

## *Steppin' Out Dance Centre*

### **October 2020 Newsletter**

Thank you dancers for making our first month of classes safe and fun for everyone. Our dancers have done a great job with all of our new guidelines. During inside classes, we have been wearing our masks and taking mask breaks when we are sitting on our 6ft markers. Outside classes have been enjoying the sunshine and extra space while practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Please remember that if you are feeling ill, stay home and participate in classes via Zoom until symptoms clear. If you have been exposed to someone with the virus, you must stay home for the recommended 14 days. As a reminder, all dancers 5&up please bring in your own mask to wear during your class and only remove it if you are told to do so by your teacher. Please see our website for more information on our guidelines. Thank you for your support during this time to keep our dancers, faculty, and families safe and healthy. If you have any further questions or concerns about our guidelines, please contact us via email! If you have not turned in your waiver to the office, please do so as soon as possible. We have copies available in the office.

**Bring a Friend Week:** If you missed our Bring a Friend Week, don't worry it's not too late to bring your friend to dance. If your friend registers for any class you will receive your favorite style of Steppin' Out Logo T-Shirt or small dance bag. Let us know if you referred a friend to dance and you will be entered into a raffle for a \$100 Steppin' Out Gift Certificate!

**Musical Theatre Master Class:** We have some exciting news! Thayne Jaspersen, who was part of the original Broadway cast of Hamilton, Matilda, and Newsies is coming to Steppin' Out to teach two master classes on Sunday, October 11th! He will be teaching a 9&up class at 10am and a Teen/Adult class at 11am. Because of Covid, we are only taking 15 dancers per class. If it's a nice day, we'll have our classes outside and can take more dancers the day of. The price is \$12 per class and if we are able to hold the classes outside, you may take both classes for \$20. Sign up in the office to hold your spot for this exciting Broadway experience!

**Dancewear Store:** Come check out our Dancewear Store! We have special 30th Anniversary Hoodie, Crew, and Zip Up Sweatshirts and Joggers being special ordered in October. Contact us for more information on our special order items!

**Custom SODC Logo Face Masks:** We are excited to announce that we will be ordering custom Steppin' Out Dance Centre Logo Face Masks for all dancers for the 2020-2021 season! These masks will be used for performances, including our annual Christmas Show, until we do not have to wear masks anymore. These dry-fit masks printed by Brady's Screen Printing are \$12.50 and come in adult and child sizes. To see examples of the new face masks stop by our office. Order forms will be available in the office as well as mass emailed. Please return the order form and payment to the office as soon as possible to be included in our first order in October.

**October Tuition:** Just a reminder that tuition is due the first week of the month (the 1st through the 8th). Starting this month, a \$10 late fee will be automatically charged to your account on the 8th day of the month to any unpaid tuition. Keep in mind that your spot is being held for you whether you are in class, on Zoom or unable to attend and payment is expected. You are always welcome to make up classes missed in alternate classes.

**Email - Very Important!:** If you have not been receiving our emails, please let us know as we send our monthly newsletters and latest updates via email.

**Halloween Week:** All dancers are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to dance class on Sunday, October 25th through Saturday, October 31st in celebration of the holiday. We will be dancing to Halloween music, playing Halloween games and handing out special treats to our dancers. There WILL be classes on Halloween, Saturday, October 31st.

**Watch Week:** Due to guidelines requiring us to close our lobby, watch weeks will be suspended until further notice. Thank you for your understanding!

**Christmas Show:** Due to the current guidelines, our Christmas Show will be a little different this year. We are still looking to rent the TA stage and streaming our show live, using a platform that will accept donations to a local charity. We are welcoming suggestions on ways we can make this happen and a local charity we can donate the proceeds to.