

Hershey School of Dance & Arts

NEWSLETTER

September 2026

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

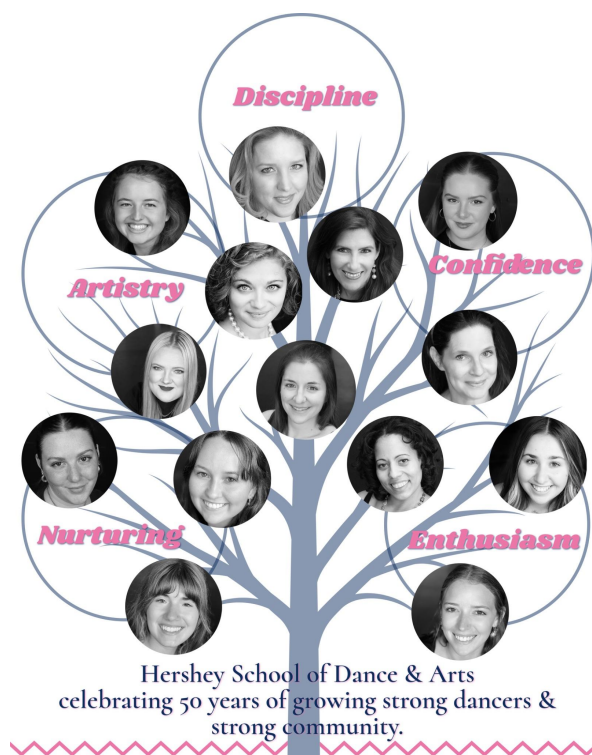
Dance is Joy.

Dance is Freedom.

Dance is Expression.

Dance is Community.

Dance is Life.



WELCOME DANCERS!

We want to take this time to give a big WELCOME to all of our new dancers and their families, we are so glad you are here! And we wish a warm WELCOME BACK to all our returning students and families, we can't wait to see you back at the dance studio! We hope your summer was full of happy memories and that everyone has had a good start to the new school year. We are so looking forward to getting back into the classroom ourselves and to dancing with you! There is lots of information in the newsletter to help you have a good start to the year and let you know about some exciting events coming up.

Take a look and we will see you soon for our 50th season!

~Team HSDA



GET READY FOR OUR 50TH SEASON!

This year marks a milestone - our 50th season! As we grow into our 50th year, we are excited to honor where we've come from, who we are today, and look forward to what our future holds. Whether you're currently dancing, enjoying from the audience, or a beloved alumni, we can't wait to celebrate this special year with you!

We want this to be the best year it can be, here is our commitment to you~

TEACHER COMMITMENTS

The teachers gathered this summer to plan out a great year of dance. We reviewed curriculum, levels, and approaches to student success. We are committed to creating an environment where students can learn and grow, reach their personal potential, make friendships and fun memories for a lifetime. We are committed to meeting each student where they are at and helping them reach their goals whatever they may be.

STUDENT COMMITMENTS

I will...

- ...be on time and prepared for class.
- ...follow the dress code.
- ...ask for help when I need it.
- ...bring whatever my best effort is today.
- ...welcome all corrections as a chance to grow.
- ...take pride in my accomplishments.
- ...celebrate the success of others.
- ...clean up after myself.
- ...show respect for our dance family, our studio, our teachers, our fellow students, our bodies, ourselves, and our art.

PARENT COMMITMENTS

I will...

- ...make sure my student is on time and prepared for class including the appropriate hair, shoes & dress code.
- ...encourage my dancer to try their best.
- ...ask my dancer about class and what they are learning.
- ...help my dancer practice outside of class time.
- ...support my dancer with positive messages.
-not compare my dancer's journey to others.
- ...ask for help when needed from teachers and staff.
- ...be an active member of the dance community.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Our class schedule is thoughtfully curated each year based upon the students enrolled. Each student is hand placed in each class to provide the best possible learning environment and opportunity for growth.

The first few weeks of classes teachers spend time getting to know new dancers, assessing skills, and evaluating class placement for all students. We look at growth, class dynamics, and potential for continued learning. We take care with this process and we will notify you directly if any adjustments need to be made to your dancer's schedule.

We would like to remind you that because our schedule is created based on the needs of the student body, our levels shift year to year. If you have questions, please ask your teacher for feedback or reach out by email with any questions or concerns.

We have put together a handy guide for students and parents to reference, we welcome you to take a look! [CLASS PLACEMENT](#)

DRESS CODE UPDATES

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](#).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Students should refrain from bringing cell phones and smart watches into class, as they are disruptive to focus and best 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!

In the Spotlight...

HSDAlums

As we head into our 50th season of dance, we want to connect with our alumni. Our shared love of dance and time spent at Hershey School of Dance bonds us together and we would love to reconnect. **Former students, staff, and families are encouraged to join our Facebook Group: HSDAlumni and keep in touch!** We would love to include you in some special events during this landmark year. Please reach out if you would like to get involved in HSDAlumni Projects.

ZUMBA starts 9/13!

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

Ongoing...HSDA COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

Miss Hollis and the Jazz 1 dancers would like to say THANK YOU to everyone in our dance community that submitted recipes for our first ever HSDA Cookbook! **They are here and they are adorable- be sure to reserve yours today, just in time for back to school meal prep!** Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go toward the HSDA Scholarship Initiative. **Reserve your copy in the online shop in your portal.**

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, or by registering to make a monthly contribution during the 2026-2027 dance year. 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.

Registration Still Available for...

YEAR ROUND PERFORMING CLASSES

Registration for our year round performing classes is still open and will remain open through September as space allows. Tell a friend! Registration received after July 28 will be placed first come first served as space allows.

12 WEEK WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Our great lineup of fall non-performing workshops still have space available in most classes. 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!

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 10am, Wednesdays 10am, and Saturdays 9am(waitlist). \$160 per session.

DISCOVER TAP & BALLET Ages 4-5 & 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. