The Dance Shoppe Ltd.
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The Purple Thunder November Competitive News 2026

Celebrating 33 years of Dance in Milton

Being Considerate of Others

Here at The Dance Shoppe, not only do we teach your children the latest steps, and help build confidence, we try to instill a level of consideration for others. **This starts with you, the parents and should be also extended to your dancers(s)!** Be mindful of what you say and how you act when in the company of others. If you have nothing nice to say, please do not say anything at all. The reason information is privately mailed to each family is that it is the business of the recipients. Please respect the fact that not everyone is offered extra work, ballet exams etc. We know that it can be a very exciting time, but not if others are being crushed in the process.

Office

Please be mindful that although we enjoy talking with all of you, our desk staff are here to work and need to get things done. For private reasons if someone is trying to ask a business question or pay a bill kindly step back from the desk and let the office staff deal with each customer with the respect that they deserve.

Office Hours:

Monday	4:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday	4:00pm to 9:30pm
Wednesday	4:00pm to 9:00pm
Thursday	4:00pm to 9:30pm
Friday	4:00pm to 8:30pm
Saturday	9:00am to 2:00pm

Contact List

Attached is the final contact list of all Purple Thunder Company Members and families.

TDS Group Chats

- **Include All Members:** Ensure that all company members are included in any official TDS Group chats that are established.
- **Purpose of Group Chats:** Group chats are intended for families to communicate with one another regarding The Dance Shoppe events, competitions, schedules, and other studio-related activities.
- **Appropriate Communication:** Group chats must remain respectful, positive, and inclusive. Bullying, harassment, inappropriate comments, or exclusionary behaviour will not be tolerated.
- **Monitoring & Closure:** If concerns arise regarding bullying or inappropriate behaviour within a group chat, TDS management must be added to the group to monitor communication and address the issue, or the group chat must be shut down.

All families and dancers are expected to use group chats responsibly and in a manner that reflects the values and standards of The Dance Shoppe.

Making Appointments/Meetings

Here at TDS, we have an open-door policy. You are welcome to call or email us at any time if you need a question answered or do not quite understand something. We do provide all your "need to know" information in your competitive packages, monthly newsletter, email updates etc. **We encourage you to read everything thoroughly.**

1. We are happy to answer **ALL the questions.**
2. Book a phone meeting or a one-on-one in person meeting at any time.
3. Do not rely on information from other parents – TDS has all the right answers.
4. Please do not contact a staff member regarding any issues or concerns between classes.

Accessing Choreography Videos

Use this QR code to access the APP Band. TDS Staff will be uploading Group Choreography to this APP under each company name. These videos are great tools to help dancers practice.

Band is for dancers to refence not to rely on. Dancers that miss class(es) are expected to know the choreography upon returning to class, whether the videos have been uploaded to Band.

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.

Mandatory TDS Make up Kits.

We are happy to announce that we will once again be working with the same make-up supplier! STAGE by Daniella provides makeup tailored for the performance industry. If you need a new kit or just to replenish some items, please order from Daniella.

Please Note:

*Link for our TDS online portal is opening soon: https://stagebeauty.co/thedanceshoppe/
*Password is: **shoppe**

Order Deadline: Dec 5th, 2026

Santa Claus Parade- Sunday November 15th

Just a reminder that Milton's Santa Claus Parade will take place on **Sunday November 15th** and as per your competitive agreement participation is mandatory for our **Full Time Intermediate, Senior & Part -Time Part 4/5 c**ompany members. **BOOK THE DAY OFF NOW**!

On the float	**Dancing behind the trailer**
Part Time 4's	Intermediates
Part Time 5's	Seniors

Arrive by 1:00pm
Pick up: 3:00pm (right after the parade) AT TDS

Costumes provided by TDS:

- Black earmuffs (Return to TDS)
- Black Tutu (Return to TDS)
- Black gloves (Return to TDS)
- Antlers
- Red nose (will need to be glued on with eyelash glue)

Dancers will need:

- Black leggings
- White Nike socks
- White Airforce 1's
- New purple Competitive Sweatshirts
- Dress warm underneath

Hair & make up:

- Low straight ponytail, center part no bangs
- Mascara & red lipstick

The studio will be open for those who would like to sit out front and have the comfort of going in and out

GROUPS VS. SOLOS, DUETS & TRIOS

Group rehearsals take priority over solos, duets and trios. Competitive group routines require the commitment and cooperation of every dancer, and scheduling additional rehearsals for an entire group is much more difficult than arranging smaller rehearsals. For this reason, all dancers are expected to prioritize and attend scheduled group rehearsals.

Free Studio Space for Extra OUTSIDE Choreography.

As always TDS is happy to provide free studio space to all our dancers to practice their extra work routines throughout the week. At this time only dancers that did **OUTSIDE** Choreography will be permitted to use the space. Once the 8 weeks of Choreo is done for inside choreography, the space will be open to everyone. If you are the last one in the studio, please make sure to return the iPod to the front desk and turn the power and lights off in the studio.

TDS Competitive Code of Conduct ~ 2026/27 All Fees

	Fee	Solo	Duet/Trio	Grp/Ext. Lines	Due by
Empwr Mandatory for PT and FT	N/A	$140.00+HST +$35.00+HST TS	$87.00+HST	$70.00+HST	Nov 7th 2026
Bedazzled Mandatory for PT and FT	N/A	$132.00+HST	$85.00+HST	$72.00+HST	Nov 21st 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	Dec 5th 2026
2nd Costume Deposit Mandatory for FT and Extra Work	$100.00+HST Per Routine	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jan 9th 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 30th.	N/A	$155.00+HST	$85.00+HST	$75.00+HST	April 17th 2027

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 Slumber Party, you will be charged a $30 buyout fee.

TDS Dads Poker Night: Saturday November 21st

3rd Group Fundraiser for the season will be our TDS Men's Poker Night. $50.00 buy in for Texas Hold'em. The more the merrier.

- Not a mandatory event, no buy out required. Whoever would like to participate is welcome.
- 7:30pm Start Time

TDS MANDATORY Competitive TEAM Spirit Night- Jan 23rd

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 : See Attached
Orders Due: Monday November 23rd, 2026.
Delivery Date: Tuesday December 8th 2026.

Next up:

MacGregors Meats:
Order due: TBC
Delivery: January

TDS Competitive Code of Conduct – 2026/27 Dates

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

***M*ay 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!!