

Hello Dance Families!

This year, orientation week is from September 5th - 7th. This will be an opportunity for dancers to get back into the studio, to stretch, and to meet Miss Amber. This will also be when skills are assessed for invites to certain groups.

Please make sure you are able to attend the appropriate time slot with your dancers and that your dancer is dressed and ready to stretch.

If you are unable to attend, please try to attend a different time slot.

If you are unable to attend any, please let us know.

Tuesday, September 5th	Wednesday, September 6th	Thursday, September 7th
4:00pm - 5:00pm Purple Group	4:00pm - 5:00pm Blue Group	4:00pm - 5:00pm Green Group
5:00pm - 6:00pm Yellow Group	5:00pm - 6:00pm Orange Group	5:00pm - 6:00pm Red Group

Key rules for the year:

- **Ballet is Mandatory for the competitive team.** Some exceptions for older dancers may be made if they have not competed ballet before, but September through November is strictly technique and all dancers are expected to train in technique.
- **Communication of absences is required.** Please text Miss Amber directly at (250)342-5856 to communicate absences, but otherwise continue to communicate questions and concerns through email/text with Miss Kayja.
- **Mandatory dress code:** Dancers are required to have hair out of face for all classes, have appropriate footwear and water bottles. For Ballet, they must wear dance tights and form fitting body suits/tanks and shorts. Other styles they can wear form-fitted leggings on top. Baggy clothing prevents us from seeing that the appropriate posture is being engaged. Hip Hop classes are the exception.

Some dancers have been moved levels this year. Please do not bother Miss Amber with asking to move your dancer's level as that is an un-fair situation to put her in. We have made these decisions based on what we've seen last year, and what we feel will be the best grouping of skills. Dancers may be moved if they do not fit well skills-wise with their assigned grouping, either up or down levels.

If you or your dancer are not happy with their level, please assure them that the mixed level groups will have them dancing with others, and if they show exemplary work, they may be moved.

Colour groups are as follows:

Red Group: Same as last season

Orange Group: Orange and Yellow dancers from last season

Yellow Group: Ava-Grace, Anya, Eliza, Sophie, Colbie, Élodie, Dakota, Emma, Eden, Naiya, Aubree

Green Group: Hattie, Severn, Sarah, Leah, Briar, Paige, Lyla, Greer, Wren, Holly, Kyree

Blue Group: Pre-Competitive (Gr.2 and up with no competitive experience)

Purple Group: Dancers who were Pink Group last season

(Gr. 1 and Gr. 2 with one year competitive experience)

The last change is around Extra Dances. These are dances that are not part of regular class time such as solos, duets, trios, and extra groups. These will need to be signed up for in September as rehearsals will begin in October. They are not guaranteed to perform if the dancer is not ready, so dancers will need to work hard on their own to remember their choreography and perfect their skills. We will make sure all choreography is stage ready by March 1st 2024.

I highly encourage dancers to sign up for extra small groups if they feel there is a level that is missing in the regular class schedule. For example, a small Musical Theatre group of young dance friends, or a senior contemporary group. We can't run every class in the after school hours, but want dancers to be happy with their routines for the year.