



Newsletter

Aug / Sept 2023

Welcome to BSSD for the 2023/24 Season!

September is almost here, and we will soon be ready to begin another great dance year. We look forward to meeting our new members and re-connecting with those who have been with us in the past.

We are delighted to have most of our talented, dedicated teachers returning for the upcoming 2023/24 season. As BSSD grows, we are thankful to have the opportunity to work with such great teachers each year!

Please note that there have been a few updates and changes to the Master Schedule over the summer. The revised copy should be posted on the website by September 1st. It's always a bit of a shuffle as the beginning of the season draws near and classes are altered as a result of registration numbers, etc., but we hope to have everything finalized soon. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

We look forward to working with all of our teachers and students throughout this new season and wish everyone the best of luck in the 2023/24 dance year!

Classes commence the week starting ... Saturday, September 9th

Check the website after September 1st for the most up-to-date schedule.

Each family will receive a confirmation letter for their child(ren) in a separate e-mail to be sent out by September 1st. If you have not received a confirmation letter email by Sunday, September 1st please contact registrar@beaumontdance.com

Upcoming Events

- August 28th Open House Fall registration and CBCC, 7-9:00 pm
- September 9th Classes Commence
- September 23rd Measuring Day (note this is earlier than in the past so mark your calendar)
- September 29/30 Classes Running

Ballet Exam Classes Starting Next Week!

Reminder the following Ballet Exam Classes start EARLY with Ms. Sandie, Ms Sylvia and Ms Carmelle.

The schedule is on the following page.

Note: this schedule is only for these two weeks. It will go back to the regular schedule when regular classes start on September 9th.

BSSD Fall Registration Night

Monday, August 28th
from 7-9:00 pm
CCBCC in the BSSD Studios

Come for cake!
Board members will be available to
answer any questions you have.

There will be a FREE jazz class for 8-12 year
olds from 7:00 - 7:45 and a FREE lyrical class
for 10-14 year olds from 8:00 - 8:45! Email
bssdpresident@beaumontdance.com to sign
up!

Note: PICTURE Pick-up! Come to pick
up your pictures from last season if
you haven't done so yet. These were
included as part of your registration
fees for 2022/23 for show participants.

Get your dancewear and shoes!

Would you like to have all your dance
wear and shoes brought to you?

No more running around the city to
get your uniforms!

The Edge Dance store from Leduc will be
coming to the registration on August 28th.
They will be bringing samples of all the
uniform requirements including body suits,
tights, shoes (ballet, jazz, character, tap etc.),
skirts (including Chiffon and Character).
They will have a variety of sizes to try on.
You can order and then everything will be
brought to the studio for pickup hopefully
the first week of class.

Ballet Exam Classes

The following Ballet Exam Classes start
before our regular season commences with
Ms. Sandie, Ms Sylvia and Ms. Carmelle.
The schedule is as follows:

Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 5 Ballet - Ms Sandie

Tuesday Sept 5 and Thursday Sept 7
Studio 3

4:00 - 5:00 Grade 1

5:00 - 6:15 Grade 2

6:15 - 7:45 Grade 5

Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 6 Ballet - Ms Sandie

Tuesday Sept 5 and Thursday Sept 7
Studio 3

4:00 - 5:15 Grade 3

5:15 - 6:45 Grade 4

6:45 - 8:45 Grade 6

Intermediate Studio 2

Aug 29 & 31 6:30 - 8:00 (Sylvia)

Sept 5 & 7 5:30 - 7:00 (Carmelle)

Advanced 1 Studio 2 Ms Carmelle

Aug 29 & 31 5:00 - 6:30

Sept 5 4:00 - 5:30

Sept 7 5:30 - 7:00

Advanced 2 Studio 2 Ms Carmelle

Aug 30 & Sept 1 4:00 - 5:30

Sept 5 & 7 7:00 - 8:30

All other classes commence as per the
schedule. **Note: this schedule is only for
these two weeks. It will go back to the regular
schedule when regular classes start on
September 9.**



Competition Team Updates

Our competition team director Teresa Krefting will be sending out an information package soon with all the details that you need to know about the competition team this year. If you have any questions at this time please contact bssdperformingdirector@beaumontdance.com

Please watch your email for an information package about everything you need to know about the upcoming season.

