



RECREATIONAL INFORMATION PACKAGE 2011-2012 SEPTEMBER 10 – JUNE 2

Please read this information package and keep it on hand throughout the year. For additional information, visit our website at www.gottadance.ca. Our main means of communication is by email.

Class and Studio Etiquette

Please read the following list carefully. These guidelines have been established to maintain a safe, positive and professional learning environment for all dancers. Thank you for respecting these policies.

1. Proper dance attire and dance shoes (as specified) must be worn for every class.
2. Hair must be tied back securely at all times.
3. No gum in class.
4. Gotta Dance is a 'peanut free facility'. We have students who require this for their continued health. Please do not bring peanut butter or peanut products to the studio.
5. Food is not allowed in class.
6. Beverages are not allowed in class. Water bottles are permitted.
7. Food and beverages may be consumed in the dancer's lounge (at the end of the hall) and on the tiled area in the main lounge, the first floor hallway. Food is not permitted in the change-rooms or on the carpet.
8. Come to the studio ten minutes before class so you can attend class on time.
9. Do not interrupt classes in progress. If you are late, knock first, then enter.
10. Disruptive students may be asked to leave class for a time-out if they are interfering with the progress of their fellow classmates.
11. Clean up after yourselves when you leave and don't forget the clothing you came in!
12. A positive attitude, respectful behaviour and 100% energy are encouraged for each and every class!
13. Follow the Gotta Dance Code of Conduct.

Dress Code

All footwear must be clean and dry. We recommend no jewellery.

Acrobatics:	Clean bare feet, tight fitted clothing
Ballet:	Girls - pink leather or canvas ballet shoes, pink tights, bodysuit (any colour), skirt (if desired) Boys – black leather or canvas ballet shoes, fitted shorts and t-shirt
Breakdance:	Clean running shoes with laces, comfortable lightweight clothing
Hip hop:	Clean running shoes with laces or jazz shoes, comfortable lightweight clothing (tee shirts, track pants)
Jazz:	Black jazz shoes, black body suit or fitted jazz pants/shorts & top
Tap:	Tap shoes (with screws kept tight), comfortable lightweight clothing
Kinderdance:	Clean bare feet or ballet slippers, bodysuit with skirt, tights (or bare legs), or shorts and tee-shirt (just about anything!)
Tumbling:	Clean bare feet, comfortable fitted clothing

Boutique

Gotta Dance carries a full line of dancewear and dance shoes recommended above. We will have a pre-season sale from **Tuesday September 6th until Thursday September 8th from 12:00-8:00 pm.**

Class Placement

Initial placement is based on our knowledge of the student. Age, maturity, dance experience and level of dance ability will be considered for class placement. Some students may be asked to move to a more appropriate class. All students are encouraged to attend a minimum of two classes before making any decisions regarding leaving or changing classes. Any class changes must be made in person at the desk.

Holidays for 2011-2012

The studio will be **closed** on the following days (inclusive):

Thanksgiving Weekend	October 8 th -10 th
Winter holidays	December 23 rd - January 6 th
Family Day	February 20 th
March Break	March 12 th - March 18 th
Easter Weekend	April 6 th - April 8 th
Victoria Day Weekend	May 19 th - May 21 st

Extreme Weather Conditions:

In the case of snow closure, please check our answering machine by 2:00 pm for closure of the studio. An email will also be sent out by 2:00 pm.

Bring a Friend Week – October 1st – 7th

Bring your friend to class! This applies to all recreational dance and tumbling classes.

Open House Week – December 16th – 22nd

Parents and siblings are invited to come to watch their dancer(s) or gymnast(s) during regular class times. There is no limit to the number of guests.

Recital Ticket Sales

Recital tickets will go on sale mid May. All seats are assigned and ticket prices are \$22 for adults and \$11 for children 11 and under. Performers are not required to purchase tickets.

Year End Dance Recital June 7th-9th / Dress Rehearsal Sunday June 3rd

The year-end performance serves to highlight the student’s growth and development. If your child is not able to attend the year end recital, please notify the desk by January 31, 2012.

