

MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2023

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!!! We are so excited to be back at it! Be sure to always read the newsletter, they contain LOTS of important information!!!

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)

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. Only staff 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 regarding canceled classes, studio closings, newsletters, recital schedules, etc. Please make sure 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.

COSTUMES: Costume fees will be \$70 for child sizes and \$90 for adult sizes. The costume book will be available by November 1st. Costume fees will be posted to your account on November 15th. Costume fees are due by December 1st. **If you are enrolled in auto pay the costume fees will automatically be deducted from you autopay account.** All outstanding costume 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: We are asking parents to measure their dancers. Parents are asked to turn in the attached measurement sheet. If you would like an MSD staff member to measure your dancer, please let the desk know and they will do so for you. You may choose the dancers costume size based on the size chart available in the costume book. Be sure to size each costume individually as each costume company has its own size chart. If you do not measure/size your dancer by October 14th, MSD staff will.

INTERESTED IN COMPETITION BUT NOT READY TO MAKE THE COMMITMENT OF DANCE EXPRESS:

INFORMATION MEETING: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH @ 10:00AM in Studio A

- AGES 6 – 12: Students interested in competing in jazz (or possibly tap)
- Competition will be held in Hartland the weekend of March 15th – 17th
- Dancers will begin meeting each week in October but then start rehearsing 2-3 times/month.
- Cost will be discussed in the meeting.
- Dancers will be required to be enrolled in ballet in addition to the genre they are competing in (jazz or tap)
- Hoping to have two groups: 6-8 year old group, 9-12 year old group. It will be dependent upon interest.

MSD HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK; Fowlerville Homecoming is Friday, September 29th so MSD is going to have our own Spirit Week!!! (Keep in mind, dancers still need to be able to dance.)

- Monday, September 25th: **Tacky Tourist Day**
- Tuesday, September 26th: **Concert Shirt**
- Wednesday, September 27th: **Throwback Day (60s, 70s, or 80s)**
- Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, September 28th – 30th: **Gold and Purple Day**

➤ **Decorate the studio for HOCO!** Starting next week, we will have coloring pages for dancers to decorate and color for Homecoming week. Please turn them in the week of September 18th! We will put them all around the studio! Feel free to create your own hoco decorations too!

RECITAL SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST: We will again be holding a contest for the 2024 recital shirt design! Designs must be turned in by Saturday, October 7th. They will be displayed starting Monday, October 9th! Be sure to put your name on the BACK of the design. We want them to be anonymous.

What the designs must include:

- Maria's School of Dance (can include the word presents but not required)
- Dancing The Night Away (name of the recital)
- Recital 2024

The winner receives: 1 free tee shirt & 5 complimentary recital tickets

The voting will begin on Monday, October 16th and run through Saturday, November 4th

The winner will be announced in the November/December newsletter!

OPENER / CLOSER 2024: Opener is: Mama Mia Closer is: Stomp! 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. 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. Dancers MUST have at least 2 years dance experience or have permission from Maria. Rehearsals will begin in the spring and will usually be on Saturdays; although some Friday/Sunday rehearsals may be scheduled. Dancers in O/C are required to perform in all 3 shows regardless of what shows their recital dances are in.

HALLOWEEN: The studio will be closed Tuesday, October 31st for Halloween.

Students may wear their Halloween costumes to class starting Tuesday, October 24th! Be sure they are able to dance in them!

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 Good Will October 7th. Please take a moment and go through it to see if any of these items belong to you or your dancer. Make sure to check the separate lost and found shoe bin also!

******* 2023 RECITAL INFORMATION *******

DRESS REHEARSAL (Mandatory)

4:00pm – 9:00pm

- Tuesday, May 28th
- Wednesday, May 29th
- Thursday, May 30th
- Monday, June 3rd

RECITALS (Mandatory) 7:00 PM

- Show 1: Tuesday, June 4th
- Show 2: Wednesday, June 5th
- Show 3: Thursday, June 6th

Student Name _____

Phone _____

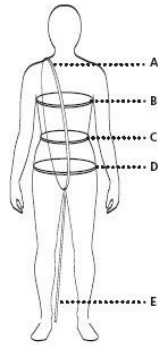
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Chest: _____

Waist: _____

Hips: _____

Inseam: _____



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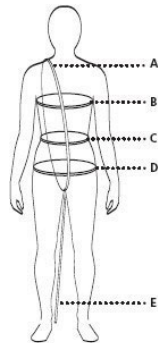
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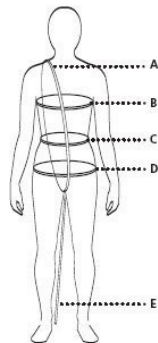
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