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# November Parent Newsletter

Lisa Vasconcelos - Proprietor/Artistic Director

Where did September and October go? Wow – it’s been a busy but wonderful fall. Thank you for making our classes part of your family’s schedule. We are having a great term and are so pleased with how the kids are doing.

You may have noticed the costumes, the set pieces and the props for Annie!! Our #13 musical on the WMCA stage is only weeks away. We are all so excited to bring this new version of the wonderful show back to the WMCA Nov 24-27. Our cast of more than 100 can’t wait for opening night. As all of our instructors and assistants are involved with Annie, there will be **no regular classes November 23-26<sup>th</sup>**. We will be adding an extra rehearsal on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> as we prepare for our Christmas Concert (please see the schedule to the right) to make up for any lost instructional time.



The Christmas Concert is a wonderful afternoon as your children bring the joy of the season to life with their performances. Each class will perform their own number and join in one or two combo pieces. We’ve had a lot of fun preparing so far. The dress for the concert is black bottoms and a white or light-coloured shirt. Some girls choose to wear dresses – some don’t. Whatever you have is fine! Please don’t worry about purchasing a fancy new outfit.

The run-through takes place on Friday after-school. We’ll have all our Mecca kids at the church as they rehearse together and as individual classes. We recommend that parents of pre-primary students stay with us during the short time the kids will rehearse on stage. If primary parents want to stay from 5:30-6:30, that is fine. If not, all assistants will be present to help supervise. The kids will be busy and they really enjoy watching each other and cheering after each performance. Attending the run-through is an important step in the learning and preparation process. We hope everyone can make it! If you have a conflict, please let your teacher know.

As we rent the church, we do charge admission at the door: Adults \$8.00 students and seniors: \$5.00. Children 6 and under are free. If your family requires financial assistance to attend, please see your teacher for an admission voucher. The concert marks the end of classes and the beginning of Christmas break. Classes resume on Jan 11<sup>th</sup>. Please let your teacher know if you are returning to class as we will be taking new registrations for January.

I’m already excited to hear all the groups sing together!! It’s been a terrific term so far. The younger combo classes have really enjoyed the theme of our lessons each week as we explored movement and music together. The older classes have really grown as we’ve worked on vocal technique and performance skills. The team lesson planning we have done this year has been very beneficial to us all. We have had a BLAST so far. Thank you for sharing your child with us!

As always, please contact me with any questions/concerns! Let’s hope the snow stays away for a few more weeks. Thanks again for a terrific September and October.

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## Parent Calendar Updates

Nov 23-26	No Mecca Classes This Week! Instructors are on stage this week in <b>Annie</b> WMCA (728-9510)
Dec 2	Christmas Concert Run-through Central United Church Charisma & Pride 4:30-7:45 Pre-Primary Combo Classes 5:00-5:30 Primary Combo Classes 5:30-6:30 Junior and Senior Combo Classes-6:00-7:30 Girls Aloud & Boys Only 6:00-7:45 Pop Stars 7:00-7:30 <b>Community Choir arrives at 7:15</b>
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Mecca Family Christmas Concert</b> <b>2:00 Central United Church</b> (Doors Open at 1:00) <b>(End of Term for Combo Classes)</b>
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-7:00 Theatre Arts Workshops – All Performance Troupe
Jan 11	Classes Resume – Term 2 Begins
Mar 17	Run-throughs for Theatre for Young People Productions – 2:00 Primary and Pre-Primary Classes 3:30-5:30 Junior and Senior Classes
Mar 21-24	<b>No Mecca Classes March 21-24 - Make up classes April 1<sup>st</sup></b> Instructors are on stage this week in <b>Nunsense- The Mega Musical</b> WMCA (728-9510) <b>(Spring Break March 24-31 –No Classes)</b>
April 1 <sup>st</sup> Last Sunday of spring break	Make Up Classes for March 21-24 2:00 All Pre-primary Combo Classes 2:30-3:15 All Primary Combo Classes 3:15-4:15 All Junior and Senior Combo Classes
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dress Rehearsals TFYP Productions – 4:30 Primary and Pre-Primary Classes 6:00-8:30 Junior and Senior Classes
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>TFYP Productions 7:00</b>
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>On Broadway<sup>6</sup> 7:30 WMCA</b>
July 9-16	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Adventures Summer Camps
Aug 20-24	