10

Priority Registration for winter session!
Monday, Nov. 12

CSD Dance Company performs "The Fairies" with Vera Causa Opera
Fri. Nov. 16 – Sun. Nov. 18

K-W Santa Claus Parade
Saturday, Nov. 17

Deadline: Registration for workshops for CSD's "Countdown to Christmas!" performance
Saturday, Nov. 17

Pick-up: Purdys Chocolate Orders
Saturday, Nov. 24, 9am-12noon

Open Registration for winter session classes
Monday, Nov. 26

Deadline for June Production Commitment Forms & Costume deposits
Friday, Nov. 30

Tickets for "Countdown to Christmas!" on sale
Saturday, Dec. 1

Deadline for Exam Commitment Form
Saturday, Dec. 1

Last week of regular classes
Monday, Dec. 3 – Sunday, Dec. 9

Workshops for "Countdown to Christmas!" show - No regular classes!
Mon. Dec. 10 – Fri. Dec. 14

CSD's "Countdown to Christmas!" performance!
Saturday, Dec. 15

Last day for "Toonie for Toys" donations
Saturday, Dec. 15

Christmas Break – no regular classes
Sun. Dec. 16 – Fri. Jan. 4

NBS Auditions & Open Classes
Wednesday, Jan. 9 and Thursday, Jan 10

First day of classes in winter term
Saturday, January 5

Kitchener-Waterloo SANTA CLAUS PARADE!

Saturday, November 17th

We are very excited to be participating in the K-W Santa Claus parade again this year! We are inviting CSD dancers ages 4 and up to dance in the parade on Saturday, November 17th. Note: Dancers ages 4-6 must be accompanied by an adult. The use of a wagon and blankets is suggested in case your young dancer needs a rest! The parade starts at 10:30am and is approximately 1.5 hours long. An email will be sent with more information about the event, including rehearsal schedule, costumes, parade day details, and meeting and pick-up locations.

We have chosen the theme of the *"Christmas Tree"* for this year's parade entry, and the dancers will dance in a triangle to form a large Christmas Tree! Dancers will need to provide their own black leggings or jazz pants, running shoes or boots, a coat that ends at the waist, as well as their own red scarf and mitts. We will be placing an order for green hoodies for everyone to wear and will be decorating the sweatshirts and providing headpieces. The cost of the sweatshirt, decorations and headpiece is estimated at \$40.00 per dancer.

Look for our email in October to sign up to be in the parade and be sure to let us know what size you need for the sweatshirt. Keep in mind it will be worn over a coat or other sweater, so order a size up! Participating in the parade has become a wonderful CSD holiday tradition for our dance families and everyone enjoys dancing down the street and spreading the joy of the holiday season! We will also be looking for a few parents to hold our parade banners and dancers or siblings to be parade walkers to hand out candy canes on the parade route!

Deadline for participation in the parade: Wednesday, October 24th.



REGISTRATION FOR WINTER SESSIONS



Winter sessions for PreSchool, Toddler & Me, Beginner Teen, & Adult classes start Saturday, January 5th, 2019.

Further details on program offerings in our Winter Session (January – March) will be available at our website in November: www.csdance.com

Current students in our fall session have priority registration from Monday, November 12th, to Sunday November 25th. Starting Monday, November 26th, registration for our winter sessions will be accepted from new and returning students on a first come, first served basis. Register early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to sharing more dance with you in 2019.

Dancers in full year programs (Kindies in Motion, Pre-Primary, Primary and up) do not need to re-register as these classes continue through June 2019.

CSD FACULTY NEWS

Did you know that each of the CSD faculty is dedicated to continued professional development? Our teachers attend various courses throughout the year to stay current in teaching trends and curriculum updates and continue to pursue further teaching accreditation! For full teacher biographies, please visit our website: <http://csdance.com/about-us/meet-teachers/>

Congratulations

Congratulations to CSD faculty member, Denise Fung, on achieving Fellowship status with ISTD! This past summer, Denise attended the ISTD Summer School in Chichester England and afterwards took her Fellowship examination in England. The Fellowship is the highest teaching qualification offered by the ISTD. Denise had previously attained her Associate, Associate Diploma and Licentiate examinations. We are so proud of Denise and all of her hard work. She is now training other dancers in pursuit of their ISTD Associate teaching examinations for Modern Theatre/Jazz. **Congrats Denise!**

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK!

