

The Dance Shoppe Ltd.
905-878-1488

The Purple Thunder December Competitive News 2025

Celebrating 32 years of Dance in Milton

Santa Claus Parade - Thank you!

We would like to thank our parent crew who helped us put together and take part in our Santa Claus parade float. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you. Thank you to the following people:

Chris C
Ahmed R

Matt D
Brian J

Jordan F
Dennis E

Travis P

Competitive Christmas Party~ Thursday Dec 18th

TDS is thrilled to host a Competitive Christmas Party for all our competitive dancers!

<u>Time</u>	<u>Studio 1</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Studio 5</u>
4:30-5:30pm	RAD Primary Ballet Cuties & Rec dancers only		
5:30-6:30pm	RAD Grade 2 Rec dancers only	5:30-8:30pm	All Competitive Companies
6:30-7:30pm	RAD Grade 4 Rec dancers only		

- RAD GR 2 & 4 Ballet Competitive dancers are welcome to attend ballet but not mandatory.
- All competitive Tech & Choreo classes will be cancelled Thurs Dec 18th, Fri Dec 19th & Sat Dec 20th
- Only RAD & all recreational classes will run on Fri Dec 19th.
- Only Competitive Tumbling & all recreational classes will run on Sat Dec 20th.
- Potluck!! Dancers are asked to bring something small & peanut free that can be set up to share.
- Santa will be coming to town and plans to stop by the studio from 6:30-8:30pm!
- Students will dance the night away and perform their routines for the other company members!

Dance Buddies!!

Have you checked in with your Dance Buddy lately?? Please make your buddy a Christmas/Happy Holiday card. We will exchange them at the above party. We will be setting up a table with some supplies for dancers to use to make their dance buddy a Christmas Card. If you cannot attend, please drop off your card before Thursday Dec 18th. This is a reminder that all it takes is a few kind words and a smile to make someone feel special!

Attendance/Vacations

Just a friendly reminder that you have made the commitment to a Competitive Dance Team for 10 months. Your dancer(s) attendance is mandatory during this commitment. Taking an extended family vacation during the season is not fair to your teammates but also puts a lot of pressure on your dancer(s) to keep up with the team. TDS will not condone or permit any “vacations” that take dancers out of the studio for multiple weeks. Families who insist on being away may forfeit their dancers’ spot on the team.

USB Sticks

Competitive Dancers wishing to have a copy of their competitive music are asked to please drop off a labelled USB stick at the front desk. Make sure it is clearly labeled with the dancers’ name and company. We only need one USB per family. Music is in the process of being edited and will be handed out when all songs have been completed.

Contact TDS Directly

Unless it is an emergency, please do not use personal contact information to contact any of the staff about anything studio related. Also, a reminder to not interrupt teachers between classes. All communication should be done through TDS by emailing or calling the studio directly. We will get your message to the correct staff member.

Solo Costumes

For all families that have chosen to look after their dancers’ solo costumes themselves, please note:

- If you have opted to do your own costumes, then you oversee sourcing your dancer(s) costume completely. This includes any alterations and adding any embellishments.
- Costumes should be run by Miss Ruth-Ann and Miss Rachelle for approval and to ensure we avoid any duplicates.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, please call the studio or check the social media pages to see if we are cancelling studio classes for that day. If we feel the need to cancel studio classes, we will leave a message on the studio phone, send an email, and try to post on our social media, and our App. If you are unsure about coming, please call us at 905-878-1488 before travelling to the studio. We will be thinking about Safety First!

Free Studio Space for Extra OUTSIDE Choreography

TDS is always happy to provide **FREE** studio space to all our dancers to practice their extra work routines throughout the week whenever space is available. This season, due to the overwhelming amount of Extra Work, space has not been regularly available. We will be opening time spots on December 29th and 30th for dancers that did **OUTSIDE** Choreography only as they have not had weekly rehearsal/class opportunities. Once the 8 weeks of choreography is done for inside choreography, we will open space to be used by anyone.

Competitive Shoe and Tight List 2025/26

TDS has provided competitive shoes and tight lists for all 2025/26 competitive groups. We will also provide a shoe and tight list for all duets/trios and solos that TDS is responsible for designing in the next few weeks.

TDS Competitive Stage Look- Reminders

For the safety of the dancers, we ask that all dancers remove any **extra jewellery**, example earrings, nose, lip, eyebrow rings and if 2-piece costume bellybutton rings. (Anything visible to the audience.) Fake nails may be worn if they are a french or clear finish and are not overly long or pointy. If you are dancing bare foot, then toenail polish will need to be removed.

TDS Make Up Kits

STAGE by Daniella provides makeup tailored for the performance industry. Kit # 1 has all your dancers needs. **Our order deadline has passed, but you can still order to replenish throughout the season.**

Your dancer will need the following:

Foundation: You can purchase foundation from Daniella, or you can purchase your foundation from your own source.

Kit #1:

Eyeshadow: Must be purchased from Danilea's (White/Light Brown/Dark Brown)

Blush: Must be purchased from Danilea's (Pink)

Lip Stick: Must be purchased from Danilea's (Red Matte)

Mascara: Comes in the base kit from Danilea's (Black)

Eyeliner: Comes in the base kit from Danilea's (Black)

Dancers who already have the kit **but need to replenish** items can buy the items individually on the portal as well. It is not mandatory to purchase a new kit every year; however, it is highly recommended to purchase a new kit each season for health reasons. Most makeup only has a shelf life of one year.

