

January/February 2026

MSD Newsletter

Happy New Year!!

PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY! IMPORTANT RECITAL INFORMATION!!

SNOW DAYS: A reminder that if schools are canceled due to weather; the studio may not be. We will NOT contact every student. Emails will be sent to each affected family. We will also post any closings on our Facebook page "Marias Dance".

Thank You from everyone at MSD for all of the wonderful gifts and cards!

"STOP BOY! Back away from that cheese!" David Flores as GREG HEFLEY in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid!!!*

Hartland Community Education in conjunction with Prelude Children's Theater is proud to present *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, this January 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 & February 1, 2026 at the Hartland Performing Arts Center.

Tickets on sale now at: [Diary of a Wimpy Kid TICKETS](#)

DANCE EXPRESS ANNUAL SHOWCASE: Play That Funky Music!

Sunday, March 1st at 2:00pm at the Fowlerville HS Alverson Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$18 each in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets go on sale February 1st!

ACCOUNT BALANCES: ABSOLUTELY NO ONE WILL GO ON STAGE AT DRESS REHEARSAL OR RECITAL WITH A BALANCE ON HIS OR HER ACCOUNT. ALL BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MAY 1st.

RECITAL DIGITAL DOWNLOAD: A \$30 charge per dancer has been applied to everyone's accounts. This fee is due by April 1st.

DANCEWEAR REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS: Dancers are showing up to class not prepared. Please review the required dancewear/shoes/hair from the studio policies / handbook. For instructors to best teach students, students need to be prepared accordingly. Jeans are NOT appropriate dance wear.

Ballet:

• Girls:

- All ballet classes Primary 2 and higher are required to wear black leotards (any style) and pink ballet tights. Ballet skirts are NOT allowed at this level.
- Ballet classes from Pre-Ballet to Primary 1 may wear any color leotards and ballet skirts.
- Preferred ballet shoe (required for Primary 2 up) **Capezio Hynami pink split sole canvas**
- All ballet classes - hair must be in a tight bun, and out of the dancer's face.

• Boys:

- Black tights, jazz pants, leggings, or shorts and white shirt. (The tighter fitting the better, so that students' posture can be observed and corrected if necessary.)
- Black ballet shoes.

Tap:

• Girls:

- Appropriate dancewear. Leotard, tights, shorts, leggings. Please no pants longer than capri length.
- Tan tap shoes for beginning through Level D classes.
- Level E and up need black jazz tap shoes. Preferred are the Jason Samuels or Miller and Ben.
- **NO BOLTED ON TAPS!** Taps should be screwed on for good sound.
- Hair must be up out of face.

• Boys:

- No jeans. Shorts preferred. Leggings or snug fitting sweats permitted. (Want to see feet.)
- Black tap shoes. Black tap shoe information will be emailed out in August.

Contemporary, Lyrical, Jazz, & Hip Hop:

• Girls/Boys:

- Appropriate dancewear. No pajama pants. Fitted clothing preferred.
- Shoes will be determined by instructor.
- Hair must be up out of face.

OPENER / CLOSER REHEARSALS: Opener / Closer rehearsals will be long and intense this year due to our competition schedule this year. However, rehearsals will only take up three weekends prior to dress rehearsal. Please pencil in the dates/times. We will put out specific groups and rehearsal times as well as creating a "BAND" account for Opener/Closer to put choreography on for individual practice.

- Friday, May 1st: 5 pm – 9 pm
- Saturday, May 2nd: 12:30 pm – 5 pm
- Friday, May 8th: 5 pm – 9 pm
- Saturday, May 9th: 12:30 pm – 5 pm
- Friday, May 15th: 5 pm – 9 pm
- Saturday, May 16th: 12:30 pm – 5 pm
- DRESS REHEARSAL: TBD

"DANCING THROUGH THE 80s" RECITAL PICTURES: Noreen Owens Photography will be taking recital photos (GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS) at DRESS REHEARSAL. Information will be available by May 1st.

PERFORMANCE LOCATION: FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PAC

DRESS REHEARSAL DATES:

Tuesday, May 26th: 4pm – 9pm
Wednesday, May 27th: 4pm - 9pm
Thursday, May 28th: 4pm - 9pm
Saturday, May 30st: 9am – 1pm

RECITAL DATES:

Monday, June 1st @ 7pm
Wednesday, June 3rd @ 7pm
Thursday, June 4th @ 7 pm
TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND (HOWELL HS
GRADUATION) MSD's Dramatic Art's
Performance at Community Theatre of Howell's
Auditorium (more information to follow)

DRESS REHEARSAL CONFLICTS:

Dress Rehearsal is MANDATORY. Students not attending dress rehearsal will not be allowed to perform in the recital. **We make every possible attempt to work around everyone's schedule as long as the requests are reasonable. We will be taking dress rehearsal conflicts/requests now through March 20th. After the 20th, we will not be accepting requests. You must write down your name, dancer's name, dancer's dance titles, date request submitted AND THE REASON for the request/conflict.**

This must be sent to ***msdrequests@gmail.com***. Only requests made to this email will be considered. Requests will be honored in the order they are received. DO NOT request to have all classes on one night. We cannot accommodate all families in this way. After the dress rehearsal schedule is published, it CANNOT be changed.

RECITAL MUSIC: We will be putting together a music drive that will be available beginning February 15th. We will send the link out when it is complete. If you still need us to make a CD, please let us know after the drive has been shared.

RECITAL SHOES: **It is expected that at this time, all dancers will now be wearing the correct dance shoes required for recital.** If you have questions about which shoes are needed, check the costume book at the desk! Or our staff will be glad to answer any questions. Please do not wait until just prior to recital to purchase the correct dance shoes. Keep in mind that dancers need time to practice in their shoes to dance comfortably and safely, and that dancer's feet grow and may not fit in the fall.

RECITAL COSTUMES: Costumes are starting to come in already. Please make sure your account is up to date.

SPRING CLASSES SATURDAYS 2/7 – 3/14 Maria's School of Dance will be offering beginning classes which will give students a brief introduction to ballet, tap, and jazz/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, or register online at, www.mariasschoolofdance.com. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

SUMMER CLASSES: We will again be holding summer classes. Information will be available in April and sign up will begin by May 1st.

FALL CLASS REQUESTS: If you have a scheduling request for 2026 – 2027 classes, please submit them via email to **msdrequests@gmail.com**. Only requests submitted by email will be considered. Requests MUST be submitted by May 1st.

LOST AND FOUND: Please make sure you check the lost and found located in the main lobby. Staff will donate items to Goodwill at the end of February.

DANCE IN DISNEY WORLD!!!!

DANCERS AGES 7-22 (as of the end of June 2027)



Attention all MSD DANCER and family and friends! Maria's School of Dance will be taking dancers to perform at

Walt Disney World in June 2027

Dancers ages 7-9 will dance through Downtown Disney, dancers ages 10-22 will dance down Main Street USA.

Check out this link to see what it's all about: [Dance The World Disney Experience](#)

Dancers do NOT have to be from MSD.

More information will be available in the upcoming months!

For questions email: msddancetravel@gmail.com