Sunday, November 4th - Saturday, November 10th

During the week of November 4th – 10th, we will be inviting parents to attend the last 15-20 minutes of each dance class to see a brief demonstration of exercises. This will also be a good opportunity for parents to ask any questions about our programs and connect with our faculty.

For our ballet, jazz and tap classes, these parent observations will also allow teachers to discuss examination options for students and give parents a chance to ask any questions they may have about the examination process.

Observations will **only** be for our full-year classes. We do not have observation week for Toddler & Me, PreSchool, Beginner Teen or Adult classes. Please note that PreSchool classes will have a brief demonstration for parents in their last class of the session.

When possible, please try to leave younger siblings at home during parent observation week.

For the privacy of our students and teachers, the use of cameras or videocameras will not be permitted during observations.



Dancing with the feet
is one thing...
Dancing with the
heart is another!

CSD DANCE EXAMS – What is the process for signing up for an exam?

During our Observation week, **November 4th-10th**, parents will be invited to watch the last 15-20 minutes of classes for a brief observation of some syllabus material in ballet, jazz and tap classes.

This will give teachers an opportunity to provide parents & students more information about exams at CSD and the process of committing to a dance examination. **If students are interested in being considered for a dance exam, they must submit their 'exam interest form' to their teacher by Saturday, November 10th, 2018.**

Teachers will then be provided with a list of students who would like to be considered for examinations. They will assess whether to invite dancers to participate in an exam this year, based on their current level of training and past exam history. Students who are deemed ready and eligible for examinations will receive an examination invitation from their teacher, which will outline all current exam date information and fees involved. If the teacher feels a student needs more time before they are ready for the exam, they will receive a letter explaining which areas are in need of improvement for examination standard.

All examination entries are at the discretion of the Artistic Director and the decision to invite dancers to participate in examinations is made with the full interest of the student in mind. We want everyone's examination experience to be a positive one!

Each student who notifies the studio that they would like to be considered for an exam will get a response, either an invitation to participate or a letter explaining why they are not ready at this time.

Please note that we will only consider students for exams if they have returned their exam interest slip to the studio. In order to participate in spring exams, we must meet entry deadlines, so unfortunately, we are not able to accept late notifications.

Deadline for Exam Commitment Form & Fee:
Saturday, December 1, 2018

For more information on examinations at CSD, please visit the following link to our website:
<http://csdance.com/program-services/dance-examinations/>



"Dance isn't something that can be explained in words. It has to be danced".

- Paige Arden



December Show – "Countdown to Christmas!"

Saturday, December 15th at Conrad Centre for Performing Arts

This is an exciting performance opportunity for our students! We offer an optional series of choreography workshops for CSD students (registered in Kindies in Motion & up) to learn a piece of choreography. These dances will be performed in our holiday-themed performance of "Countdown to Christmas", held at the Conrad Centre for Performing Arts on Saturday, December 15th.

The choreography workshops will be offered Monday, December 10th through Friday, December 14th at CSD studios. Workshops will be offered at various levels and in many dance styles! PLEASE NOTE: there are no regular dance classes on these dates! (December 10-14)

Registration Deadline: Saturday, November 17th

To sign up for workshops, register online starting November 1st. Login to your CSD registration account and then add classes under the 'CSD December Workshop' tab. **Workshop cost: \$15.00**

Costumes are kept simple, so there is no costume cost for participants! Dancers must be available on Saturday, December 15th for rehearsals in the morning as well as the afternoon performance.

A newsletter with specific rehearsal times will be emailed to all participants once workshop registration is complete! **Tickets for this performance will go on sale Saturday, December 1st.** Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the performance (cash only). We hope you can participate in this fun holiday performance!

CSD June Production 2019



We're already very busy planning this year's June production and are very excited about the theme! ...which is a secret until January 2019! ...shhh!

This year, our June production will be held at the Theatre of the Arts at the University of Waterloo. We are pleased to present this year's show with three performance times:

Saturday, June 15th, 2019, 1:00pm & 7:00pm AND Sunday, June 16th, 2019, 1:00pm.

Our Production Newsletter will be available in November and will include everything you need to know about our year end performances.