BSSD Refund Policy

Registration Fees are non-refundable. Refunds for any reason are only available up to and including October 9th. Refunds will be pro-rated based on \$20.00/hour of instruction as of the date of notification. All notification must be received by email to registrar@beaumontdance.com

BSSD establishes its budget based on registration fees, and offering refunds past the deadline jeopardizes the successful operation of the Society and has an impact on the remaining dancers. You are required to post-date one cheque for Volunteer & Fundraising requirements. This cheque will be cashed if your duties are not fulfilled, or it is destroyed when all your duties are completed.

If you are on the Competition Team, the Competition Team Fee is non-fundable at any time.

Treasurer's Note:

On September 1st the fees for your dancer(s) will be posted to your credit card on file. Please ensure that you have the most up to date card on file (if expiry date changed or new card being used, it will need to be updated).

The payment will be based on what you selected when you registered your dancer (monthly payments vs entire payment). You can check your parent portal to see what the amount will be.

Auditions!

Is your dancer dreaming big? Watch for upcoming auditions for:

Alberta Ballet Nutcracker (usually held late September), www.albertaballet.com

Royal Winnipeg Ballet 2024 Summer School Audition - October 11, 2023 www.rwb.org

National Ballet School of Canada 2024 Summer School Audition - October 19/20, 2023 Calgary www.nbs-enb.ca

Auditions are a learning process and are fun to take part in. If this is something your dancer is interested in, speak to your ballet teacher!



Adult Dance Classes Offered!

Adult Tap – Saturdays from 4-5 pm
Adult Hip Hop – Mondays from 9-10 pm

There's even enough time to do BOTH!!
Contact us for registration details.

Costume Corner



Measuring Day is September 23rd and the following volunteers are signed up:

Measurers:
Annie-Pier Fortin
Amanda Lapointe
Christie Szymanski

Recorders:
Kristen Champion
Michelle Collins
Shellie Duchscherer

Please refer to the volunteer signup website to verify the times you have signed up for. The costume director will meet with you prior to show you how to properly measure and enter the measurements.

ALSO:
Do you have any costumes at home that were borrowed from BSSD? If so, please return them as soon as possible as we get ready for the start of the new season! Our teachers will be putting in their requests soon and we need our full inventory available to them!

Facebook Page Available for Dancewear Sales

For all you Facebook peeps, this is a reminder that there is a Facebook page available where you can sell or buy dance gear. This page gives you a great chance to connect with other dance families throughout the year who are needing items. The page is called:

“Beaumont Dance Wear Buy and Sell”

– Lost/Misplaced Items –

You could also use this page to contact people regarding any LOST or misplaced items at the dance studios, as we have a good number of issues each year with items that go missing. Unfortunately, BSSD is unable to take responsibility for this and cannot send out notifications for each incident.

We cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to mark their dancer's name in their belongings – dance shoes, water bottles, jackets, street shoes, boots, bags, etc. EVERYTHING that they bring to the studios should have their name on it!!

And one more reminder to all of our dance families: please double check your gear before you leave the studio to ensure that you have everything that belongs to YOU ... and nothing that belongs to anyone else. If we all are diligent and work together, we can have a great year with little or no incidents like this!

Homework Room

Thank you to Catherine Slade and Anita Kaun and Megan Archibald for giving the homework room a refresh! They added pictures to the walls, art and some extra seating.

**** Please remind your dancer that the homework room is a priveledge and it needs to be kept neat and tidy. No garbage in the recycling bin please! ****

Grooming, Attendance & Dance Uniform Requirements

Regular attendance at class is important as each week the teachers add on to what has been learned from the previous week. If a member is unable to attend class, please let your teacher know the reason for the absence at the next class. If you have a planned absence, such as a holiday scheduled, please let your teacher know prior to leaving. For more information on when multiple absences occur, please see the information package on the website.

It is very important that all students come to class prepared. They should have on a clean bodysuit, as well as the required footwear. There is a "no underpants" dress code (as they are visible underneath bodysuits), no makeup, jewelry, or nail polish for ballet, jazz and tap classes.

