

Purple Thunder September Newsletter 2026
Celebrating 33 Years of Dance in Milton!

Welcome back! As a new dance season begins, we will be taking time to establish new and old routines within the studio. In a positive and respectful environment, we can accomplish anything we put our minds to.

We wanted to take the time to explain some of the necessary information that will help us succeed this year:

Communication~ Dance & Home: Communication between dance and home is an important part of your dancers' success. Keeping an open supportive relationship between the parents, the dancers and TDS is imperative. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or concerns about your child's progress.

1. **Telephone/Email** message through the office: please leave several times that we can reach you and a contact number and we will return your request as soon as possible.
2. Please do not discuss problems on Facebook, Instagram etc.
3. **Do not talk to teachers in between classes.** We ask that you make an appointment to come in at a more appropriate time to not distract the teacher and the rest of the students in the classroom.
3. No problem is too small!!! We can't fix it if we don't know it is broken!

Meetings~ There will be parent meetings throughout the season when necessary. However, we are always happy to make an appointment to talk to you individually at any time.

Birthday invitations~ We ask that birthday invitations/gifts not to be handed out at the studio unless all dancers in your company are being invited. At TDS we work hard to ensure that every child feels a sense of inclusion and belonging.

Lockers~ The lockers are there for the competitive dancers to use. Lockers must be assigned and there is a small fee of \$40.00+HST for the season. Please make sure they are cleaned out every so often as things begin to smell. We ask that dancers refrain from writing, sticking stickers and climbing on them. Please talk to your dancers about not touching someone else's locker. It is important to respect someone else's stuff.

Registration 2026/27

Please check your accounts and let us know if there are any discrepancies. Inputting everyone's classes and fees is a manual process and oversights may occur.

Team Building Activities-Monday Sept 14th

On Monday September 14th we will be having our Competitive Team Building Activities from 4:30pm to 7:30pm at the studio. All Competitive dancers are **expected to attend**. No regular classes will run on Monday September 14th

Competitive Parent Meeting- Sunday Sept 20th

Sunday September 20th, we invite all competitive parents to our Mandatory Parent Competitive meeting as follows. At Mini Max Theatre, 1010 Main Street, Milton.

1:30-3:00pm –Part Time Competitive Parents

3:30-5:00pm – Full-Time Competitive Parents

1st Costume Deposit Saturday Sept 26th

1st Costume deposits are due on or before Saturday September 26th \$100.00 + HST per costume. Includes extra work costumes. Fees will be posted to your account shortly. If they are not paid by the due date, they will be automatically processed the next day.

Elevate your Training with Elevation Dance Challenge

The Full-Time Competitive Dancers will be attending Elevate your Training with Elevation Dance Challenge on Sunday September 27th at Hamilton Convention Centre in Hamilton. We will train with some of the best in the business. No awards, no scholarships, just good old fashion, convention style classes with a free parent mindset workshop. Dancers are welcome to attend both days if it doesn't conflict with their mandatory classes at the studio at the studio, but Sunday September 27th is Mandatory for Full Time Dancers. Part Time Dancers are welcome to attend if they would like, one or both days. Sign up online on or before September 12th.

B. Fearless Dance Experience & Empwr Workshop- Sunday October 4th

Dancers are welcome to attend **Be Fearless Dance Experience Convention** or **Empwr Dance** Convention on Sunday October 4th sign up online on or before September 12th.

Elevation Dance Challenge FIRST LOOK -Optional for Solo/Duets/Trios

Anyone wanting to attend Elevation Dance Challenge FIRST LOOK with their solo(s) and their duets/trios must let us know by email by **October 10th**.

- No Scores. No Overalls. Just Learning and Growth.
- Performance and Live Critique by a Panel of 3 judges
- 3 Dance Classes 1 Dancer Mindset Class
- 1 FREE Parent Mindset Class
- No costumes necessary.

We need to save our spots as this event fills up quickly. Must have 100% of duets/trios. Fees will need to be paid on or before Oct 10th.

Solos First Solo – \$295 + HST (includes everything above)

Each Additional Solo – \$150 + HST (performance & live critique only)

Duets/Trios First Duet/Trio – \$250 + HST (no solo entered, includes everything above)

Each Additional Duet/Trio – \$105 + HST (performance & live critique only)

Part Time Competition Hours & Rules

As mentioned, the competitions are starting to crack down on dancers' hours within the Part Time categories. TDS has always followed the rules but in some cases dancers that have just been over the limit have been able to compete in the Part Time Categories. After going over the rules and regulations for this year's up and coming events this is what it looks like:

Up Dance Competitions:

Part-Time Solo

A dancer that trains a maximum of 6 to 9 hours per week.

