Hershey School of Dance & Arts

NEWSLETTER

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Dance is Life.

at Hershey School of Dance & Arts, we believe...
Dance is Joy.
Dance is Freedom.
Dance is Expression.
Dance is Community.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let us read, and let us dance.

These two amusements will never do any harm to the world.

~VOLTAIRE

We are excited to start another year dancing, and reading,

with you!

Hollis, Jenn, Jess, & Emily



In the Spotlight...

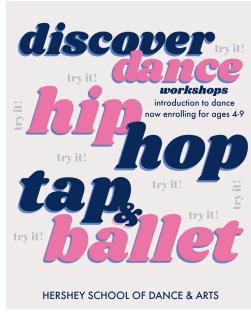
ZUMBA is BACK!

Zumba with Kristen is BACK starting January 4, 2026! Drop in Sundays at 6pm for the perfect way to kick off your week and the new year. Drop In \$10/class.

WORKSHOPS RETURNING

2026 Workshop Registration NOW OPEN! Movement Magic, Discover Hip Hop, Discover Tap & Ballet, Adult Tap, Adult Ballet Barre & Stretch, Adult Combo, and Adult Hip Hop will be returning in the new year! **REGISTER**







WORKSHOPS for CHILDREN

Our great lineup of non-performing 12-week workshops starting this month still have space available. For dancers who just want to sample dance, or those who want lots of fun for only a little commitment, these workshops are a great choice! Classes for children ages 3-9.

MOVEMENT MAGIC Ages 3-4

12-week workshop, 45 minute weekly, daytime class.

Creative movement class designed for our youngest movers and shakers. Students use props, music, and imaginative play to help build rhythm, balance, body awareness, and coordination.

Options: Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 10am or Saturdays at 9am. \$160 per session.

DISCOVER TAP & BALLET Ages 4-5

12-week workshop. This class will start with 6 weeks of tap followed by 6 weeks of ballet. Students will be introduced to the basics of each style in a fun atmosphere. Friday 4:30pm. \$180 per session.

DISCOVER TAP & BALLET Ages 6-8

12-week workshop. This class will start with 6 weeks of tap followed by 6 weeks of ballet. Students will be introduced to the basics of each style in a fun atmosphere. Friday 5:30pm. \$180 per session.

DISCOVER HIP HOP Ages 6-9

12-week workshop. This is a fun, high-energy introduction to Hip Hop. Friday 4:30pm. \$180 per session.

PRIVATE LESSONS

- One on one instruction.
- 30 minute session \$45.
- Style and focus of student's choice.
- Day/Time to be determined by student & teacher.

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SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

- 45 minute Small Group instruction.
- 2-4 Students- style and focus of students' choice.
- 2 Students: \$70, 3 Students: \$95, 4 Students: \$120.
- Day/Time TBD by student & teacher attn: Hollis to schedule

ADULT OFFERINGS: Drop In Classes & Workshops

BALLET BARRE & STRETCH CLASS 18+

Let's meet at the BARRE! And we will meet you where you are, all abilities welcome! This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults who want the best of ballet class~barre and a stretch! What a great way to find some joy and move. Tuesdays 10-10:45am \$160/12-week session. Drop In available. Email to get on the list!

BEGINNER ADULT TAP WORKSHOP 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults who want to dip their toes into the wide world of tap dance. We will take a starting-from-scratch approach to mastering the basics of tap and exploring the fun of this rhythmic dance style. It is never too late to try something new!

CLASSES DESIGNED FOR ADULTS
* drop in accepted

MONDAY: Adult Hip Hop 6:30-7:15pm*

TUESDAY: Adult Ballet Barre & Stretch 10-10:45am*
Adult Beginner Tap Workshop 11am*

WEDNESDAY: Adult Int/Adv Tap Workshop 11am*

SATURDAY: Adult Combo 11:15am*

SUNDAY: ZUMBA 6:30pm, drop in \$10.*

dance is waiting for you.

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Tuesdays 11am \$180/12-week session. Drop In available. Email to get on the list!

INT/ADV ADULT TAP WORKSHOP 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults with a background in tap dance. We will learn some classic tap combinations, and create some of our own. Wednesday 11am \$180/12-week session. Drop In available. Email to get on the list!

ADULT HIP HOP Ages 18+

This hip hop class is designed for adults. We will learn hip hop technique from a variety of genres and explore choreography through fun combos. Mondays 6:30-7:15pm. \$180 per 12-week session OR as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop in available. Email for details to get on the list!

