



Yearly Calendar

September 6	Placement Evaluations (not Pre-Beginners or Adults)
September 9	First day of dance for Adults
September 10	First day of Monday dance for Seniors
September 13	First Day of Dance for Pre-Beginner, Beginner & Intermediate. (Seniors 2nd class)
September 20	Bring a friend to dance (Pre-Beginner, Beginner & Intermediate)
September 27	Barvinok Fall Annual General Meeting/Barvinok 101
October 8	No class
October 20	Senior's performance at St. Stephens
November 3	Senior dance workshop
November 12	Class for Seniors
December 20	Last class before winter break
January 10	Dance resumes
February 2	Dinner & Dance
March 15-17	Southern Alberta Ukrainian Dance Festival (dates subject to change)
April	Barvinok Spring AGM (date to be determined)
May 4	Picture day & dress rehearsal
May 9-12	Cheremosh in St. Albert (Seniors & Adults)
May 12	Tech rehearsal & year end concert
May 16	No class
May 23 & 30	Calgary Ukrainian Festival practices
June 1 & 2	Calgary Ukrainian Festival

More information regarding each event will be given closer to the date.

Board meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Vlad's, downstairs at 7pm. Similar to a school council meeting, all are welcome to attend.

Placement Evaluations: September 6. Minimum fees due \$200.

5,6 & 7 year old evaluations will run from 6pm - 6:45pm

8, 9 & 10 year old evaluations will run from 7pm - 7:45pm

11 years and older evaluations will run from 8pm - 9:00pm

These dance evaluations help place each student into the appropriate class and level for the year.

Decisions may take up to 3 weeks to finalize.

E-Transfer: fees may now be transferred by e-transfer to treasurer@barvinok.ca

The password is to be BarvinokFees (no space, capital B, capital F). In the comments, please indicate who the payment is for.

Pre-Authorized Debit: We are now able to have automatic withdrawals from your bank, processed with a void cheque accompanied by an authorization form (available at the registration table).

The Commitment letter will be handed out September 13, and needs to be signed and returned with the two cheques (Event commitment cheque & volunteer/costume commitment cheque) on September 20th.

Barvinok 101: September 27@ 5:30pm.

This is an informational meeting for new families or returning families. The meeting reviews the various key events throughout the dance season and hopefully answers many frequently asked questions.

Barvinok Fall AGM: September 27@ 6:30pm.

This is a welcome board meeting. The board will introduce themselves and go over Barvinok's financial standings. We will also discuss the upcoming year and answer any questions.

Did you know... there are over 60 Ukrainian dance schools and groups in every part of Alberta? Nearly 4,000 children, teens, and adults participate in Ukrainian dance enriching the cultural life of our communities.

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Classroom Etiquette:

Please have a conversation with your children regarding classroom etiquette. We want our dancers to be respectful of their instructors, fellow students and their dance school.

- Dress in appropriate dance attire.
- Refrain from talking while the instructor is teaching. No running around/wrestling/screaming.
- No food, gum, candies or drink (other than water) allowed in the dance studios. Bring a water bottle to class.
- Arrive on time. Please let your instructor know if you will be late/absent.
- Smile!

Class Attire:

It is important for the children to come prepared to dance in dance/athletic wear and with their hair contained. As we did last year we are implementing a policy regarding dance attire and proper grooming. A first offence will result in a warning. Subsequent offences will result in your child sitting out during class.

Girls: tights and body suit, or leggings, lycra shorts, yoga pants with dance tank top. Red ballet slippers. Seniors may wear red boots or character shoes. Hair: Pulled back and secured in a bun or French braid.

Boys: sweats, dance pants, fleece or lycra shorts. Plain T-shirt. Black ballet slippers or jazz shoes. Seniors may wear red boots. Hair: If hair is long enough it will need to be secured in a ponytail.

Dancewear stores:

Bodythings (Avenida) - 441-12445 Lake Fraser Drive SE

Bodythings (Westland)- 5308 17 Ave SW

Classique Dancewear- 6624 Centre St SW

Classique Dance and Activewear- 5720 Silver Springs Blvd NW

MUGE- 3132 26 St NE #202

The Masque- 9250 Macleod Trail S.E.

City Dancewear- 106, 5403 Crowchild Trail NW

*Other stores such as Once Upon A Child and Value Village often carry dancewear as well.

St. Vladimir Basic Rules:

- Be courteous. Do not disrupt other groups with loud noises or running in the hall. You are responsible for your children, who must be directly supervised while they are not in class. Please keep siblings busy with quiet activities. If children are playing games or watching videos, please provide them with headphones/earbuds.
- The basement hallways are not for running around. This is very disruptive to the downstairs class, as well as parents working/reading.
- Remove wet/muddy footwear upon entering. Please teach your children to kindly move their shoes to the right side, and NOT leave them in the pathway for others to trip over.
- Keep the hall clean. It is your family's responsibility to dispose of any drinks/food that you have brought in.
- Do not smoke in the building or immediately in front of the doors. This is illegal.
- Try to have your little ones stay clear of the big entrance door to the dance area. We don't want them hit as the dancers exit from their class.

Thanks in advance for consideration of the St. Vladimir facility!

Barvinok Dance Bags: will be available September 6, 13 and 27. These are a great bag for the students to transport their shoes and water bottles in, or use every day. They are \$20. Limited stock!

Used Shoe Sale: Keep your eye out for more information regarding a used shoe sale.

Fundraising & Volunteer Opportunities: more information to follow soon!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of dance! Please come over to the table in the foyer to introduce yourself, and let us know if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. Welcome back to returning dancers, and welcome to those who are new to the Barvinok family!

Kindly,
Lori Hitchcock
President, Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Society