Each year, we have a number of instances where dancers are not coming to class in the appropriate coloured body suits and tights as per our uniform requirements. Please see the website for a listing of the required items. If you have back to back classes -- for example, jazz to ballet -- please let your teachers know. They will discuss with you what to wear so that you do not have to change between classes.

There have been some adjustments to our Uniform Requirements this season. Please check the website.

Candid Pics Available for Viewing

A reminder that there are candid backstage and Daddy Daughter Date Night & end of year shows pictures available for your viewing pleasure at the following links:

<https://bssdbeaumontdance.smugmug.com>
password: 123BSSD

If you're interested in downloading any of them, just right-click on the picture and save it to your computer. Available for FREE!

Farewell & Welcome to BSSD Executive Members

We would like to take this time to say good-bye and thank you to Catherine Slade (Concert director) and Tracy Lozinski (Communications) for their hard work and dedication.

A hearty welcome is extended to Regena Wiseman (Concert Director) and Katrina Short (Fundraising Director) who will join our hardworking and dedicated Executive for the upcoming season. Welcome aboard!

For a complete listing of the Executive and their current contact information, please visit the website at: www.beaumontdance.ab.ca

Communication

We feel that communication is very important to the success of our program. Most of our communication is done through our Jack Rabbit account. Please ensure that your email address is updated in Jack Rabbit. You may have several different emails listed per child if you need that option.

Dancer absences should be communicated to us via your Jack Rabbit Parent Portal.

We will be relying on email blasts, the website, the bulletin board, Facebook, Instagram and our monthly electronic newsletter to get information out as you need it. We rely on YOU to keep yourself informed by referring to these methods for information regularly!

Boots & Belongings ** Important **

Please remember to place your outdoor shoes on the designated mats/racks upstairs outside the studios. And please put them to the side as much as possible, to reduce the tripping hazard and hopefully allow for a clear aisle in which people can walk.

With all three studios side by side, we have quite a good sized crowd of dancers up there at any given time and a LOT of paraphernalia scattered everywhere. **PLEASE MARK YOUR DANCER'S NAME IN ALL BELONGINGS** – boots, dance shoes, jackets, dancewear, etc. It's so much easier to try and get things back to their rightful owners if they have names marked inside them!

Coats and backpacks should be left in the cubbies or on the hooks, but dance gear (and valuables like cell phones, etc.) should be taken into the studio and left along the end wall. Last season, we noticed many valuables left laying around in the hallways and in the Homework Room. Reminder: that upstairs lobby area is

NOT entirely secure, so do not leave valuable items outside the studios. BSSD is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items, so we all need to do what we can to keep these incidents to a minimum.

If you think you will need extra water, please bring a second bottle from home with you.

Double and triple check that you have everything AND that it belongs to YOU before heading out the door after class. Lost and Found items are located inside the black benches inside the Homework Room.

And please clean up after yourselves if you are using the Homework Room or lobby. This is our home; let's all work together to take care of it and keep it looking its best!!

Parking Reminder For CCBC Studios ** Please Read Carefully **

Please note that the parking available along the Senior's Centre (the building next door to the west) is completely designated for visitors to the Senior's Centre ONLY. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK THERE.** The opposite side of that little area, closest to our entrance is a designated fire lane. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR DROP OFF DANCERS ALONG THERE.**

In order to help with the flow of traffic and make things safer for our dancers, we ask that you enter the parking lot on the EAST side only. You may then choose to park on the EAST side of the building where there are ample parking spots available, or along 50th Avenue, across from École Bellevue School. You may park and wait for your dancer on the EAST side, so they can safely follow the sidewalk along the front/south side of the building around to your vehicle after their class.

The front of the building is for "kiss and go" drop off ONLY. Please do not park along there or wait to pick up dancers there. Please ensure if using the "kiss and go" area that you have entered the lot from the East side. Please exit the parking lot on the WEST side only.

This should help make drop offs and pick ups a lot smoother and safer for our dancers ... and allow us to be better neighbours to both the seniors and to other user groups in the building. Thank you so much for your co-operation on this, as we all work together to make this function smoothly for everyone.

Please drive carefully, as parking lots in general can be very hazardous for drivers and pedestrians alike.