Production Commitment forms & costume deposits will be due November 30, 2018.

Toonies for Toys!



We are proud to continue our holiday fundraiser, "Toonies for Toys", a fundraising initiative at CSD! Our

faculty does not expect to receive Christmas presents from students, but if children would like to give their teacher a gift, we kindly request that you consider donating a toonie to our "Toonies for Toys" campaign. With the monies raised, we will purchase toys to be donated to needy families in our community. For the past three years, CSD has matched the monies donated, and we were able to donate approximately \$400.00 worth of toys each year! Please help us spread some holiday cheer throughout Waterloo region!

Last day for 'toonie' donations is Saturday, December 15th.



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Contemporary School of Dance is fundraising with Mabel's Labels, a company with all types of labels that are colourful, indestructible, fun and easy-to use! Personalize your labels with names, and cool icons! Dishwasher, microwave, laundry & kid tested! Dispatched within 24 hours! Personalized labels make excellent gift ideas for baby showers, teachers, organized moms, and especially dancers! Order online! campaigns.mabelslabels.com
Thanks for supporting the CSD Dance Company.

FREE CSD T-shirts!



It's our way of saying THANKS for being part of the CSD family! All students who will receive a **FREE** CSD T-shirt this year! The t-shirts will be distributed late October!



Parents! Relax, & let us do the work!
 Party Time! Sundays, 1:30-3:30pm

★ **Two hour themed birthday party includes a dance class, games, activities, colouring book, and time for cake and presents! All party decorations are provided and we do ALL of the set-up and clean-up!**

★ Choose one of our party themes: **Princess, Fairy, Frozen Fun, Circus** or **Ultimate** dance party!

Book your party! Please email Elyse, our Birthday Party Director at csdbirthdayparties@mail.com at least two weeks in advance. Provide your preferred party date as well as any optional dates. Once you have your party date confirmed, drop off your completed [Party Booking Form](#) along with your \$50.00 non-refundable deposit to Contemporary School of Dance, and get ready to have some serious FUN! Want more info? Visit our Birthday Parties page: <http://csdance.com/program-services/birthday-parties/>

★ Many thanks to our Birthday Party staff: Lauren D., Kate D., Megan D., Sophie G., Maddie R., Ally S., and Sloan S. They are ready to help make your child's birthday party the best one yet!

CSD STUDENT NEWS!

CSD Assistant Team!

Special thanks to the following CSD students for volunteering their time to help with younger children's classes this year: Jaidan B., Mary Bea C., Kate D., Megan D., Maeve F., Ledina H., Lauren J., Kyla J., Lola K., Ashley M., Grace M., Alexanne R., Mina S., Destiny S., Aimee S., Sloan S., Natalie T., Megan T., Nina W. and Emily W. Find out more about our Assistant Team - check out their biographies posted in the rear waiting area! Assistants – please remember to log your hours in the CSD Assistant binder in Studio C and use the communication log if you have any questions for the teacher that you are working with.



CSD is a Nut-free Facility!

Several of our dancers have **severe** allergies to peanuts and/or tree nuts and carry epi-pens. For the safety of all of our dancers, please do not bring any type of nut product into the school and please wash your hands prior to coming to the studio. Thanks for keeping our dancers safe!

Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser!

We are excited to offer the PURDYS CHOCOLATE fundraising program for our Dance Company again this year!

Purdys Chocolatier was first established in 1907 in Vancouver, B.C. and is the home of Canada's finest chocolate, caramel, nuts, and other decadent delights. They are known for quality, value, freshness, and of course, AMAZING chocolates! They also use 100% sustainable cocoa which supports community and agriculture programs that benefit their farmer partners in cocoa-growing communities. www.purdys.com/sustainablecocoa



This fundraising program gives 25% of the profit back to the CSD Dance Company, and it's an easy way to complete your holiday shopping for friends, family, teachers, or office gifts!

ORDER DEADLINE: Saturday, November 10th

ORDER PICK-UP: Saturday, November 24th, 9am-12noon

1. Go to www.purdysgpp.com and click on "Register".
2. Once you have registered as a customer, join our group, by using: customer# 30140
3. Happy shopping! Photos and descriptions of the items are available online.
4. Invite friends & family to join our group! Happy Shopping!

