

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



THANKSGIVING BREAK: The studio will be closed Wednesday, November 22nd through Sunday, November 26th for Thanksgiving. Classes will resume Monday, November 27th.

FOWLerville FAMILY IMPACT CENTER THANKSGIVING DINNER COLLECTION

MSD will be collecting items for the Family Impact Center to help provide Thanksgiving dinner for local families. We will be collecting from November 1st until Sunday, November 19th. Please see email sent out 10/30/23 for a list of donation items. Thanks for helping spread some holiday spirit!

CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY BREAK: The studio will be closed Saturday, December 23rd through Friday, January 5th for Christmas. **Classes will resume Saturday, January 6th.** Holiday gifts for dancers will be distributed to each dancer the last week before the break.



NEED CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS???

- We have an online store through Sports and Apparel.
 - Go to: <https://yhst-98511555289779.store.turbify.net/mascofdaap.html>
 - They can also put the MSD and DE logos on anything you choose.
- Give the gift of dance. Spring Dance Class schedule:

Fridays: Feb 9 th – March 15 th (6 weeks)					
Instructor: SARAH PATERNOSTER					
	CLASS	AGE	TIME	MIN	FEE
	Pre Ballet	3-4 yrs	4:30-4:55 pm	25	\$60
	Beg tap	4-6 yrs	5:00-5:25 pm	25	\$60
	Beg Ballet	5-7 yrs	5:30-5:55 pm	25	\$60
	Beg Jazz/HH	6-8 yrs	6:00-6:40 pm	40	\$71
	Beg Jazz/HH	9-11 yrs	6:45-7:25 pm	40	\$71

- Gift certificates available at the desk.

SNOW DAYS/BAD WEATHER: As winter approaches, we may need to cancel classes due to bad weather. If we are going to cancel the entire day, we try to do it no later than 2:00 pm. If cancelled, you will be emailed and it will be posted on Facebook. Please make sure that you have Liked "Marias Dance" for Facebook updates. However, sometimes a storm comes in while classes are in session. In this instance we will send an email out and start making calls. Finally, PLEASE make sure your child knows what to do after school if classes are canceled, as there will be no one at the studio. As the winter weather arrives, we would like to remind you that street shoes are **NOT** allowed on the dance floors. Please leave all boots on the boot mats provided in the main lobby. This will make it easier to keep the floors dry and safe for everyone. We have 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. **Please let the receptionist know if it is getting icy outside.** They try to keep a watch on it, but sometimes they do not realize the weather is worsening.

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR ABSENT STUDENTS:

Studio A

<https://vimeo.com/event/269142>

Studio B

<https://vimeo.com/event/269171>

Studio C

<https://vimeo.com/event/269851>

Password for ALL three links is the same : **msd2324** (NO CAPS)

Past Due Tuition: January tuition is due by the 1st. 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 Connie or Maria.

COSTUMES: Recital costumes have been selected by each instructor. A book is available with a picture of each costume. All costume fees are due December 1st. These fees will automatically come out of your account if you have autopay. A \$10.00 late fee will be added to all outstanding costume balances MONTHLY, beginning December 31, 2022. **As of December 1st, 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. We encourage parents to review their child's measurements and use the size charts provided in the costume book. **ALL COSTUME SIZE REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1ST.** If no costume size requests are received, MSD staff will fit the costume on behalf of the dancer based on their girth. Costumes will be ordered December 15th. They are made to order and cannot be canceled once the order is placed. **ALL ALTERATIONS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS.**

SPRING CLASSES: See Spring Class Registration form!

RECITAL SHOES & TIGHTS: With the exception of Ms. Jenn's Pointe 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. We require dancers to be in their correct shoes by January 1st. It is important that dancers learn to move comfortably in their shoes PRIOR to performance time. 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 MK Dancewear in Lansing and Dancy Pantz in Okemos.

**Ms Jenn's Pointe ballet classes (Grades 3-6) are required to wear: Prima Soft Convertible Seamed Ballet Tights. Color: "Ballet Pink". You can purchase these on line at www.prima-soft.com. All other ballet classes will be required to wear ballet tights purchased through MSD.

OPENER / CLOSER 2024: This year's Opener and Closer will be "Mama Mia". Dancers who sign up will be in BOTH the Opener and Closer. The fee is \$50 per dancer, \$80 for two family members, or \$100 per family of 3 or more. Dancers will wear the same costume for both dances. Students **MUST** be signed up by December 1st in order to guarantee a costume. Age 8 and up or instructor approval.

Opener / Closer Costume: See costume at the desk. Tan tights and tan jazz shoes are needed for opener closer. Tap shoe color doesn't matter for dancers in the tap portion.

STUDIO HOURS: The desk is open Monday through Thursday 2:30pm – 8:30pm, Fridays 4:30-7:00pm, and Saturdays 9:30am-1:00pm. Please make sure all business is conducted during those hours. This will free our staff to straighten up the studio and prepare for the next day's classes. Also, we have many instructors with long drives home, and they are required to leave the studio with other staff for safety.

RECITAL SHIRT CONTEST WINNER!!!

Congratulations to Haley Odom for the winning design #4!!

Recital shirt order forms should go out sometime in January!!

DANCE EXPRESS and MSD Comp Group performance: Dance Express's annual spring performance will be Sunday, February 18th at 2:00pm at the Alverson Performing Arts Center, Fowlerville High School. Tickets will go on sale in January.