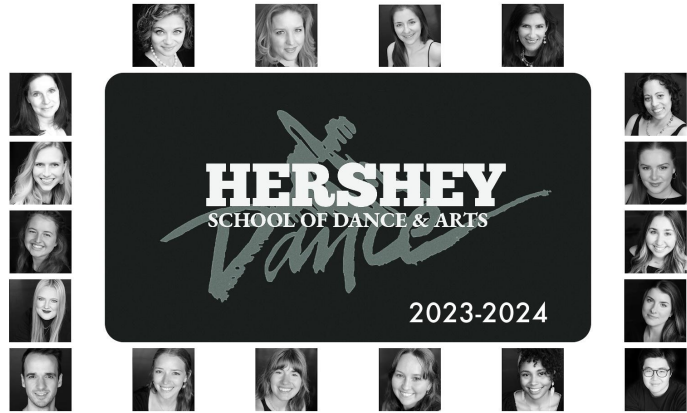


NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

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



Hello Dance Family

We are so excited to be moving into recital planning time! This is always an exciting time for teachers and students alike as we learn the theme for our May Recital and begin planning. Teachers have been busy finding the perfect song and costume for each class to perform.

There are some important dates coming up.

On November 1, Recital Fee and Costume Deposits are due.

In addition, costumes will be posted in your portal after 11/10. We ask that you **submit your dancer's sizes by 11/20** at the latest.

And finally, our **Fall Break is 11/22-11/26**. We hope you enjoy a rest and time with family. We are so grateful we get to dance through life with you all!

Hollis, Jenn, Jess, & Emily

Costume Sizing

Costumes will be posted in your portal after 11/10. At that time we ask that you measure your dancer's chest, waist, and girth and review those measurements with EACH costume company's size chart. If your dancer's measurements fall in between sizes, it is always better to size up. Taking in a costume is much better than having a costume that is too small. Please remember that your dancer is growing and this costume needs to fit them in May! If you are unsure, please don't hesitate to ask for help. Miss Kim is available at the front desk or feel free to email.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Our Recital is set for the week of May 13-18, 2024.

- **Recital Fee and Costume Deposits are due November 1.**
- **Recital Fee is \$25 per dancer, this helps defray costs related to recital.**
- **Costume Deposit is \$25 per performing class, per dancer. The costume deposit is credited toward the total balance of each dancer's costumes.**
- **Payments can be made online through your parent portal or by check made payable to Hershey School of Dance & Arts. Checks can be placed in the box outside the office. If you are enrolled in auto-pay, this will be processed the next time auto-pay is run.**
- **Costumes will be uploaded to view in your parent portal the week after 11/10.**
- **Costume Sizes need to be updated in your portal before 11/20. Thank you!**
- **Fall Break is Wednesday November 22-26. Classes resume Monday November 27.**

2023-2024 Calendar*

November 1: Costume Deposits & Recital Fee DUE

November 20 Costume Sizes DUE in portal

November 22-26: Fall Break

December 4-16: Class Visitation

December 23- January 5: Winter Break

January 5-March 22: Discover Dance Session

January 6: Classes Resume

January 6-7: Excel in Motion

January 12: Costume Balances DUE

March 30-31: Spring Break

May 13-18: Show Week: rehearsal and performances at the HERSHEY THEATRE

***TBD** Student Showcase, Picture Days

We celebrate these JOYS!

Welcome Cierra Woods to team HSDA!

You may recognize her from the International Day of Dance last spring or from subbing around the studio this fall, please give a warm HSDA welcome to Miss Cierra, teaching Movement Meditation and continuing to sub.



CIERRA WOODS
movement meditation

"Dance is a vehicle to navigate personal rituals and translate the exquisite rawness of being alive."
-Sidra Bell

Performances

Congratulations to all the HSDANCERS and instructors that have performances this fall in local and school productions. We love seeing you on the stage!

Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade

Hershey School of Dance & Arts has been invited yet again to perform in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade. HSDANCERS will represent Hershey School of Dance and Arts in Fantapulous! Be sure to tune in!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Movement Meditation is a new class for preschool ages 3-4. This is a yoga based movement class, we will use music and visualization techniques to breathe, stretch and create new ways to feel more calm and express what's inside. Thursdays 10-10:45am. Register in your portal or at Hersheydance.com. **First class is November 9!**

Jason is back!

