

Class Recording Week: October 18th-24th

*previously parent viewing week

As we approach our first milestone of the fall, “parent viewing” week, we have a new way to have parents “watch” class. Although you won’t be sitting in the classroom, we hope you will take the opportunity to watch your students’ classes with them.

Why is there not “live/realtime” viewing?

As we started to think through the details of this, we realized these issues:

- Parents can’t drop off and be back in time for pick up and go home to watch on a screen large enough to see your own student, and watching on a phone in your car means not actually seeing your student since the video will be of the whole classroom.
- Teachers will potentially have parents trying to join the meeting at any point through class, which will be distracting and disrupt class.
- If students are taking at home on Zoom that day, the teacher will not be able to see “just” those students, and will likely not be able to actually focus any attention on the dancers at home because the screen will be filled with parents.
- All of these can be eliminated by just recording the whole class and making the recording available for viewing.



How will “viewing” work?

Teachers will record the entire class in “speaker view”, meaning it will be a video of what the webcam in the corner of the room “sees.”

- Each camera has been placed to see all “squares” or their reflection in the mirror. However, there will be times where students may be aligned diagonally and the camera might not be able to see them for some of the time.
- Teachers will rotate students in the room to make sure they are all in view for different parts of class.
- Different classes may use the teacher headset mic, or switch to the in room webcam mic (tap classes, etc). We will be experimenting with this to see what works best.

Where will the recordings be posted?

- After class, the recording needs to process and then the following day be uploaded to our site. We will try to get all classes uploaded within a few days of class, but it's 70+ classes so it may take a few days.
- On cgpac.com, click on the "Virtual Class Information" page.
- Scroll down and click on the "Class Resources Grid". All classes are listed on this chart. Find your class and read across to the Vimeo link column. Click to open the Vimeo link for your class, one of the recordings will be the "Parent Viewing" recording for your class. This is also where you can find any instructional videos your teachers post. This grid will also be where teachers post links to recital music.



Should we watch together with our dancer?

Yes! This is one real benefit to this change. We hope you will schedule time with your dancers to sit down with them to watch their classes (and yes, you can do some fast-forwarding).

- Print out the "class observation form" for the specific class (even for preschool age classes) from the Virtual Class Information page. These can also be picked up at the front desk if you don't have a printer. FYI, this is the same form your student should always use if injured/ill and not participating.
- Watch class together and have your student fill it out (or young children fill it out with your help)
- Pay attention to your child's skills, and if a teacher gives a correction to someone else, but it also applies to your child, point it out.
- Have a discussion about goals for the rest of the year. Identify concrete things they can work on at home, and hold them to it.
- Help your child learn when they should/shouldn't ask questions.
- Praise more things than you criticize, this is very important!

Turn in your observation forms for a prize and to be entered into a raffle!

- Each student turning in completed observation forms from viewing week will be given a free CGPAC hand sanitizer as a thank you (only one per student please).
- Each student who turns in a form will have their name put in a drawing for a FREE CGPAC SWEATSHIRT/JACKET! (one entry per form filled out).
- These review forms will be due by November 7th to be eligible for the drawing.



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