Part-Time Duet/Trio

All dancers must train a maximum of 6 to 9 hours per week.

Part-Time Groups/Lines/Productions

At least 75% of dancers must be part-time dancers and train 6 to 9 hours or less per week.

Empwr Dance:

Part Time Solo

A dancer that has never competed in a competitive solo category.

A dancer must train 6 hours or less per week.

Part Time Duet/Trio

A dancer that has never competed in a competitive solo category

A dancer must train 6 hours or less per week. All Dancers in the duet/trio must be 100% Part Time.

Part-Time Groups/Lines/Productions

75% of dancers must be part-time dancers and train 6 hrs. or less.

The Dance Rage:.

Competitive Level 1/Part Time Solos

Defined as someone who has previously competed and who trains 6 hours per week or less.

10 entries MAX.

Competitive Level 1/Part Time Duet/Trios

All dancers must be 100% competitive level 1 in duets/trios

Competitive Level 1/Part Time Extended lines

75% of Groups/Lines/Ext Lines must be at this level.

Bedazzled Dance:

Part-Time Solo

A dancer that trains 6 hrs. or less per week.

Part-Time Duet/Trio

All dancers must train 6hrs or less per week.

Part-Time Groups/Lines/Productions

75% of dancers must be part-time dancers and train 6 hours or less per week.

As there are different rules for each event TDS will make sure dancers are entered in their right categories.

TDS Tracksuit and Team Wear

*TDS has a selection of dancewear available to purchase through School T's including sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts etc. Order forms will be available shortly.

*Our Tracksuit sizes for our Mandatory TDS Track Jacket will be available at the front desk September 14th to 20th.

TDS Track Jacket Orders are due: October 1st.

Our Staff~ we would like to introduce to you our 2026/27 TDS Staff.

1. Miss Ruth-Ann Gray~ Jazz, Lyrical, Ballet, Tap, Musical Theatre
2. Miss Rachelle Seguin~ Tap, Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Acro
3. Miss Lindsey Feltoe~ Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Ballet, Acro, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop and our social media
4. Miss Lilly Petru ~ Ballet
5. Miss Sky Pahl ~ Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop, Lyrical/Contemporary, Latin
6. Miss Julia Carnevale~ Jazz, Tap, Acro, Hip Hop, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Lyrical
7. Miss Jordyn Pederson~ Tumbling, Stretch & Strength
8. Miss Sarah Sordoni ~ Ballet, Acro, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical/Contemporary
9. Miss Arianna Pratile ~ Hip Hop, Contemporary, Jazz, Tap, Musical Theatre
10. Miss Emily Lamouche ~ Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop, Acro, Lyrical/Contemporary
11. Miss Olivia Afonso~ Tap, Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Ballet, Acro, Musical Theatre
12. Miss Ashley Earl ~ Tap, Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Ballet, Acro, Musical Theatre
13. Miss Megan Bagusoski ~ Contemporary, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop
14. Miss Emma Andrews ~ Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Ballet, Tap, Contemporary, Hip Hop
15. Miss Barb ~ Office
16. Mr Owen ~ Office

As always, dancers will receive the highest standard of instruction and will be pushed to new heights.

We sincerely look forward to working in partnership with you and your dancer to make this their best year ever! Again, if you would like to contact us regarding your child (ren) please call or email the studio anytime.

Thank you for your support & Keep on Dancing!

