

Hershey School of Dance & Arts

NEWSLETTER

November 2025

at Hershey School of Dance & Arts,
we believe...

Dance is Joy.

Dance is Freedom.

Dance is Expression.

Dance is Community.

Dance is Life.



We are very 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 the creative process. Teachers have been busy finding the perfect song and costume for each class to perform. There are some important dates and deadlines coming up.

On November 10, Recital Fee and Costume Deposits are due. In addition, costumes will be posted in your portal after 11/15. We ask that you submit your dancer's sizes by 11/21 **at the latest.**

And finally, our Fall Break is 11/26-11/29. We hope you enjoy the 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 11/15. At that time we ask that you measure your dancer's chest, waist, hips, and girth and review those measurements with EACH costume company's size chart and select the appropriate size(s). **We ask that you submit your dancer's sizes by 11/21 at the latest.** 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. Measuring your dancer is very important. Costumes are custom made to order and in most cases **can not be exchanged**. 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. We also have some costume sizing kits available in the lobby to help you select costume sizes that will work for your dancer. And you can always ask for help from the front desk staff.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **Students should refrain from bringing cell phones and smart watches into class**, as they are disruptive to focus and learning. Cell phones must be stored and SILENCED.
- **DO NOT reach out to teachers on their personal time by way of social media or their personal contact.** All communication with teachers should be done through the Hershey School of Dance and Arts email address: hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net. We are happy to connect teachers and students/parents to facilitate communication as needed.
- **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!
- **Please arrive on time, ready to dance in proper dance attire and shoes, with hair pulled back securely away from face.**
- **Please encourage dancers to use the bathroom and wash hands before entering class.**
- **Dress Code:** The discipline of dance requires students to **follow the dress code** for optimal learning. We have made several updates to our dress code, please find all the details in [The Student & Parent Handbook](#).

In the Spotlight...

CLASS VISITATION: **SAVE THE DATE!**

Workshop class visitation is scheduled for their 12th and last class session. Loved ones are invited to come see what we have learned over the course of the workshop! Those visitation dates are as follows:

Monday workshops: November 24th

Tuesday workshops: November 25th

Wednesday workshops: December 3rd

Friday workshops: December 12th

Saturday workshops: December 6th

Saturday Adult Combo: December 13th

Year round performing class visitation will be held the weeks of December 8-20. Loved ones are invited to choose one week to come observe class. Students will share what they have been learning and teachers can share the class song and costume for our May recital. We can't wait for you to see us in action!

WORKSHOPS RETURNING in the NEW YEAR!

2026 Workshop Registration COMING SOON! Movement Magic, Discover Hip Hop and Discover Tap & Ballet, Adult Tap, Adult Ballet, Adult Combo, and Adult Hip Hop will be returning in the new year!

WAVES Dance Convention

Students and Teachers will be participating in a NEW dance convention right here in Harrisburg. It's not too late to sign up if interested, email us ASAP! [WAVES](#)



Fall HSDA Merch!

Stay tuned for our online store full of cozy fall merch - coming soon!

TIGHTS, DANCEWEAR, & SHOE SWAP

- Tights are in stock and available for purchase online or from the front desk. Tights are \$16 for adult sizes and \$14 for children sizes, available in pink and shades of skin tones.
- We continue to have an assortment of sizes and colors of leotards, shorts, and skirts, and HSDA merch all right at the studio ready for you. Check them out in the lobby or through our online store in DSP.
- The shoe swap is available in the lobby, it has 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!

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.

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.

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

We CELEBRATE these JOYS!

Dancer & Teacher Productions

Congratulations to all the HSDANCERS and instructors that have performances this fall in school and local community productions. We love seeing you and your work on the stage! And congratulations to Miss Faith and Olive Healy on their LUNA Dance Company performance last month.



HSDA takes on NYC 2025

2 incredible days were had in the Big Apple with students, teachers, and parent chaperones! We took classes, saw incredible performances, and explored the city.

Dancers, it was such a joy to see you expanding your experience and making precious memories together. There were lots of firsts- from taking class in NYC for the very first time, to trying new styles, to seeing the ballet at Lincoln Center. And the start of the lasts for our graduating seniors- it was awesome seeing you dance with confidence and oh so lovely seeing you soak it all in. We treasure these times with all of you, you make us very proud! ✨

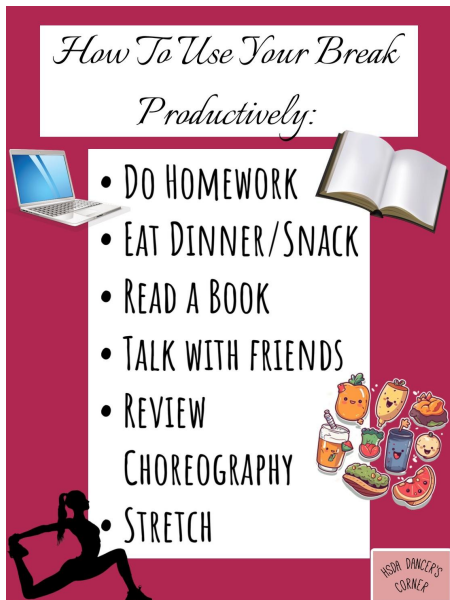
This trip wouldn't be possible without support from our awesome teachers and the best dance parents who give pep talks, dispense snacks, carry all the things, act as tour guides, and take classes right alongside the students, thank you!



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!





DANCER'S CORNER

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

Ways to make the most of your break time!

The breaks you have between classes can be so helpful. It is important to use this time to take care of yourself. You could do homework to stay on top of schoolwork. Eating something between classes is also a good idea; you need to fuel your body to dance. Reading is another fun thing to do. You could talk with your friends or review choreography with them. You should also make sure your body is ready to dance, so you can stretch as well.

Take advantage of the time you have!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Submitting Absences can be done through your parent portal. You can submit an absence for the day due to illness or even for a whole week for a family trip. Go to your portal, in the Info drop down menu, click Attendance, click Report Absence. You can even leave a note!

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.

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! 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. Day/Time TBA. \$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!

ZUMBA is BACK!

Zumba with Kristen is BACK! Drop in Sundays at 6pm for the perfect way to kick off your week. Drop In \$10/class.

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

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 6:00pm, drop in \$10.*

dance is waiting for you.
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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.

LOST & FOUND

Come collect your belongings! There is quite a collection in the lost and found from show week and this past dance year. Items not collected will be donated.

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

- **November 10: Costume Deposits & Recital Fee DUE**
- **November 21-23: Waves Convention Tour, Harrisburg**
- **November 26-29: Fall Break**
- **Various Dates: Workshop Visitation, see above**
- **December 8-20: Class Visitation**
- **December 21- January 4: Winter Break**
- **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**
- **Student Showcase TBA**
- **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**