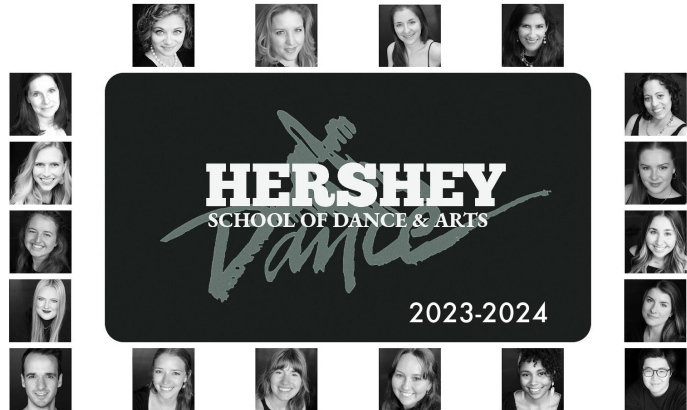


NEWSLETTER

December 2023

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



Welcome December!

The excitement at the studio has been electric as students learned about recital theme, show songs, and costumes! Our theme this year is DANCING IN THE STREETS! It has been fun to see the dancers embrace the theme as teachers shared their visions with them.

And starting next week, we look forward to sharing it all with you as we welcome everyone into the studio for class visitation.

Visitation is 12/4-12/16. Visitation happens during your dancers' scheduled class time. We are holding visitation for 2 weeks for the purpose of spreading out the amount of people in any given studio at one time, please choose 1 week per class to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Hollis, Jenn, Jess, & Emily

CLASS VISITATION

You are invited! Class Visitation runs for 2 weeks starting Monday December 4-December 16. Please choose 1 time to attend your child's class. Spreading it out over 2 weeks will allow space for all our visitors. Thank you! We look forward to sharing all we have been learning and working on so far this year!

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 were 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 have been uploaded to view in your parent portal.**

2023-2024 Calendar*

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!

HSD TAKES ON NYC 2023:

2 days- twice the fun, twice the memories!



Dancers and Teachers took classes at Broadway Dance Center & Steps, we saw amazing Broadway shows, and made so many memories in the city that never sleeps! There may have been some DANCING IN THE STREETS!

DANCERS, it is such a joy to witness you being open, trying new things, going all out, persevering, making mistakes and trying again. That is where GROWTH happens! You make us so proud. Take all the things you learned and bring them back to the studio 🇺🇸💖

TEACHERS, it was wonderful seeing you take class alongside your students, seeking out inspiration, trying new styles, continuing to hone your craft, and cheering the students on. Such gratitude for the gifts you share so generously. 💖

PARENT CHAPERONES, you are THE BEST! Thank you for taking care of our dance family 💖
Until next time...

Performances

Congratulations to all the HSDANCERS and instructors that have performances this fall in local and school productions. And best wishes as audition season is upon us!

Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade

Congratulations Dancers on a terrific performance! You make us so proud and represent HSDA so well! And a giant THANK YOU to Miss Jenn for continuing to make this opportunity a fun experience! Such a memorable tradition!



Our Gratitude Tree

We give thanks that we get to dance through life with all of you. We are grateful for you, our lovely students, and all our wonderful dance families. We are thankful for our dedicated staff of skilled, nurturing teachers. We loved seeing what you all are thankful for...



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

★ STUDENT SHOWCASE ★

Students in 4th grade and up are invited to participate in our **THIRD ANNUAL STUDENT SHOWCASE**. This is an opportunity for students to be creative and choreograph their own dances. Submissions to participate must be turned in by December 15. Ask your teacher for a submission form. Dances can be solos, duets, or small groups. Teacher mentors will be available if needed. A performance will be held on January 20, 2024 at PA DANCESPORT to showcase the student dances. We cannot wait to see what you create! Please reach out to Miss Hollis if you have questions or need guidance.

HOLIDAY POP UP CLASSES

December 16: REGISTRATION OPEN!