TEAM TDS

TDS Competitive Code of Conduct ~ 2026/27 All Fees

	Fee	Solo	Duet/Trio	Grp/Ext. Lines	Due by
Elevate Your Training by EDC Saturday Optional for FT Sunday Mandatory for FT Both Days Optional for PT	1 Day - \$180.00+HST 2 Day - \$340.00+HST	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sept 12 th 2026
B. Fearless Optional for PT and FT	\$190.00+HST	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sept 12 th 2026
Empwr Optional for PT and FT	\$199.00+HST				
1 st Costume Deposit Mandatory for PT and FT	\$100.00+HST Per Routine	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sept 26 th 2026
TDS Competitive Jacket Mandatory for PT and FT	\$185.00+HST **approx.**	N/A	N/A	N/A	Oct 1 st 2026
Elevation Dance Challenge Optional for PT and FT Solos/Duets/Trios Only	N/A	See details above!	See details above!	N/A	Oct 10 th 2026
UP Dance Competition Mandatory for PT and FT	N/A	\$147.00+HST	\$75.00+HST	\$66.00+HST	Oct 10 th 2026
The Dance Rage Mandatory for PT and FT	N/A	\$125.00+HST	\$82.00+HST	\$69.00+HST	Oct 24 th 2026
Empwr Mandatory for PT and FT	N/A	\$140.00+HST +\$35.00+HST TS	\$87.00+HST	\$70.00+HST	Nov 7 th 2026
Bedazzled Mandatory for PT and FT	N/A	\$132.00+HST	\$85.00+HST	\$72.00+HST	Nov 21 st 2026
New Make Up Kit Or dancers replenishing their kit Mandatory for PT and FT	\$110.00+HST **approx.**	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nov 24 th 2026
2 nd Costume Deposit Mandatory for FT and Extra Work	\$100.00+HST Per Routine	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jan 9 th 2027
Remaining Costume Balance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Feb/Mar 2027
Bedazzled Nationals Mandatory for Full Time Optional for Pre-Comp and Part Time until Sept 30 th .	N/A	\$155.00+HST	\$85.00+HST	\$75.00+HST	April 17 th 2027

TDS Competitive Code of Conduct~ Dress Code

Dance Form	Dancewear	Shoes	Hair
Graded RAD Ballet Pre-Primary & Primary	*Lilac Mondor Bodysuit #1635 *Pink Tights Mondor #345, # 310, 314, 316, 319 *Or ankle socks Mondor #167 *Wrap Skirt may be worn- Mondor #16100 *NO T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS	*Pink ballet shoes (leather)	Bun
Graded RAD Ballet Gr. 1-5 Part Time Ballet Tech 1/2/3/4	*Purple Mondor Bodysuit #3546 *Pink Tights Mondor #345, # 310, 314, 316, #319 *Character Skirt- black with braiding that complements the colour of the leotard and either circular in style or gathered at the waist, the hem of the skirt should be approximately 3 inches (7.6cm) below the knee. * NO T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS	*Pink ballet shoes *Canvas or leather *Matching elastics *Split or full Soles ***** *Black character shoes *Lower heel G 1-2 *Tambourine dance (G4) requires ballet shoes, not character shoes	Bun
Vocational & Pointe Grades 6-7 (no pointe) Part Time Ballet Tech 5	*Black - capped sleeve scooped neck or sleeveless leotard *Pink Tights Mondor #345, # 310, 314, #316, #319 * NO T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS	*Pink ballet shoes Canvas or leather *Matching Elastics Split or full soles *Soft pointe shoes Pointe shoes for the pointe work section	Bun
Boys Ballet Pre-primary & Primary	*White Fitted T-shirt *Black Shorts *White Socks * NO T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS	White or black canvas or leather soft ballet shoes, with elastic	
Boys Ballet Grades 1-5	*White Fitted T-shirt *Black Shorts *White Socks * NO T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS	White or black canvas or leather soft ballet shoes, with elastic Character Shoes	
Jazz/Musical Theatre Contemp/lyrical etc	*Any style dancewear * NO T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS	Jazz shoes Turning shoes	Ponytail or Bun
Tap	*Any style dancewear * NO T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS	Tap shoes	Ponytail or Bun
Acro	*Any style dancewear * NO T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS	Bare feet	Low Bun
Hip Hop	*Any style dancewear *Baggy sweatpants permitted	Clean indoor running shoes	Ponytail

****Please note: Full Classical and Character Ballet Uniforms are Mandatory *The dress code will be enforced.* ****

Instep Active Wear will start taking orders for Characters skirts after Oct 1st

****Shoes styles for competition have not yet been decided. ****

Group Fundraisers

Group fundraisers benefit **ALL** competitive families, so support from **ALL** families is required. Each family must help with these events in some capacity. If you cannot attend or participate in a mandatory event, a predetermined buyout fee will be charged per person, per event. Fees vary by event. For example, if you do not attend the sleepover, you will be charged a \$30 buyout fee.

1st Group Fundraiser

50/50 Draw- September. Our First Group Fundraiser for the season will be a 50/50 Draw. Each Competitive Family will receive 2 books of 5 tickets valued at \$25.00 for each book, for a total of \$50.00.

- Each Competitive family will be responsible to sell 2 books of tickets.
- Tickets will go home with your dancers the first week of classes.

Tickets are: \$5.00 each.

