



## DECEMBER 2011 MSD NEWSLETTER



**Costume balances:** The remaining costume balance(s) are being calculated and have been billed to your account. All accounts with an outstanding costume balance December 31, 2011 will have a \$10.00 late fee added. A \$10.00 late fee will be added at the end of each month until the costume balance is paid in full. The mail will be checked during the holiday break. Payments must be post marked by December 31, 2011. Costumes will start to arrive within the next 1-3 months. Costumes will NOT be handed out to students with outstanding balances. As of December 10<sup>th</sup>, if you have any outstanding balance from either September or October, MSD will not order a costume on your behalf. If you pay your tuition up to date at a later time, we will order a costume for you. There will be additional fees for shipping & handling, and we cannot guarantee delivery for the June recitals.

**Costume Sizes:** The studio encourages all parents to review the suggested sizes right away for recital costumes. Alterations and Exchanges can be very costly, are the responsibility of the parents. Orders will be submitted during the holiday break. At which point we cannot make any changes.

**Tuition:** January tuition is due by 1/1/12. The mail will be collected over the break so be sure to get your tuition in on time. Dancers with a past due balance of 2 or more months tuition will not be permitted to attend dance class until their account is up to date. If they show up for class, they will be directed to remain in the lobby. This policy will be strictly enforced. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Carrie or Maria.

**Holiday closings:** The studio will be closed Friday, December 23rd thru Sunday, January 1st Classes will resume Monday, January 2nd.

**Spring Classes:** Maria's School of Dance is offering FOUR 6 week classes which will give students a brief introduction to ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop. The objective is to give the student an idea of what dance is like. It is designed to be a fun and educational experience. Classes will not participate in recital. There will be a 5 student minimum for each class to be held. To register for any of these classes contact Maria's School of Dance at 517-223-0036, spring registration information is at the desk.

**Parent/Child and Opener/Closer:** Look for information in the February newsletter.

**Parents and Students:** Please pick up after your children (or yourselves). Also, **do not leave your young children unsupervised in the lobby.**

**Bad Weather/Class Cancellations:** If the studio is closed due to bad weather, a message will be left on the answering machine, and we will contact the Fowlerville Schools to make a general announcement. If in doubt, please call first. These classes will not be made up, please contact your instructor concerning an alternate class to attend. If a class is canceled by an instructor, the class will be made up at a later date, in that case we will attempt to contact each student by phone or message.

**Reminder:** As the weather gets bad we would like to remind you that street shoes are **NOT** allowed on the dance floors. Please leave all boots on the boot trays provided in the main lobby. This will make it easier to keep the floors dry and safe for everyone. We have installed coat hooks, as well as cubbies in both lobbies. Please make sure all jackets & coats are hung up, and all dance and book bags placed in the cubbies. This should provide more seating for everyone.

**Lost and Found:** All items in the lost and found will be donated to the Salvation Army during break.

**Ice on sidewalks:** Please let the receptionist know if it is getting icy outside. They try to keep a watch on it but sometimes they don't realize the weather is getting bad.

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**VG'S Receipts:** Dance Express, Maria's school of Dance competition dance team is collecting VG's receipts. This is a non profit group that helps dedicated dancers with advanced training, competition and scholarship opportunities. If you have any VG's receipts that you can donate, please leave them at the desk and THANKS!

**Confirmed Recital DATES :** Rehearsals: Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Monday, June 18th, & Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (**Dress Rehearsal IS MANDATORY!**)

**Recitals:** Thursday June 21st & Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Recital Shoes & Tights:** With the exception of Miss Jenn's ballet classes, all recital tights **MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE**. Specific colors and styles will be listed for each class in the costume book. You may purchase these at any time. However, you must have them for rehearsal and recital. Required shoes will also be listed in the book. If you are looking for jazz shoes, lyrical shoes, ballet slippers or hip hop shoes, check out the used shoe bins at the desk. Correct dance shoes can also be found at Bottoms Up Dancewear in Okemos. Miss Jenn's Ballet classes (Level B and Up) are required to wear: Prima Soft Convertible Seamed Ballet Tights. You can purchase these at Bottoms Up or on line.

**Dance Workshops/Master Classes:** ALL MSD students ages 8 and up are welcome and strongly encouraged to take advantage of master classes. Workshop classes are taught by professional instructors! Classes will be offered in all areas of dance, students can also choose classes in singing and acting. This opportunity is available to all students, even those that are not interested in competition can gain valuable experience from attending these workshops! If interested, please ask at the desk. See below for date and cost details.

### **Hollywood Vibe**

**February 17-19 2012**

Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center  
400 Renaissance Center Dr., Detroit, MI

**Room Rate:** \$119

**Cut Off Date:** February 3rd

**Phone:** 248-680-9797

Workshop fee: \$220.00 by 1/2/2012 -  
\$230.00 1/3/2012 - 2/17/2012

### **Access Broadway**

**March 9-11 2012**

Somerset Inn

2601 W. Big Beaver Rd. Troy, MI 48084 800 228 8769

**Room Rate:** S/D \$90.00 **Cut off Date:** February 1st

**Phone:** 248 643 7800

Dance Workshops - Ages 7 and up

\$150.00 by November 30<sup>th</sup>, \$160 .00 December 1<sup>st</sup>

Acting Workshops - Age 10 and up

\$160.00 by November 30<sup>th</sup>, \$165.00 December 1<sup>st</sup>