

MARIA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2025

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: **2526MSD**

STILL OPENINGS IN VARIOUS CLASSES IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADD A DIFFERENT GENRE OF DANCE!!!

STUDIO ETIQUETTE: Be sure your 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 \$75 for child sizes and \$95 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 your 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 13th, MSD staff will.

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

INFORMATION MEETING: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH @ 6:00PM in the MSD lobby

- AGES 5 – 12: Students interested in competing in tap, jazz or lyrical (9-12 years only for lyrical)
- Competition will be held in Hartland the weekend of March 13th – 15th
- Dancers will begin meeting on Saturdays or Sundays in October. (Depends on the age of dancers and instructor.)
- 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, tap, or lyrical)
- Hoping to have two groups: 5-8 year old group, 9-12 year old group. It will be dependent upon interest.

MSD HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK: Fowlerville Homecoming is Friday, September 26th, so MSD is going to have our own Spirit Week!!! (Keep in mind, dancers still need to be able to dance. Ballet attire is still required under spirit wear for Ms. Jenn's classes)

- Monday, September 22nd: **Tie Die**
- Tuesday, September 23rd: **Throwback Day (60s, 70s, or 80s)**
- Wednesday, September 24th: **Funny Socks**
- Thursday, September 25th: **Gold and Purple Day (Fowlerville students), Blue and Gold (Hartland Students), Green and Gold (Howell Students) (Everyone else – feel free to wear your school colors!)**

➤ **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 15th! We will put them all around the studio! Feel free to create your own HOCO decorations too!

OPENER / CLOSER 2026: Opener is going to be "MJ Mix" and closer will be "80s Mix"! Dancers who sign up will be in BOTH the opener and closer. The fee is \$60 per dancer, \$100 for two family members, or \$125 per family of 3 or more. Dancers will wear the same costume for both dances with varying accessories. 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.** Dancers MUST be taking jazz and/or ballet. 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 shows regardless of what shows their recital dances are in.

HALLOWEEN: Students may wear their Halloween costumes to class starting Monday, October 27th! Be sure they are able to dance in them! (Ballet attire is still required under costumes for Ms. Jenn's classes)

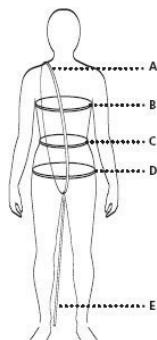
LOST AND FOUND: Items left behind from last year's classes & recital are in the lost and found. We will be donating the contents to Good Will October 3rd. Please take a moment and go through it to see if any of these items belong to you or your dancer. Make sure to check the separate lost and found shoe bin also!

SPIRIT WEAR / LOGO CLOTHING: Sports and Apparel (across the street) has a lot of new items in the online store. We will let you know as soon as it is updated. (The got a little behind but promised it will be updated later this week!) If there is something you'd like and it's not in the store, go on in and ask them! They probably have what you'd like!

Student Name _____

Phone _____

Girth: _____



A) GIRTH: Measure from the center of one shoulder, down the front through crotch and up the back to starting point.

B) CHEST: With arms relaxed down at sides, measure around the fullest part of chest, keeping tape measure parallel to the floor.

C) WAIST: Measure around natural waistline, the narrowest part of the upper body (not over shirt or pants).

D) HIPS: Measure around fullest part of the lower body, keeping tape straight and parallel to the floor.

E) INSEAM: Measure inside of leg, from the crotch to 2 inches below the ankle bone.

Chest: _____

Waist: _____

Hips: _____

Inseam: _____

Preferred costume size per costume.

BE SURE TO CHECK THE COSTUME COMPANY SIZE CHART!

Ballet: _____

Tap: _____

Jazz: _____

HipHop: _____

Lyrical: _____

M/C: _____