

BURFORD DANCERS

Parent/Dancer Guide

Welcome to Burford Dancers

Thank you for choosing Burford Dancers for your child's dance journey. We are excited to welcome back our returning families and look forward to meeting all of our new dancers and families this season!

Our goal is to provide a positive, welcoming, and affordable dance experience where every dancer feels supported, encouraged, and inspired.

About Our Studio

Burford Dancers is a non-profit dance studio committed to making dance accessible and affordable for families in our community.

Our studio is proudly supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who generously give their time to help keep our programs running. Many of our volunteer's balance studio commitments with work, family, and other responsibilities, and we truly appreciate your patience, understanding, and support.

For over 30 years, our mission has remained the same: to provide a place where children can learn the art of dance while developing confidence, friendships, discipline, teamwork, and memories that last a lifetime.

A Look at the Dance Season

Weekly Classes

Classes run once per week from September through June. The studio is closed during school holidays and statutory holidays.

Please check your email regularly throughout the season, as important announcements, holiday/weather closures, recital information, and studio updates will be shared through email.

Winter Showcase

In January, dancers have the opportunity to perform in our Winter Showcase at the Sanderson Centre.

This allows dancers to experience performing, and gets our younger or first time dancers on a professional stage before our Year End recital, while celebrating the progress they have made during the first half of the season.

Costumes are not required for this performance, however, teachers may request that dancers wear a specific colour.

Competitive Team

Our Competitive Team participates in four competitions throughout the spring season.

These events provide dancers with valuable performance experience, professional adjudication and feedback, while encouraging personal growth, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Picture Day

Professional class and individual photos are taken each spring.

Class photos are featured in our Year End Recital Program, and families will have the opportunity to purchase individual and group photos.

Year End Recital

The June recital includes:

- A dress rehearsal before the first performance
- Two performance nights at the Sanderson Centre

We do our best to schedule dancers with multiple routines on the same evening whenever possible. However, due to scheduling requirements, this cannot always be guaranteed, especially for dancers participating in multiple classes or competitive routines.

Studio Communication

Communication is an important part of keeping families informed throughout the dance season.

We regularly send emails with important updates, reminders, and information about what is happening at the studio.

Emails may include:

- Studio announcements
- Performance information
- Schedule updates
- Recital reminders
- Holiday/weather closures
- Important deadlines

All studio emails are sent to the email address and any additional contacts provided during registration.

If you or someone you know who is registered for the season is not receiving studio emails, please let us know so we can look into the issue.

If you believe you have missed an email, please check your **junk or spam folder** first, as messages can sometimes be filtered there.

Studio Policies & Guidelines

- **Come ready to dance.** All dancers should arrive with a filled, reusable water bottle and use the restroom before class begins to help minimize interruptions during class time.
- **Prompt pick up.** Please pick up your dancer promptly at the end of their class. This helps ensure the safety of all dancers and allows staff to focus on ongoing classes.
- **Dress appropriately.** Dancers must wear fitted, comfortable dance attire (ballet attire is required for ballet classes). Hair must be secured away from the face in a ballet bun, ponytail, or braid for safety. Please ensure your dancer has the appropriate footwear for their class. Our teaching staff reserve the right to ask a dancer to leave class until they are properly prepared.
- **Entering and exiting the studio.** Dancers should enter and exit through the main entrance. Upon arrival, outdoor shoes must be removed and placed neatly in the cubbies provided. While waiting for class, dancers must remain quiet and respectful, as classes may already be in progress.
- **Waiting room etiquette.** The waiting room is intended as a transition area for dancers arriving, departing, or waiting for their next class. To help minimize distractions, we encourage parents and guardians to wait outside the studio whenever possible.
- **Between classes.** Dancers waiting between classes may remain in the waiting area however, please note that this area is **not supervised**. Dancers are expected to remain quiet and respectful at all times.
- **Food policy.** Food and gum are **not permitted** in the studios. If your dancer brings a snack, please follow school safe guidelines, as some of our dancers have allergies. Kindly dispose of all garbage in the cans provided.
- **Illness.** If your dancer is ill please keep them home. If they are/have been contagious, or suspected of having head lice, please notify the studio as soon as possible so we may take the precautions necessary.
- **Label everything.** Please label all clothing, shoes, water bottles, bins, and personal belongings. Many dancers and siblings have similar items, and labeling helps reduce lost or misplaced belongings. We are not responsible for lost items.
- **Parking lot safety.** Our parking lot is very busy. For everyone's safety, dancers and siblings must not play in the parking lot or on the grass behind the studio. Children should never be left unattended outside.
- **Drive carefully.** Please reduce your speed when entering and exiting the parking lot. There is a constant flow of dancers and families arriving and leaving throughout the day.

Contact Information

We are always happy to help answer questions and support our dance families.

For general questions:

Email: burforddancers@hotmail.com

For any concerns:

Betty

Text: 519-757-7046

Email: bashrubb@gmail.com

Thank you for being part of the Burford Dancers family. We are excited for another wonderful season of dancing, learning, and creating memories together!