



MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
2019

WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK TO OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON!!

STUDIO ETIQUETTE: Be sure student's name is INSIDE each dance shoe. Hang all jackets & coats on the hooks in the main lobby. Shoes & Boots are to be placed on the black carpet by the door. Please place backpack & dance bags ONLY in the cubbies. PLEASE do not put food or drinks in the cubbies. Staff only is allowed in the office area. Purses & valuables are to be taken into the dance rooms. MSD has provided hooks for purses to be hung on. Cell phones must be turned off and must be stored in purses or jackets. DO NOT leave them with instructors, on the stereo, or on the floor. MSD cannot be responsible for items in the studio. **No street shoes in any dance room.**

VERY IMPORTANT: MSD's software program is designed to communicate directly through your email. This enables us to send all notifications directly to your email inbox right away – no delays or phone messages. We will be able to use this feature to notify families for canceled classes, studio closings, newsletters, recital schedules etc. Please make sure that the studio has your correct email address on file. If you change your email, you must notify the desk right away to be able to receive current information.

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS: All families that used our online registration link please stop by the desk. All of your registration papers have been filled out by office staff. Please take a moment to review the information, sign all forms and collect your payment receipt. All dancers are required to have a signed and completed waiver & registration form before they attend class(es).

TUITION AUTOPAY: MSD families will now be able to set up payments via automatic debit from either your checking account, debit or credit card. If you would like to make payments in this manner stop by the desk, we are glad to help you complete the paperwork, and we will take care of the rest!

COSTUME DEPOSITS: A costume deposit of \$50 per class is due the end of October. Individual statements will NOT be handed out for deposits. Costume balances are due the first week of December. All information will be available at the desk and in the costume book for each class. All outstanding costumes balances not paid at the end of each month beginning December 31st, will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee per month.

COSTUME MEASUREMENTS/SIZES: As always, we will be measuring each student. If a parent wishes to request a specific size, it MUST be put in writing. Include the name of the student, their class(s), and the size requested for each costume. The dancers will be measured the week of November 4th. Please make sure that they are wearing appropriate dancewear, helping MSD staff determine the correct size(s).

25TH ANNIVERSARY OPENER / CLOSER 2020: Opener this year will be "Sing Sing Sing" and closer will be "One" from A Chorus Line. Dancers that sign up will be in BOTH the opener and closer. Dancers can no longer sign up for one or the other. The fee is \$50 per dancers, \$80 for two family members, or \$100 per family of 3 or more. For those of you that don't know, Sing Sing Sing has always been Maria's favorite song of all time. If students have been around long enough, they are most likely going to dance to Sing Sing Sing at least once! (Some have been "stuck" dancing to it 3 times!) Because it is a special year, we will be ordering actual recital costumes for this. Dancers will wear the same costume for both dances but accessories will be added to the

costume for the closer. Students MUST be signed up by December 1st in order to guarantee a costume. More information will be emailed out soon!

CALLING ALL MSD ALUMI! An Alumni dance will be performing in all 3 shows! We are looking for as many former MSD dancers as possible so spread the word!!! Rehearsals will be last couple of weeks before recital. We will also send videos of choreography to dancers out of state. There will be a full rehearsal at the studio Sunday, June 7th and then at dress rehearsal Monday, June 8th. This will allow those from out of town only having to come for the week. Watch for more information and please spread the word!!!

HALLOWEEN:

The studio will be closed Halloween, Thursday October 31st.

Students may wear Halloween costumes October 24th – October 30th. Please keep in mind that they still need to be able to dance!

IMPORTANT RECITAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE:

Dress Rehearsals:

Friday, June 5th 1:00pm to 11:00pm

Monday, June 8th 1:00pm to 11:00pm

Recital:

Tuesday, June 9th 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 10th 7:00pm

Thursday, June 11th 7:00pm

MSD COMPETITION TEAM MEETING: We will hold an information meeting for all dancers/parents interested in participating in our new “MSD Comp Team” **Saturday, September 14th at 9:30am**. We will discuss, time commitments, fees, expectations and answer your questions. This is a great opportunity for dancers who are interested in competition, but not yet ready for Dance Express.

2019 RECITAL PHOTOS & DVD'S: Recital photos are at the desk as soon as we know when DVD'S will be mailed out, we will let you know.

LOST AND FOUND: Items left behind from last year's classes & recital are in the lost and found. We will be donating the contents to GoodWill October 5th. Please take a moment and go through it, to see if any of these items belong to you or your dancer.

NEW ACTING WORKSHOPS!!! See the acting workshop flyer! Some really great acting workshops taught by Susan Gronow!!! First one starts September 6th so don't delay!!!