



## MSD NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



**COVID UPDATE / REQUEST:** With more and more people becoming exposed to the coronavirus as well as with the number of cases going up, we are asking that dancers do not remove their masks in class if at all possible. At least while the number of cases continues to increase rapidly.

If your dancer needs to stay home for whatever reason, here are the livestream links again:

Studio A link: <https://vimeo.com/event/269142/7b387b3abf>

Studio B Link <https://vimeo.com/event/269171/ec7d2e712d>

Studio C Link <https://vimeo.com/event/269851/143fc8a295>

**THANKSGIVING BREAK:** The studio will be closed Wednesday, November 25th through Sunday, November 29th for Thanksgiving. Classes will resume Monday, November 30th.

**CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY BREAK:** The studio will be closed Monday, December 21st through Saturday, January 2nd for Christmas. Classes will resume Monday, January 4th. Holiday gifts for dancers will be distributed to each dancer in December.

**SNOW DAYS/BAD WEATHER:** As winter approaches, we may need to cancel classes due to bad weather. Classes will be canceled no later than 2:00 pm. Call the studio for an outgoing message. MSD will post canceled classes on Facebook and the website. Please make sure that you have Liked "Marias Dance" for Facebook updates. We will also send emails to those families. Finally, PLEASE make sure your child knows what to do after school if classes are canceled. There will be no one at the studio. 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 mats 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. Also, 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.

**Past Due Tuition:** January tuition is due by the 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**COSTUMES AND COSTUME BALANCES:** Recital costumes will be selected by each instructor very soon. A book will be available with a picture of each costume by December 1st. Costume costs are due December 15<sup>th</sup>. A \$10.00 late fee will be added to all outstanding costume balances MONTHLY, beginning December 31, 2020. **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 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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 21st. They are made to order and cannot be canceled once the order is placed. **ALL ALTERATIONS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS.**

**RECITAL SHOES & TIGHTS:** With the exception of Miss Jenn's Pre Pointe and Advanced 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.

\*\*Miss Jenn's Pointe ballet classes are required to wear: Prima Soft Convertible Seamed Ballet Tights. You can purchase these on line. All other ballet classes will be required to wear ballet tights purchased through MSD.

**OPENER/CLOSER: OPENER WILL BE "SING, SING, SING" AND CLOSER WILL BE "ONE". WE WILL BE USING THE SAME COSTUMES AS LAST YEAR! We can still get the same costumes if you did not sign up last year!!!** *If your costume NO longer fits, we can try to move costumes around, find one from someone that didn't come back, order new ones, etc.*

Dancers may sign up any time! Dancers **MUST** be signed up by December 15th! Dancers will participate in both numbers. Rehearsals will begin spring dates TBA.

**RECITAL TEE SHIRT CONTEST EXTENDED!:** This year's theme is **"Live, Love, Dance"**

Recital Shirt contest! Your design must be hand drawn! (Can use the computer too but **NO** generic clip art, we want to see originality.) Winners receive a free tee shirt and 4 recital tickets! (Keep in mind, boys dance too!)

- Must include the following information:
  - Maria's School of Dance
  - June 2021
- Due November 24<sup>TH</sup> – voting will run through December 19<sup>TH</sup>

**STUDIO DANCEWEAR, TEE SHIRTS AND BAGS:** Samples of custom studio wear are hanging up in front of Studio B. These are great pieces, priced well and would make great Christmas gifts! Orders must be received before the Thanksgiving break to assure a Holiday delivery.

**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 over Christmas Break. Please take a moment and go through it, to see if any of these items belong to you or your dancer.



MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE DANCING IN DISNEY 2021!

Dancers ages 6 -106 are invited to perform in Disney World December 2021!

If you missed the first information meeting, Maria will be holding a zoom information meeting coming up in December so watch for the email!

Registration forms are available on the table in the lobby.

If you have questions, feel free to talk to Maria at the studio or email her at [maria@mariasschoolofdance.com](mailto:maria@mariasschoolofdance.com)