ADULT COMBO CLASS Ages 18+

This class offers a variety of different styles changing each month. Jazz, Theatre, Contemporary, & more. Explore each style while working on technique, and a combination for each style. Saturday 11:15am. \$180 per session OR as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop in available. Email for details to get on the list!

**PLEASE NOTE: all other adult classes are NOT set up as drop in classes*



DANCER'S CORNER

Welcome to the Dancer's Corner, this is a spot just for you!

POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS FOR DANCERS

It is so important to be kind to yourself. You have come so far in your dance journey, and that should be celebrated. Use these affirmations when you're feeling down. You should be so proud of yourself, just like your teachers are of you!

Make sure to tune to Dancer's Corner next time!! *





Our FIFTH ANNUAL STUDENT SHOWCASE will be held on February 7 at PaDancesport.

This is an opportunity for students to be creative and choreograph their own dances. We look forward to an inspiring performance of student work!

PAY IT FORWARD: Sponsor a Dancer

In keeping with the idea of making dance accessible to all who would like to participate, we have opened a Sponsor a Dancer gift option in our online store. At Hershey School of Dance & Arts, every child deserves the chance to shine on stage, express themselves through movement, and grow with confidence. By sponsoring a dancer, you help provide tuition assistance, costumes, and performance opportunities to students who may not otherwise be able to participate. Your gift purchase directly supports a young artist's journey—nurturing their creativity, discipline, and passion for the performing arts. Give the gift of dance. Change a life. Whether you're honoring a loved one, supporting the arts, or simply want to make a difference, your generosity helps keep the joy of dance accessible to all.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of support, please reach out by email at hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net with SCHOLARSHIP in the subject.

We CELEBRATE these JOYS!

READING PICNIC 2025

What a joy to gather with friends, family, and BOOKS! Thank you for coming out and sharing your love of reading with us!





Class Visitation

It was such a joy to welcome you all into the classroom for visitation. We loved sharing what we have been learning this year with you. Thank you for coming to support your dancers and in some cases dancing and playing along! Congratulations dancers on a great start to the dance year and for sharing what you love with our visitors.





DID YOU KNOW?

INCLEMENT WEATHER

You will be notified through your parent portal and social media of any schedule changes or closures due to inclement weather.

WHAT IF I AM SICK?

We would like to remind all dancers and their families that you should refrain from coming to dance classes if you are sick. Please rest and return to dance when you are feeling better. Help keep our dance community healthy! You are able to mark your child absent through your parent portal.

VIRTUAL OPTION

A virtual option will be made available to students that are unable to attend class in person. Please email any requests for Zoom in advance- up to 10am on the day of class. Please notify us at hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net. Once you have notified us of the need- you will find the Zoom camera icon in your portal, in the calendar, under the class.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Parents: Please walk your children to and from the building. Please do not have them cross the parking lot alone.

Dancers: Please wear street clothes or cover-ups to and from the building. Please wait inside the building to be picked up.

With the change in outside temperatures it's important to have warm clothes to enter and leave the building in. Even if you're warm after class, you need to be dressed for the colder elements to prevent injuries. NO dance shoes in the parking lot or worn outside the building. The dirt and oils from the ground outside is harmful to our dance floors.

SNACKS

Have a break between classes, and you want a little something to tame that hunger before your next class? We have individual snacks available for purchase at the front desk. Please check out the selection and if you have suggestions for future snacks to have for sale, please be sure to let us know.

FRONT DESK HOURS

The Front Desk will be open during regular class hours during the fall dance season.

Monday 1-8:15pm Tuesday 4:30-7:45pm

Wednesday 4-7:45pm

Thursday 4:30-7:45pm

Friday 4-7:45pm

Saturday 9-11:45am

Please email with any questions or concerns. Hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net

Need to reach us?

EMAIL US! Email is the most efficient and quickest way to get a hold of us. If you prefer to talk on the phone, no worries, we are always happy to respond with a phone call.

TUITION

Tuition is posted by the first Monday of the month. Tuition is due on the 15th*. If you enrolled in auto-pay, it will post just before the 15th. A \$5.00 fee will be assessed for late payments.

*Please NOTE May tuition is due on the 1st

2025-2026 Calendar

- January 3-4: Excel in Motion
- January 5: Classes Resume
- January 5 March 28:
 Workshops, Movement Magic, &
 Discover Dance Session
- January 15: Costume Balances DUE

- February 7: Student Showcase
- March 23-28 Workshop Visitation
- March 30 April 5: Spring Break
- Dance Pictures TBA
- May 11-16: Show Week: rehearsal and performances at the Hershey Theatre