Every other Saturday Jason will be teaching Adult Beginner Hip Hop at 11am. Jason creates a welcoming environment and meets everyone where they are at. Make sure you sign up or register as a drop in. Head to your portal or our website to get on the list. Prorated fee available. Class meets 11/4, 12/2, and 12/16.

Please NOTE: There is NO CLASS 11/18.

POP UP CLASSES

Coming December 16: SAVE THE DATE!

A whole day of classes with Jason Wang, Cierra Woods, Ashley Lang, and more! You are not going to want to miss it. Schedule coming soon!

WORKSHOPS RETURNING in the NEW YEAR

Movement Magic, Movement Meditation, Discover Hip Hop and Discover Tap & Ballet will be returning in the new year! Registration opening SOON!



DECEMBER VISITATION

We are pleased to announce the return of class visitation! We love sharing what the dancers are learning with you. Families are invited to attend class visitation the weeks of December 4-16.

HSDA SWAG

Holiday Merch Sale

Just in time for the holidays, NEW HSDA merch will be available for purchase. Hats, water bottles, stickers, key chains, bags and more. Be sure to check out the selection COMING SOON in the lobby and online.

It's HOODIE season! Dance Happy hoodies and crop long sleeves as well as Dance Mom & Dad shirts, all in stock!



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.

NO dance shoes in the parking lot or worn outside the building.

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 or notify us through email.

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.

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, let us know in the email you prefer a return call. We are always happy to respond with a phone call.

FRONT DESK HOURS

Find Miss Kim and the front desk team available to help and answer questions...

Monday 5:30-6:30, 7:30-8:30

Tuesday 4:30-7:30

Wednesday 4:30-7:30

Thursday 4:30-8:30

Friday 4:30-6:45

Saturday 9-11:15am

SNACKS and other goodies

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.

HAIR TIES: Forgot your hair tie....again ?!

Now available for purchase from the front desk- Packs of Hair Ties \$1.

Buy a pack & put them in your dance bag so you are prepared for class 😊

STICKERS: We have new sticker designs, can you relate?

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BIG Dancewear SALE: Almost Gone!

All in stock dancewear including **leotards, shorts, and skirts, are all 50% off while supplies last.** Check them out in the lobby or through our online store in DSP. Tights are available for purchase from the front desk during regular hours or online as well. Tights are \$16 for adult sizes and \$14 for children sizes, available in pink and tan. Discount does not apply to tights.

SHOE SWAP

The shoe swap is always available for a selection of gently used shoes, free to good homes! If you have dance shoes to donate to the shoe swap, please drop them off at the front desk, thank you. If you are looking for new dance shoes, we highly recommend The Dancer's Pointe in Hummelstown!

PRIVATE LESSONS

Ashley Layng provides Private Ballet Coaching

Private lessons are a great way to introduce a new style, focus on mastering skills, and enhance the learning experience. Many of our teachers offer one-on-one instruction throughout the year. We are happy to match you up with the right instructor in the style you are looking for.

Private Lessons

- One on one instruction.
- 30 minute session \$45
- 60 minute session \$90.
- Style and focus of student's choice.
- Day/Time to be determined by student & teacher.

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.

Please email hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net attn: Hollis to schedule private or small group instruction.



ADULT CLASSES

Still time to join us at a prorated fee! Drop in classes available too! Email for details.

Currently we offer **Tap, Ballet, Zumba, and Adult Combo** classes for ages 18+.

We have the best community of adults that dance at HSDA, come see what it is all about!

- ZUMBA Mondays 8:30pm, drop in \$5.
- Adult All Levels Ballet Tuesday 10am or 8:30pm
- Adult Combo class Thursdays 8:30pm. This fun class offers a rotation of different styles that changes each month. Jazz, Hip Hop, Street Jazz to name a few! **Starting 10/12, 4 weeks of Hip Hop with Kristen.** Prorated fee applicable.
- Adult Beginner Hip Hop with Jason every other Saturday 11am 9/23-12/2 register or drop in! Prorated fee applicable.
- Weekday Tap Workshops Tuesdays 11am and Wednesdays 11am.

Please reach out if you are interested in joining any of these classes geared toward adults, dance is waiting for you.