

CHAIKA



Ukrainian
Song & Dance Ensemble

ЧАЙКА

2019-2020

Parent & Dancer Handbook

2019-2020 CHAIKA EXECUTIVE

Chair

Mandy Wyr cimaga

Vice-Chair

Donna Clarke

Secretary

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Controlling Committee

Judy Storozinski

Anya Staszko

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Executive Members

Jenn Augstman

Rich Clarke

Ivan Dykyj

Kristina Wyr cimaga

Mark Palowich

The Chaika Executive meets the first week of each month.

CHAIKA FRIDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Group	Dance Time	Choir Time
Pre-Novice / Novice Instructor: Jana	6:30-7:30PM	CHOIR OPTIONAL
Junior Instructors: Natalie (Tula) & Gregor	6:30-8PM	8-9PM
Intermediate Instructors: Ivanna & Taras	6:30-8PM	8-9PM
Senior 'B' Instructors: Daria & John	6:30-8PM	8-9PM
Senior 'A' Instructors: Lesia & Taras	9-11PM	8-9PM
Adult Class Instructor: Anya	8-9PM	NO CHOIR

CHOIR INSTRUCTORS

Paula Bochnak
Marichka Duncan

DATES FOR THE 2019-2020 CHAIKA YEAR
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Winter Weather: In case of inclement weather and/or poor road conditions, a notice will be posted on our FB page and you will be emailed before 5PM. If weather is questionable, be sure to check the FB page for updates and cancellations PRIOR to coming to class. When in doubt, use your own discretion.

**IMPORTANT: Event dates listed below are tentative and subject to change or cancellation. More details for each event will be emailed out and posted prior to the date.

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 6: Registration & Classes Begin (Past Dancers Only)

Friday, September 13: Kick-Off The Season Parent Meeting! 6:30PM

Sunday, September 15: Bloor Street Ukrainian Festival ***N/J/I/S CLASSES PERFORM**

Friday, September 20: New dancers begin in all classes

Saturday, September 28: Trivia Night! Doors Open @ 6PM / Game starts @ 7PM

OCTOBER

Friday, October 25: In-Class Technical Workshop! **JR. SCHOOL**

Saturday, October 26: Annual Halloween Party

DECEMBER

Friday, December 13: Last Class Before the Holidays

Sunday, December 15: Christmas Concert & Party ***ALL CLASSES PERFORM**

Friday, December 20 & Friday, December 27: OFF - Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Friday, January 3: OFF - Christmas Holidays

Monday, January 6 & Tuesday, January 7: Christmas Caroling

Friday, January 10: First Class Back – In-Class Technical Workshop! **JR. SCHOOL**

Saturday, January 11: Hamilton Malanka (St. Nicholas Church) ***SENIOR CLASS PERFORM**

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 8: Family Fun Night!

MARCH

Sunday, March 1: Mississauga Ukrainian Youth Festival ***PN/N/J/I/S CLASSES PERFORM**

Friday, March 6 : In-Class Technical Workshop! **JR. SCHOOL**

Saturday, March 7: Hamilton Bulldogs Game

Friday, March 20: OFF – March Break

APRIL

Thursday, April 9: *ADDED CLASS: ALL Classes tonight (same times as Friday)

Friday, April 10: OFF – Good Friday

Friday, April 17: OFF – Orthodox Good Friday

MAY

Sunday, May 3: Purse Bingo

Friday, May 29: Last Class of Season

Saturday, May 30: Stage Rehearsal *TENTATIVE DATE

Sunday, May 31: Year End Concert *TENTATIVE DATE

IMPORTANT:

Chaika is PEANUT/NUT Free. Please do not bring any food/snack items into the hall that contain or may contain peanuts or nuts. This is for weekly classes as well as Chaika events. We ask that all dancers properly wash and clean their hands after eating peanuts and/or peanut products and before coming to the Hall each week. We take Peanut Allergies very seriously and look to protect our students with these allergies. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation with this.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR CHAIKA SCHOLARSHIP?

We are proud to be able to offer this scholarship opportunity. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, the student must:

- Be entering their first year of post-secondary studies
- Complete an essay about their current education, future aspirations and their involvement within and outside of the Ukrainian community (500 words)
- Be a student of Chaika the year of the application
- Submit the application to the Executive committee
- All scholarship applications will be due NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2020
- The chosen recipient will be awarded at the Year End Concert

2019-2020 TUITION

ONE DANCER	TWO DANCERS *Half price after 1 st child	THREE DANCERS *Each child is half price after 1 st child	FOUR DANCERS *Each child is half price after 1 st child 4 th child is \$100	ADULT CLASS
\$400.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$200.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Fees may be paid in full at time of registration by cheque (made out to Jr. Chaika), cash, Mastercard or Visa. *A surcharge/service charge of 3% will be added to all M/C and Visa payments.

