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Sopilka News

Dear Parents and Dancers,

The dance year is off to a wonderful start as all the classes are working hard to complete their first dance for the Family Zabava on February 10th. With the addition of the use of the room downstairs, we have been able to have three of our younger classes running early in the evening. Thank you for your support while trying out this new system.

I'd like to remind everyone that Sopilka lives in an urban neighbourhood. Please make sure your child knows to wait inside the building when being picked up. If you are running late, please call or text the Sopilka phone number (204-285-9530), and I will personally make sure your child remains indoors. Also, with the snow flying early this year, please speak to your children about getting most of the snow off their boots before coming in and putting them away at the top of the stairs in an organized manner.

This past weekend, many of the members of the Sopilka Performing Ensemble danced at St. Mary's Academy's International Day. The girls danced beautifully and it was wonderful to support the school.

I look forward to seeing you all during our Open House weeks!

Sincerely,
Kristina Washchyshyn
Sopilka School Director

Upcoming Important Dates

Nov 27/29 & Dec 4/6	Parent Observation Nights
December 18/20	Last classes before Christmas Break
January 8/10	Classes Resume
February 10	Sopilka's 3 rd Annual Family Zabava (Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave)
March TBA	Photo Day
March TBA	Cheese/Kulbassa Fundraiser
March 16-18	Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival presented by Troyanda
April 23 & 25	Important rehearsals for ALL students (Monday and Wednesday)
April 29	Annual Recital at St. Mary's Academy

Parent Observation

We will be holding PARENT OBSERVATION NIGHTS again this year. On this night, parents are able to come into the studio and observe their children and teachers for the duration of

the class. Please try not to miss it! If you have a conflict, speak with Kristina and plans to observe your child at another time can be made. Don't forget to remove your footwear!

The schedule for Observation Nights will be as follows:

Monday, November 27 (All classes held in large studio)

5:30 – 6:30 – Beginner
6:45 – 8:00 – Junior
6:45 – 8:00 – Inter Technique
8:15 – 9:45 – SPE Technique

Wednesday, November 29 (All classes held in large studio)

5:30 – 6:30 – Level 1
6:45 – 8:30 Intermediate Ensemble
7:45 – 9:45 SPE Ensemble (the first portion will be in the small studio. If possible, join us at 8:30)

Monday December 4

5:30 – 6:45 – Level 3 (large studio)
5:30 – 6:45 Level 2 (downstairs multipurpose room)

Wednesday December 6 (class held in large studio)

5:30 – 6:45 Junior Technique and Kozak 2

3rd Annual Family Zabava

Planning for the February 10 Zabava is well underway! Tickets will go on sale soon using an online ticketing agency (Eventbrite). You will receive an email link to the event website in the coming weeks. Tickets will be \$35 for adult, \$20 for children aged 11 to 17 years, and \$15 for children aged 3 to 10. Children under age 3 are free. A processing fee will also be added to the cost of each ticket. During the first two weeks of sales, purchases of adult tickets will be limited to 6 per family in order to give everyone a chance to purchase. Following the initial two-week period, ticket sales will open up to unlimited amounts. Please note that the maximum capacity of the hall is 350 and we have 100 students at Sopilka.

Similar to other years, all students of the school will be performing in a short showcase performance in costume of their work so far this year. Please note that children who are dancing will also be expected to have a ticket.

Doors will open on the event at 4:30, the performance will be at 5:15, Ukrainian buffet dinner will be at 6:00 and the dance will follow. Be sure to stay until the Kolomeyka, which will happen around 9:00!

Your help in donating to our silent auction table would be most appreciated. A sample donation letter that can be handed out to various businesses has been emailed along with this newsletter. This year, each class will be assigned a theme and it is hoped that the families of that class can put together a prize package to go along with the theme. More information will follow soon. The silent auction is always a successful part of the Zabava and it couldn't happen without the support and enthusiasm from the families of our school!!

Finally, we will be looking for volunteers once again this year for various duties throughout this fun evening. Please watch your email for more information in the coming weeks.



*Wishing you and your family a fun and relaxing holiday season!
Merry Christmas!*

Sponsorship Opportunities

For anyone who owns their own business or knows someone who does, we will be offering advertising opportunities in both our Zabava program and the year-end recital program. There are various levels of sponsorships available for different sized ads. A full description of the sponsorship program has also been sent along with this newsletter. Feel free to share it to anyone you think may be interested!

Wine Raffle

Thank you to those who have already donated a bottle of wine to our first-ever wine raffle! We are very excited to be holding this simple fundraiser right before Christmas. Please try to sell your raffle tickets and donate a bottle of wine, if you can. Your help and support is very appreciated.

Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival

Once again, we are looking forward to the Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival, which will be held during the weekend of March 16 to 18, 2018 at Winnipeg's Pantages Playhouse Theatre. Last year, Sopilka won the prize for best overall school and it would be wonderful to repeat this success!! This is a MANDATORY event for all Sopilka students. Fees for the festival were included in this year's tuition. If you know that you will have a conflict during this weekend, please let Kristina know ASAP.

A detailed schedule of performance times during the festival weekend will be released in the coming months.

Costumes Pieces and Footwear

A friendly reminder that the following classes are required to have their own white shirt or blouse with black and red embroidery: Intermediate Ensemble and Sopilka Performing Ensemble. The following classes are to have red character shoes: Junior, Intermediate and Sopilka Performing Ensemble. If you have not purchased character shoes, Kristina has found a website with a good product for red character shoes. Please let her know your child's shoe size and she will order. The cost is \$20/pair to be paid directly to Kristina once you have received the shoes.