Please Note:

*Link for our TDS online portal is: <https://stagebeauty.co/thedanceshoppe/>

*Password is: **shoppe**

Competitive Choreography

As we are moving through competitive choreography, we just have a few reminders:

1. TDS makes sure that all dancers are showcased at one point or another. Formations will change often, and all dancers will make it to the front row, throughout the 3-minute routine.
2. Teachers will have to raise their voices from time to time. This doesn't mean that the dancers are not good enough, in fact just the opposite. Corrections are given to dancers to help improve their skills when we see potential. We give corrections to dancers that can do more, we give louder corrections to dancers capable of doing more but are not yet making the necessary corrections.
3. Please remind your dancers that they should be showing up to their classes well prepared and knowing their choreography. Dancers should not be relying solely on the videos provided by TDS for this. They should be able to practice and execute their choreography without the video as well. This goes both for groups and extra work!

Competitive Code of Conduct ~ 2025/26 All Extra Fees

	Fee	Solo	Duet/Trio	Groups/Lines —Extended Line	Due by
B.Fearless Mandatory Full Time Optional Part Time	\$190.00+HST	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sept 15 th 2025
1st Costume Deposit Full & Part Time	\$100.00+HST Per Routine	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sept 27 th 2025
TDS Competitive Jacket	\$185.00+HST **approx.**	N/A	N/A	N/A	Oct 1 st 2025
Bedazzled Solos /Duets/Trios *Optional*	N/A	TBC	TBC	N/A	Oct 11 th 2025
Kick it up	N/A	\$135.00+HST	\$85.00+HST	\$72.00+HST	Oct 11 th 2025
Empower Dance	N/A	\$140.00+HST	\$87.00+HST	\$70.00+HST	Oct 25 th 2025
Inspire Dance	N/A	\$126.00+HST	\$87.00+HST	\$74.00+HST	Nov 8 th 2025
Bedazzled	N/A	\$130.00+HST	\$85.00+HST	\$75.00+HST	Nov 22 nd 2025
New Make Up Kit Or dancers replenishing their kit	\$110.00+HST **approx.**	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nov 24 th 2025
2nd Costume Deposit Full Time	\$100.00+HST Per Routine	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jan 10 th 2026
Remaining Costume Balance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Feb/Mar 2026

Back Parking Lot

Please **DO NOT** park or idle along the **back side** of the building while waiting for your dancers to finish. It clogs up the parking lot and makes it unsafe for dancers entering and exiting the building.

Merry Christmas!!

We would like to take the time to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays! We hope that the Christmas season brings you and your family only happiness and joy.

TDS Group Fundraisers

Please keep in mind that group fundraisers will benefit **ALL** the competitive families therefore we need the support of **ALL** the competitive families! It is mandatory to participate in these events in some way shape or form. If you cannot attend/participate in a mandatory event a set "buy out fee" will be pre-determined and billed per person per event. The amounts will vary per event.

Liquor Draw Tickets

Liquor Draw- Dec. Our third Group Fundraiser for the season will be a Liquor Draw. Each Competitive Family will receive 2 books of 15 tickets valued at \$25.00 for each book, for a total of \$50.00. Tickets will be handed out mid-November.

- Each Competitive family will be responsible for selling 2 books of tickets.
- Or buy out: \$50.00

Tickets

\$2.00 Each or 3 for \$5.00

Draw Date: Wednesday December 17th

1st Prize - \$500.00 LCBO Gift Card

2nd Prize- \$250.00 LCBO Gift Card

3rd Prize - \$100.00 LCBO Gift Card

DJ Dance Party- Jan 10th

Tickets: \$10.00

Buyout: \$15.00

CASH SNACK BAR: Pizza, chips, cotton candy & juice boxes and pop

Individual Fundraisers

Once again TDS will provide you with “Individual Fundraisers” to help offset the costs of competition and or tuition. All funds raised at these events will be applied directly to your individual account. These are not mandatory.

Bradford Greenhouse

Orders Were Due: November 26th

Delivery Date: December 4th.

Woodward Meat Purveyor-Jan

Order's Due: TBC

Delivery Date: TBC

Flip Give- makes fundraising easy!

You earn cash back on every purchase you make all year long! All you must do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws.

TDS Competitive Code of Conduct – 2025/26 Dates

Saturday Jan 10th ~ DJ Dance Party~ Mandatory Group Fundraiser

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Feb 7th & 8th Competitive Picture Day – Mandatory All Companies

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Feb 20th to 22nd ~ Bedazzled Dance Champions (Solos/Duets/Trios)

Richmond hill Theatre, Richmond hill Ontario

Feb 28th & March 1st ~ Competitive Rehearsal and Showcase – Mandatory All Companies

First Ontario Arts Centre, Milton Ontario

March 26th to 29th ~ Kick it Up - Mandatory All Companies

Marriot Niagara Falls – Niagara Falls, Ontario

April 9th to 12th ~ Empower Dance - Mandatory All Companies

Centennial Hall - London, Ontario

April 23rd to 26th ~ Inspire Dance - Mandatory All Companies

Hamilton Convention Centre - Hamilton Ontario

May 14th to 17th ~ Bedazzled Dance Champions - Mandatory All Companies

River Run Theater - Guelph Ontario

May 31st Mandatory Recreational & RAD Ballet Studio Picture Day

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June 12th to 14th ~ Mandatory Year End Recital- Mandatory -All Companies

First Ontario Arts Centre, Milton Ontario

Subject to Change!