2. Two equal installments. Please bring two cheques on registration night. September 6, 2019 & November 1, 2019

*PLEASE NOTE: ALL fees must be paid in full by November 1st

SPECIAL PAYMENT NOTES

*LATE PAYMENTS: There will be a late payment charge at an additional \$10/week – in order to avoid this, please make all payments by September 6, 2019 and November 1, 2019

*NSF CHEQUES: In the case of an NSF, the Treasurer will contact the family and a \$25 fee will be charged. All NSF cheques must be replaced with cash in full along with the NSF charge within 2 weeks of receiving notice from the Treasurer.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

Your instructors have requested the following rules of classroom etiquette to be followed while in dance and choir:

- Use the washroom before class.
- No talking during class. No running, screaming, tag, or uncontrolled behaviour.
- Cell Phones are not permitted during practice times. Keep ringer off and store in dance bag.
- Bring a water bottle to class.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Bring your smile.
- Chaika expects its members to show respect to themselves, their fellow dancers, the group, the instructors, and the rehearsal hall. Older dancers are expected to show leadership and set an example to younger dancers.

DRESS CODE

This is important to the image of the dance school. Please ensure that your child follows the dress code for proper attire for each class.

- Chaika Shirt
- Black pants- please avoid tear away or noisy pants. Avoid pants that are too long or have snaps/ zippers as they make steps difficult
- Dance Slippers – see your Instructor for colour preference

EXPECTATIONS

STUDENTS

- Arrive ready to dance, 5-10 min before class starts
- Don't miss class! You are committed to attending Chaika class each Friday, we expect you to be in class.
- Be on time and prepared for all events
- Follow classroom etiquette rules
- Know your dance steps and songs
- Talk to your instructor if you don't know what they are asking
- No chewing gum or food during practice

PARENTS

- Regularly check email for important information. Note and record any important information and/or dates
- Ask questions if you need clarification
- Support your child's efforts.
- Be on time and prepared for all events
- Encourage your child to practice at home

- Volunteer in the organization
- Enjoy the performances! Tell your dancers how well they are doing.

ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR BOTH PARENTS & STUDENTS:

We believe that a child's success depends on the support of their parents or guardians. Because your commitment to the process makes an enormous difference, we encourage you to participate and get involved where and when possible.

Our organization relies on a positive atmosphere and educational experience for our instructors, students and their parents. Cooperation between all parents is expected. Showing respect for other parents, the students, the Executive and instructors makes an important impression on the children. You are a role model for your child about how to interact with others in a professional setting.

Chaika Ukrainian Song & Dance Ensemble is a "BULLY FREE ZONE". ANY negative talk or actions will not be tolerated. Students involved in a first offence will be subject to a meeting with their parents and the Chaika Chair and Vice-Chair. Any offence after the first, will result in either a suspension from class or a dismissal. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Chaika Ukrainian Song & Dance Ensemble is a "DRAMA FREE ZONE". Plainly speaking, this means you are expected at all times to be supportive, respectful and courteous to all. This organization will not tolerate rudeness and disrespect to students, parents, instructors or members of the Executive.

ATTENDANCE AT REHEARSALS

It is extremely important that dancers attend practices on a regular basis and arrive to class ON TIME. Late and absent dancers disrupt class time and make it extremely difficult for instructors to complete their lesson plans and choreography for our dancers. Please respect your instructor's time to ensure our dancers get the most out of their rehearsals.

If your child will not be attending class, please:

- advise your instructor as soon as possible
- E-mail Daria at chaikasecretary@gmail.com
- Write name on board in the Chaika office

If your dancer arrives late please ensure he/she enters class quickly and quietly, causing minimal disruption to the class.

Please note: Attendance directly effects the amount of dances your child may be in for performances.

ATTENDANCE AT PERFORMANCES

Chaika is proud to participate in numerous performances from our own events and concerts, to various festivals and shows throughout the year.

It is extremely important that dancers arrive early to these performances **READY TO DANCE** at the time given by the instructor. This includes having costumes on, with hair and makeup (as needed) done.

Please note: Being late or not showing up to a performance affects the **ENTIRE CLASS**, as instructors may need to rework dances at the last minute for potential absences and nervous dancers become even more nervous.

CHAIKA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please join our group **Chaika Ukrainian Song and Dance Ensemble** on Facebook and follow us on Instagram! This is a good opportunity to share Chaika with friends and family, and to stay up to date with the events Chaika is involved in. We also regularly promote our dance ensemble through our website at **www.chaika.ca**

*There is a photo/media release on all registration forms allowing Chaika to use our dancer images on these platforms. However, if you have any questions regarding the use of these photos, please contact the Executive for clarification.

