

MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE – NEWSLETTER March / April 2026

SPRING BREAK!! Monday, March 30th – Sunday, April 5th the studio will be closed for spring break!

IMPORTANT REHEARSAL / RECITAL DATES: Remember – dress rehearsal IS MANDATORY! Dress Rehearsal and Recital schedules will be out no later than May 5th. The Recital Handbook will be going out at that time as well!

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

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 GRAUDATION)
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.**

“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.

TALENT SHOWS: Recital dances may NOT be performed at talent shows. Any DE dances or MSD choreography being used at talent shows need to be approved by MSD. Please ask Maria.

ATTENDANCE – It is very important that all students attend all classes. We are working on recital dances. When a student misses a class it causes the entire class to lose valuable time. If your student does need to miss a class, or is ill, please call the studio and let the desk know.

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DANCE ROOM FLOORS: Everyone entering dance rooms - please make sure you remove your shoes and boots before you step on the dance floor. If you would rather not, please remain outside the door or observe the class through the monitors provided in the lobby.

SAFETY FIRST: Reminder, it is a good idea to always escort your child to and from the studio. If you do not have someone to walk with, the person working the desk will gladly escort you to your car.

RECITAL TICKETS: Tickets will go on sale **Sunday, May 3rd from 10:00am – 1:00pm**. Please enter through the back parking lot door. (Exiting through the Fowlerville Road door.) There will be an individual line for each show. **Dancers balances must be paid in full in order to purchase tickets.** Seats will be numbered so be sure to know exactly how many tickets you need ahead of time. Tickets cost **\$22.00 at the studio** during open hours, Monday, May 4th – Saturday, May 23rd. Tickets **WILL NOT** be sold at dress rehearsal. **Tickets will be available at the door for \$25.00 each** 30 minutes prior to show start time.

SENIOR NUMBER: All graduating high school seniors are invited to participate in the senior number. **Seniors need to connect with Maria ASAP.** Dancers are responsible for choreography and costumes which must be approved by Maria. Dance/costume must be complete by May 23rd in order to perform in recital.

SUMMER CLASSES: We will again be holding summer classes. Information will be available shortly 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.

LOST AND FOUND: Please make sure you check the lost and found located in the main lobby. Staff will donate items to Goodwill during Spring Break.

DANCE EXPRESS 2026 – 2027: **ANYONE AGE 5 – 18 (HS senior)** interested in trying out for (or even just learning more about) Dance Express should attend the information meeting, **SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH @ 1:00pm!** Audition information will be handed out along with our tentative schedule. Fundraising opportunities will be shared.

Upcoming Dance Express Dates:

Saturday, April 11th: 1:00 pm Information Meeting

Saturday, August 15th: Audition Choreography uploaded

Sunday, August 16th: Sign Up Genius for auditions will be available

Sunday, August 30th: DE 2026-2027 Auditions (Results posted Tuesday, September 1st)