KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

PARKGATE PRETEEN DANCE

Check-In, Late Arrivals, & Early Departures

- Check-in runs from 7:00 to 8:00pm at the gym entrance; no receipt is required.
- After 8:00pm, check-in moves to the front reception desk.
- No entry after 9:30pm.



Leaving early. If a participant wants to leave before 9:30pm, they must remain at the dance until a verbal confirmation of pickup is received from a parent/guardian. Participants leaving after 9:30pm are free to go, as it is assumed that a pickup plan has already been arranged between the child and their parent/guardian. After participants leave the dance, there is no reentry.



To help us make check-in quick, please visit any NVRC front desk and add a photo to the participant's account for identity verification. Adding a photo can be done without a parent/guardian present. If done last year, no action is needed.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

The gym can get warm and humid with all the activity and bodies, so dressing in **layers** is encouraged.



The gym has a water fountain, and bottled water is available for purchase at the concession, which is cash-based (recommend no more than a $10 allowance).

Please consider:

Skip wearing your most valued hoodie or jacket.



Setting a reminder to grab belongings before leaving.



Just wearing a simple t-shirt!



All forgotten items will be moved to the general lost and found to be claimed on the Monday following the dance. Valuable items will be kept separate; please email the youth services manager directly. Backpacks are not allowed. Please leave them at home. Small slings, crossbody bags, and purses are acceptable.



Lost & Found

BASIC DANCE EXPECTATIONS

Please review the following rules with your child before the dance.

Respect

Respect others' bodies, space, and belongings. No pushing, dragging friends, or unwanted contact.

Incidents will be documented and may result in removal/suspension for serious or repeated behavior.

No ins and outs

Once a participant leaves, they may not return.

Departures before 9:30pm require staff confirmation from a guardian. After 9:30pm participants are able to leave on their own accord.

Photos & Videos

No videos or photos are allowed in the gym except during the 9:30pm dance battle. Selfies are permitted in the coat check, halls, and concession area.

Feeling Uncomfortable?

Staff/volunteers are easily identified in bright orange shirts and are there to help if anyone feels overwhelmed, upset, or has a question.



Trash Code of Conduct

We have zero tolerance for harmful behaviour or language. This includes:

TRANSphobia
RACISM
ableISM
SEXISM
HOMOPHOBIA

Violations will be addressed directly with youth and may involve a call home. Please take time to ensure your child knows what all these terms mean.

START CONVERSATIONS AT HOME



Help us support your child by sharing feedback post-event. The more insight we have, the better we can serve our attendees.

LAST-MINUTE NOTES & LOGISTICS

The refund deadline has passed, and we're now putting all our energy into creating an amazing dance experience! If you can't make it, please withdraw your registration. We do not allow ticket transfers; transferring your ticket will result in a suspension from future dances.

Having an accurate dance attendee list is vital to our safety plan and ability to connect with parents/guardians/emergency contacts.

Grades 6 & 7 only:
If your child is not in Grade 6 or 7, please contact us ASAP. Ineligible participants' guardians will be contacted to pick them up.



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https://parkgatesociety.ca/youth/preteen-dances

We believe in making these dances both fun and meaningful. When challenges arise, our goal is to help youth reflect, grow, and take accountability. We understand that brains are still developing, and we want to support these youth in becoming their best selves. However, more serious incidents will involve parental involvement and may result in suspensions from future dances.

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Thank you for staying informed and for supporting your child's participation! For more information about Parkgate Youth Services programs and general updates, visit our website or follow us on Instagram.

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