



Marr-Mac Dance & Theatre Arts Centre

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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Marr-Mac's 2011-2012 year of dance! We are eager to begin another energized year. We invite you to check out our website at www.marrmac.com, it includes important information regarding our studio such as our instructors, dress code requirements, fee schedule, costume responsibilities and fund raising.

Marr-Mac extends a warm welcome to our many new students and returning students and thank-you to the families who have recommended our studio to their friends. We would like to mention a few items that become effective as we proceed into the first month of dance.

- A shoe swap is currently under way at the studio; please bring in dance items in good shape (especially dance shoes) labeled with your **name and asking price**. Marr-Mac shares the profit with you 50/50.
- Postdated cheques or cash is our method of payment. Our fees are averaged over a 10-month period from September to June; this is because some months have more or less than four classes. A full month's fee is charged for June in order to cover extra rehearsal time at the studio and at the theatre for our dress rehearsal.
- **Post-dated cheques must be submitted by October 1st. A \$50.00 costume deposit (per class) is due with the first month's fees. Please note this is a deposit only and a final balance may be requested once costumes have been ordered.**
- If your child is new at our studio, please let the teacher or office know how they are settling in. We want all students to feel welcome and comfortable. We always appreciate your feedback.
- Watch for our **bi-monthly newsletters**, they are emailed to each family. We also have hard copies available in our office, if you would prefer this method just let our office manager know and she will be happy to give you one. Newsletters are also posted on our website.
- Senior students can utilize the lockers in the change room, but must provide their own lock.

- Our year-end performance will be held at the Jubilee Auditorium on Sunday June 17th, 2011.
- Marr-Mac has a parent association, look online at www.marrmac.com to learn about its goals and objectives. \$5.00 of your dance registration went to the Marr-Mac Dance Parents Society as a membership fee.
- Don't hesitate to contact our office manager or one of our Directors, Deane Marr or Cathy McFarlane with questions or comments.

PARENT SOCIETY FALL SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

In order to raise funds to subsidize dance workshops and dance travel, the Marr-Mac Dance Parents Society will be holding a silent auction. The auction is held on a weekend in November (TBA). The Society asks each family to donate up to three items to be auctioned off. The items need to be brand new and can be of any dollar value. If you own a business or provide a service, this is a perfect idea for a donation. A wide range of items from hair care products, to golf bags, art, crafts and gift certificates are suitable. Tickets are presold through the studio and several of the classes perform during the auction. It is an excellent opportunity to Christmas shop as there are hundreds of items for all ages. Please bring in your donated item(s) as soon as possible. The date of the auction and ticket information will be announced in the next newsletter.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Our holiday schedule generally follows the school schedule.

- The studio will be **closed** for Thanksgiving on Monday October 10th regular classes will be held on the Saturday.
- The studio will be closed on Remembrance Day November 11th
- Christmas break will begin Friday December 23 returning Monday Jan. 9

DRESS CODE IN ALL CLASSES

Students must follow the dress code for all classes. This includes having their hair tied back for all classes. A hair band is acceptable for students with chin length hair or shorter.

- Ballet students must have their hair in a bun. Please see our website for complete ballet dress code requirements available from Tu The Pointe, or All 4 Dance.
- **Hip-hop students must have white runners used for class only. These shoes must not be worn outside, as it ruins the dance floors.**
- Jewelry is not allowed in any class. **Jeans are not allowed in any class.**
- **Our complete dress code** is available on line at www.marrmac.com and in our studio brochure available in the office.

Thank-you for staying informed!