Buyout is: \$50.00 per Family. (Cost of the 2 books of tickets)

Submit By: Saturday October 27th @ 12:00pm (noon)

Raffle: Saturday October 27th @ 1:00pm

1st prize will be half of total collected, min value of \$2700.00

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 account. These are not mandatory.

1st Individual Fundraiser – MacMillan's

MacMillan Orders Due: Tuesday October 13th

Online Portal Closure: 12pm on October 13th.

Delivery: Tuesday October 27th

Pick up: After 4pm TDS

To access the online portal please visit www.macmillansfundraising.online OR www.macmillans.ca.

Steps to online ordering:

1. Access our website and select shop our products!!
2. Select items.
3. Proceed to check out.
4. Select your school/organization from the drop-down menu
5. Fill in all required fields pertaining to name of customer, name of student and credit card information etc.

Flip Give: We will be launching Flip Give again this season for anyone wishing to use it. Flip Give will run from Sept 8th, 2026, to May 1st, 2027.

TDS Competitive Code of Conduct – 2026/27 Dates

Monday September 14th ~ 4:30pm – 7:30pm ~ Team Building ~ Mandatory for all Competitive Dancers.
The Dance Shoppe - **ALL Monday classes will be cancelled to facilitate Team Building Activities**

September ~ “50/50 Draw” ~ Mandatory Group Fundraiser
The Dance Shoppe.

September 20th ~ 1:30pm to 3:00pm- Part Time Parents Meeting
3:30pm-5:00pm Full-Time Parent Meeting
First Ontario Arts Centre, 1010 Main Street, Milton (Minmax Hall)

September 26th 2026~ Elevate your Training by Elevation Dance Challenge
Optional for Full Time Dancers and Part Time Dancers
Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton Ontario

September 27th 2026~ Elevate your Training by Elevation Dance Challenge
Mandatory for Full Time Dancers and Optional for Part Time Dancers
Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton Ontario

Saturday October 3rd ~ Toronto Argos Half Time Performance
Mandatory for all Mini/Jr/Inter/Sr Full Time Dancers and Optional for Part Time Elite Dancers
BMO Field, Toronto

Sunday October 4th ~ B. Fearless Dance Experience
Optional for Full Time Dancers and Part Time Dancers
Oakville Conference and Banquet Centre
or

Sunday October 4th ~ Empwr Dance Workshop
Optional for Full Time Dancers and Part Time Dancers
Universal Event Space, Vaughan, Ontario.

Saturday October 24th ~ TDS Slumber Party ~ Mandatory Group Fundraiser
The Dance Shoppe.

Sunday November 15th ~ Milton Santa Claus Parade
Mandatory- Inter, Senior, PT 4, and 5 Companies.

Thursday December 17th ~ TDS Competitive Christmas Party 5:30pm to 8:30pm
The Dance Shoppe.

Saturday Jan 23rd ~ Team Spirit Party ~ Mandatory Group Fundraiser
The Dance Shoppe.

Feb 6th & 7th Competitive Picture Days – Mandatory All Companies
The Dance Shoppe.

Feb 19th to 21st ~ Elevation Dance Challenge ~ “First Look” Optional for any Solos, Duets & Trios.
Live Feedback and Workshop - Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton Ontario

March 6th & 7th ~ Competitive Rehearsal and Showcase – Mandatory All Companies
First Ontario Arts Centre, Milton Ontario

April 8th to 11th ~ UP Dance Competition - Mandatory All Companies
Chatham Capitol Theatre, Chatham Ontario

April 22nd-25th ~ The Dance Rage - Mandatory All Companies
First Ontario Concert Hall, Hamilton Ontario

May 6th to 9th ~ Empwr - Mandatory All Companies
Sheraton Hotel, Etobicoke Ontario

*****UPDATED***May 13th-16th** ~ Bedazzled Dance Champions - All Mandatory Companies
River Run Theater - Guelph Ontario

May 30th ~ Recreational & RAD Ballet Studio Picture Day- Mandatory for all competitors in Recreational Recital Dances and RAD Recital Dances.
The Dance Shoppe.

June 18th to 20th ~ Mandatory Year End Recital- Mandatory ALL Companies
First Ontario Arts Centre, Milton Ontario

July 2nd to 3rd ~ Bedazzled Dance Champions Pageant – Full-Time Solo Invite only.
Blue Mountain Resort, Collingwood Ontario

July 4th to 9th ~ Bedazzled Dance Champions Nationals – Mandatory for Full Time and Optional for Pre-Competitive and Part Time until September 30th.
Blue Mountain Resort, Collingwood Ontario

Subject to Change!