COSTUMES

If you have any concerns regarding costumes please come by the wardrobe room on Friday night. Our 2019-2020 Head of Wardrobe is Jenn Augstman. In order to help get our parents more involved in this area of Chaika, Jenn will be holding a Wardrobe and Costume specific Parent Meeting in October. Please stay tuned for the date!

FUNDRAISING – WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Get involved! This year we are asking at least one parent to volunteer for at least one Chaika event or with Wardrobe. If a Chaika student is 18 or over, then we ask that you volunteer to help with at least one event or with Wardrobe. Chaika is a non-profit organization. Therefore, we host a variety of fundraising events throughout the year. These events provide us with money allowing us to keep our registration fees reasonable while still being able to do the following (to name a few):

- hire qualified instructors
- hire a live band for some practices and all performances
- rent space for practices and concerts
- order specialized costumes from Ukraine
- clean, maintain and keep costumes and accessories
- subsidize travel opportunities to the dancers

****PLEASE READ & SIGN ATTACHED STUDENT & PARENT REGULATIONS – RETURN ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27TH****

CHAIKA STUDENT & PARENT REGULATIONS 2019-2020

Students:

- Attend all classes appropriately dressed as per dress code.
- Practice in between classes and retain material and steps taught during classes and rehearsals.
- Maintain good attendance. Participate in ALL classes and rehearsals unless physically unable. 3 classes missed (unexcused absences) will result in a meeting with members of the Chaika Executive.
- Attend class with pride and confidence.
- Treat other students with RESPECT at all times. Always have a positive attitude and conduct yourself in a courteous and considerate manner, realizing that you set an example for other Chaika dancers and parents.
- Obey & respect the instructors and executive of Chaika while at the Hall and/or Chaika related events and performances.
- **Chaika is a BULLY FREE ZONE! Any unkind acts, words or behaviour towards another student or instructor will not be tolerated. Inappropriate behaviour means that Chaika instructors have the right to ask the student to leave the class.**

Students & Parents:

- In the interest of providing a positive dance & cultural experience, you are expected to develop a spirit of cooperation. Help create and maintain a friendly atmosphere for the benefit of everyone involved at all times.
- Any disruptive behaviour of a parent or student that is detrimental to the well-being of our environment, image, or organization moral can and will be reason for dismissal.

**Students and parents understand that failure to comply with the items mentioned above as well as throughout this entire document will result in immediate consequences and/or a meeting with members of the Chaika Executive and/or dismissal from Chaika. Parents please read the above regulations to your child before having them sign.*

Student Name(s) (please print): _____

Student Signatures (all ages): _____

Parent Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature (if student is under 18): _____

Date: _____

Please read and return to Chaika on or before September 27th.

Student's Name(s): _____

Please list all Chaika students in your family.

****VOLUNTEER SECTION****

**Please note: One parent or guardian must check at least one volunteer option for the 2019-2020 Season. If dancer is age 18+ then they are responsible for checking at least one volunteer option for the 2019-2020 Season. Dates are tentative and may change.*

****Please mark with a 1, 2 and 3 in order of your preference for volunteering***

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| ___ Trivia Night (Sept. 28/19) | ___ Halloween Party (Oct. 26/19) |
| ___ Christmas Concert (Dec. 15/19) | ___ Hamilton Malanka (Jan. 11/20) |
| ___ Family Fun Night (Feb. 8/20) | ___ Hamilton Bulldogs (Mar. 7/20) |
| ___ Purse Bingo (May 3/20) | ___ Wardrobe Help |

Volunteer Name
Contact # & Email Address

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS CAROLING 2020

We are requesting each student to join us for at least ONE caroling date this year. The more, the better! This is a great tradition to teach our young students and a wonderful way to spend Ukrainian Christmas in addition to your family time. We realize that a lot of our students have family dinner on Christmas Eve, if you can make caroling work around that, great! If not, then the following day is an option. Of course, if we have a great response in participants then we can work in shifts and work around your family gatherings and celebrations as well as work/school. Let's work together to make this one of our best caroling years ever!

Please choose at least one date from below:

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| _____ Monday, January 6, 2020 | _____ AM | _____ PM | _____ PM (evening) |
| _____ Tuesday, January 7, 2020 | _____ AM | _____ PM | _____ PM (evening) |

Drivers will also be needed. Please indicate whether or not you are able to participate as a driver and how many you can take in your vehicle.

_____ I can drive _____ people for caroling on _____ (indicate date).
Time available: _____ AM _____ PM _____ PM (evening)

Other notes such as times available, etc.