BIG SELLER! The dancer that sells the most Purdys Chocolate orders will win a \$100.00 CSD credit that can be used towards any future CSD expenses. Thanks in advance for supporting CSD Dance Company!

CSD OFFICE REMINDERS!

Office Hours

CSD Office Hours are kept up-to-date at the Contact Us page: <http://csdance.com/contact-us/>

Email

Please let the studio know if you change your email address, so we can continue sending you our newsletters and reminders! Please do not mark CSD emails as spam or junk mail, as this may result in certain servers blocking all future CSD emails that we may send. If you do not wish to receive emails at specific addresses, please update your email info with the CSD office.

Fee Reminders

All fees are due at time of registration. If you have chosen to pay by monthly post-dated cheques, please submit all of your cheque payments at your earliest convenience. Monthly cheques should be post-dated to the first of each month, September 1st, 2018 through June 1st, 2019. Please note that you can sign up for recurring credit card payments online. We do not store credit card information in the office. Not sure if you have a balance or overdue account? Check your registration account online!

Payment by Credit Card

If you have chosen to pay online with credit card, please remember to update your credit card information in your online registration account if you get a new card or new expiry date.

Production Photos & DVDs

CSD Production 2018 DVDs will be available soon! We will email when they are ready!
CSD Production photos are available for pick-up in the office during office hours.

Ballet Bun Week!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in Ballet Bun Week! Congratulations dancers (and parents!) Your ballet buns are looking great! **Don't forget that CSD sells bun kits for \$3.00.** Each bun kit includes an elastic, a hairnet, and 8 'U' - shaped hair pins.



CSD DANCE COMPANY UPDATE!

Vera Causa Opera performance "The Fairies"

Dancers in CSD Dance Company are busy rehearsing dances that will be performed with Vera Causa Opera in their performance of "The Fairies" by Giacomo Puccini. The performances will be at Knox Presbyterian Church Friday, November 16 – Sunday, November 18th.

Tickets are \$15 general admission and free for students and children!

<https://www.vcopera.ca/tickets>



Many thanks to Georgina Rombough, our Company Director, for organizing this performance and also to Vera Causa Opera for inviting us to perform with them!



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You Know You're a Dancer When...

...your back leg floats up into a penché when you pick something up off the ground!

...when shopping in the grocery store, you want to start practicing your leaps down the aisles!

...you are an expert at making ballet buns after Ballet Bun Week at CSD!

Do you have a funny "You know you're a dancer when..." quote? Submit ideas to the office. Your quote could end up in a future issue of CSD's *Footnotes*!

CSD REMINDERS!

CSD Warm-Up Gear!

It's starting to get chilly outside, and CSD warm-up gear is super COZY and warm! We have limited sizes of sweatpants and sweaters available in the office, as well as legwarmers, long-sleeve tops, tank tops, infinity scarves, headbands, bumper stickers & tights! These make excellent birthday or holiday gifts for your dancer! **Look for our special Order Form soon!**

CSD Tuck Shop & Coffee station!

We run our tuck shop & coffee cart on the honour system - please place correct amount in the boxes provided. Thanks everyone for supporting the CSD Dance Company!

Cover Up!

Students should wait inside the building to be picked-up and should always wear warmer clothes after dance class.

Boots and Shoes

Please remember to place outdoor shoes and boots neatly on the plastic trays provided. Please do not leave shoes in the walkways—we do not want our dancers/parents to trip!

Lost & Found!

Please check the "Lost & Found" in the lobby. Any items not claimed by Saturday, December 15th will be donated.

Playroom

We are thrilled that our families are enjoying the playroom with their little ones! Please remember to clean up any toys that your child was playing with prior to leaving the playroom. Thanks!

Parking at CSD

Please park in designated parking spaces. There is no parking along the curb at the front of the building as this is a fire lane. Please SLOW DOWN when entering either the front or rear parking lots.

Free Wi-Fi!

The password for our FREE wi-fi is posted on our office door and in the rear lounge. Enjoy!

CSD's Website!

For up-to-date studio information, please visit our website, www.csdance.com. You will find a wealth of information including important dates, newsletters and notices, fees and regulations, faculty biographies & much more!

We're Social

Twitter: [@CParkerReid](https://twitter.com/CParkerReid)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Like.CSD