The year-end recital will be held June 7-9 and the dress rehearsal will be held on June 3. Please keep these days clear. Most of the dancers will perform on one night only. Those taking multiple classes might perform more than one show.

Year end Power Tumbling Show - June 16th

Location: at Gotta Dance

Parking and Drop-Off:

Our parking lot is located at the rear of our building. Should this lot be full, our secondary lot is in front in front of York Auto Body, at the corner of Dundas and Watson. If both of these lots are full then try the lot behind the Macauley Child Development Centre (short term only, max 10 min. - adjacent to our lot). Parking is also available on Watson Ave. and on Dundas Street in front of the studio (after 6:00 pm). Alternatively, there is parking in the Royal Canadian Legion lot (when empty), just west of the studio.

To keep traffic flowing, **parking or standing is not permitted** (you may stop and drop) in front of our main doors or alongside our building. This is our ‘kiss and ride’ zone. Drop-off your child and

drive through. The 'kiss and ride' zone is two lanes. Please stay in the right hand lane. Please keep calm and follow the rules. **Your child's safety is paramount!**

Lost and Found

Gotta Dance is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. However, we maintain lost-and-found boxes at the studio. Any items found at the end of the day will be placed in one of these boxes; **clothing** in the girl's change-room, **shoes** and **jewellery** at the desk.

To ensure the safety of your belongings, do not leave anything valuable in the change rooms. You may take your purses with you to the class. We suggest that you label everything, dancewear, shoes, coats, dance bags etc.

Fees

Term The dance year is from September 10th - June 2nd. Three payment options are available:

- i) Full payment at beginning of year
- ii) Two half payments, 1st due at registration, 2nd due on Jan 1st, both paid at time of registration (Visa, MC or post dated cheque) If enrolled for two or more classes, then
- iii) Monthly payments by Visa, MC or post dated cheques. First month is a double payment, and the last cheque dated May 1/12.

Registration A non-refundable \$30.00 registration fee for each new student is added to the first term payment and is required at time of registration. This fee will be waived for student's second and subsequent years at Gotta Dance.

Costume Recital costumes are custom designed for every student participating in the year-end showcase. The costume is included in the annual dance fee.

HST 13% Harmonized Sales Tax is included in the dance fee.

Discounts Discounts will be issued for multiple classes and family packages. These discounts apply to student's second and subsequent classes and their family members.

Cancellations Gotta Dance reserves the right to combine or cancel classes due to low enrolment. In the event of inclement weather and/or other emergencies, the studio may cancel classes and make up classes may or may not be available.

Refunds Gotta Dance will refund class fees with the following conditions:

- i) the \$30.00 registration fee is non refundable
- ii) refunds will be issued as follows:
 - prior to the fifth class, 100% of remaining class fees will be refunded,
 - prior to the fifteenth class 50% of remaining class fees will be refunded,
 - no refunds will be issued after February 1st, 2012.

For competitive stream students, no refunds will be issued after October 31st, 2011.

GOTTA DANCE

RECREATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will always strive to be on time for class and, if late, will not be disruptive when I enter.
- I will always ask the instructor if I need to leave the class.
- I will always listen quietly when my instructor is speaking to the group.
- I will always respect my fellow dancers, instructors and my studio.
- I understand the change-room is not a lounge, meeting place or play area.
- I will remember that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best is why I am here.
- I will acknowledge the efforts of my fellow dancers when appropriate.
- I will remember that instructors are here to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.
- I will read and accept the three strikes rule below.

3 STRIKES RULE

Any action by a student that: threatens the safety and/or enjoyment of other students or causes damage to our building or interferes with the instructor's ability to control the class will be subject to our "three strikes" rule.

STRIKE ONE The instructor will speak with you and may temporarily suspend you from participation from the class activity.

STRIKE TWO The Director will speak with you and your parents and may suspend you from participation from class.

STRIKE THREE You will be sent home.

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