



BALLET CLASSES 2016-2017 SEASON



Dear BSS Parents and Students,

I would like to take this time to thank you for a wonderful year.

THE UPCOMING SEASON: I am excited to be able to again offer the BSS ballet program for 2016-2017 season. Parents will be delighted to see that we will continue to increase the focus on high quality programs designed to help students work towards a Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) ballet exam if they wish. We have been able to coordinate all classes on a single day, Wednesday. After discussion with the BSS, Interplay has agreed to focus on BSS student registrations in the after school program slots and then when permitting expand the class to include outside (non BSS) students into the program. This will ensure that classes are full and focused on serious study for all participants. The only exception to this will be the JK program which will remain a BSS exclusive class and will now be offered at the lunch hour. For those JK students moving into SK, you will need to continue your dancing in the after school program.



The after school ballet program will allow each child to benefit from work at their own level. Students wishing to participate in the exam program will need to take ballet once at BSS and once at our main branch, Interplay (Mt. Pleasant & Davisville) starting in the first term. If you would like more information about examinations, please visit the Interplay website (www.psb-interplay-dance.ca).

A BIT ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Karen Davies Thomas is a graduate of the National Ballet School Teachers Program and has been teaching since 1983. She is recognized as a fellow with the Cecchetti Ballet Society, is a fully qualified Royal Academy of Dance teacher and is a member of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing. Karen currently is the director of three flourishing schools; PSB Dance Academy East, PSB Dance Academy Beaches and Interplay Dance. For more information and Karen Davies Thomas' credentials, you may visit the school's websites: www.psb-interplay-dance.ca.

BALLET STAFF

I would like to welcome back Natalia Perkovic, (*RAD certified*), back for another wonderful year at BSS along with Flora Chen and Derryn Ajeco, our fabulous pianists. Please visit www.psb-interplay-dance.ca for Natalia's profile.

CURRICULUM

All ballet classes will follow the Royal Academy of Dance's examination curriculum. Ms Natalia will follow this curriculum in order for the students to develop in their ballet classes. The children will develop such life skills as discipline, body awareness, memory, co-ordination, working as a group, working individually and many more. If you would like to read more about the Royal Academy of Dance, please visit their website at www.radcanada.org.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Junior & Senior Kindergarten students: Pink ballet slippers and school gym uniform are the only requirements. Hair should be up off the face in a ponytail or bun.

Grade 1 to 6 Ballet: Pink ballet slippers, navy blue tank leotard, pink ballet tights. Hair should be off face in a ponytail or preferably a bun.

All can be purchased at the following locations: Malabar's (14 McCall St, 416-598-2581), Toronto Dance (530 Wilson, 416-630-2292)

FEES FOR THE YEAR (4 terms of 8 weeks)

\$848.63 (\$751.00 + HST)

SCHEDULE – All BSS Wednesday classes will take place in the Dance Studio or the JS Music Room:

It is recommended that once your child has signed up for ballet lessons, she continue for the full school year. This will enable her to develop consistency in her ballet skills. **Please contact Mrs. Karen Davies Thomas directly, (at 416-972-1316), regarding any withdrawals, uniform requirements or your daughter's progress throughout the year. Regarding BSS Wednesday classes only,** withdrawal information will be communicated to your daughter's teachers and the JS office via Interplay. Fees will be non-refundable after September 1st.

Term dates for the following Wed classes are as follows:

Term 1: September 21st - November 9th (8 Weeks)

Term 2: November 16th - December 14th, Jan 11th & Jan 18th (8 Weeks)

Term 3: January 25th - March 29th (8 Weeks)

Term 4: April 5th - May 24th (8 Weeks)

Classes offered:

BSS/Interplay

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| 1) Wednesdays lunch time classes
(BSS students only): | 12:00-12:45 pm | JK Ballet |
| 2) Wednesday after school classes
BSS and non BSS students
(space permitting): | 3:15-4:00
4:00-5:00
5:00-6:00 | SK Ballet
Grade 1-3 Ballet
Grade 4-6 Ballet |

***BSS DANCE PROGRAM – INTERPLAY DANCE
APPLICATION FOR BALLET CLASSES – 2016-2017***

Please visit our new on line registration at www.psb-interplay-dance.ca. Please click on Interplay registration page. You will see a large blue button. If you are a current student, please click as a current student and enter your email that you had given the school in previous years. Once you have entered your email, please click forgot my password. The program will automatically ask you to check your emails for a temporary password and then you can enter and sign up for your ballet class of your choice. If you are a new registrant, please fill out the on line registration form and submit. All parents are to contact Interplay office by email to complete the registration with payment. Please do not submit on the on line program. All waivers need to be signed prior to enrolling in a class. If you have any concerns, our office staff is here to help you Mon to Fri, 3:30-6:30 p.m. or you may call 416-972-1316.

You may also send a cheque with the total annual fee to 39 Broadmead Ave, Toronto, ON, M1M1C3. All payments need to be made by cheque or credit card. There will be no refunds once you have submitted your enrollment as we will be saving a spot for your child in the class.

Thank you and we look forward in seeing you in our ballet classes next year.

Best regards,
Karen Davies Thomas
Director

Don't Be Disappointed, Register Early