❄️ HOLIDAY POP UP ❄️

Join us for a fun day of classes! With some amazing guest teachers ❤️

December 16

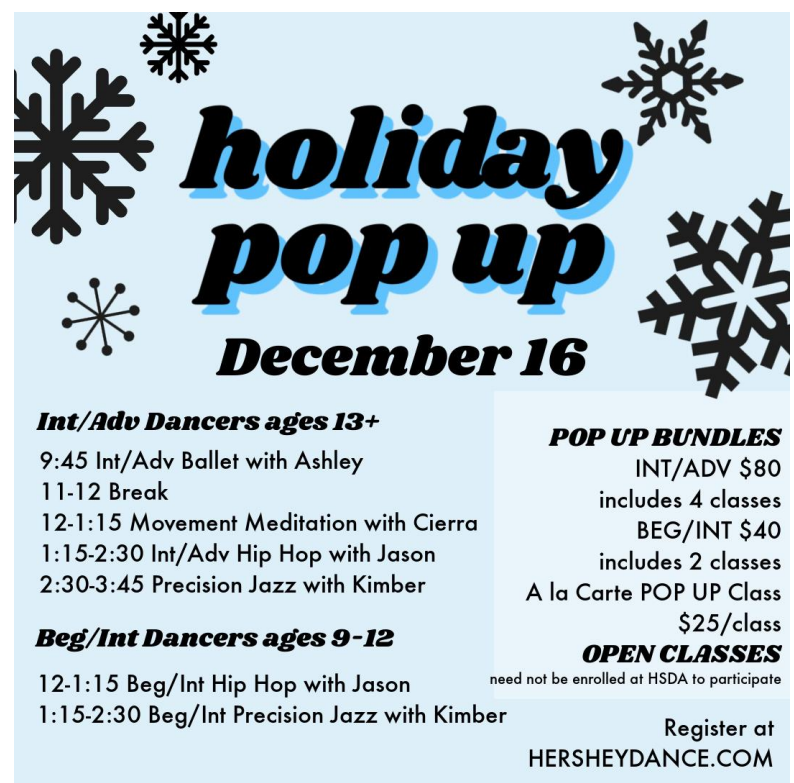
Classes for a variety of ages and levels. Pick and choose your classes or sign up for ALL at a great discount! Choose **BUNDLE** when registering.

We can't wait for a great day of technique, mindfulness, choreography, and holiday fun.

All classes are OPEN- participants need not be enrolled at HSDA to participate.

Invite a friend and come dance your way into the holiday season ❄️

Registration OPEN at [HERSHEYDANCE.COM](https://www.hersheydance.com)



holiday pop up
December 16

Int/Adv Dancers ages 13+
9:45 Int/Adv Ballet with Ashley
11-12 Break
12-1:15 Movement Meditation with Cierra
1:15-2:30 Int/Adv Hip Hop with Jason
2:30-3:45 Precision Jazz with Kimber

Beg/Int Dancers ages 9-12
12-1:15 Beg/Int Hip Hop with Jason
1:15-2:30 Beg/Int Precision Jazz with Kimber

POP UP BUNDLES
INT/ADV \$80
includes 4 classes
BEG/INT \$40
includes 2 classes
A la Carte POP UP Class
\$25/class

OPEN CLASSES
need not be enrolled at HSDA to participate

Register at
[HERSHEYDANCE.COM](https://www.hersheydance.com)

JASON IS BACK!

2 more Saturdays to catch Jason in 2023. Class meets 12/2 and 12/16. 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.



MOVEMENT MEDITATION

Movement Meditation is a new class for preschool ages 3-4. This is a yoga based class to help students feel more calm and express what's inside. Thursdays 10-10:45am.

Join us for the month of December, prorated fee available. Email for details hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net.



WORKSHOPS RETURNING in the NEW YEAR

Time to make some magic

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. Ages 3-4

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TUESDAYS 10am
WEDNESDAYS 10am
SATURDAYS 9:15am
REGISTRATION OPEN

HERSHEY SCHOOL OF DANCE & ARTS

discover dance workshops.

These 12 week workshops are a great introduction to the JOY of DANCE!

Hip Hop ages 6-8
Tap & Ballet ages 6-8
Tap & Ballet ages 4-5

now enrolling

Register on the website: hersheydance.com

jazz *hip hop*

ADULT COMBO CLASS

tba *street jazz*

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

Partnering with Cocoa Packs Presents

We are partnering with Cocoa Packs for the holiday season! This organization provides food, clothing, and holiday gifts to local families in need throughout the year. A collection box is located inside our lobby for your donations of new, unwrapped toys, or gift wrapping essentials. More information is available at cocoapacks.org/presents.

HSDA SWAG

Holiday Merch Sale

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



Adults

BEANIES



Kids



DIY WATER BOTTLES

HSDA JACKETS



PREORDER now through 12/3 for holiday delivery. Personalized HSDA Jackets can be printed in pink or white. Make sure you get yours- this is **PREORDER ONLY!**

[LINK to SHOP](#)

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



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?

i can't i have dance

hershey school of dance & arts

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Whenever the Derry Township School District closes early or cancels classes due to inclement weather, HSDA will also be closed. You will be notified through your parent portal and social media.

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

PRIVATE LESSONS 🎁

Ashley Layng provides Private Ballet Coaching

Private lessons make great GIFTS! And they 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! **Four more weeks of Jazz with Miss Cierra this year! Prorated fee available. Class will continue in the New Year!**
- Adult Beginner Hip Hop with Jason every other Saturday 11am 12/2 and 12/16 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.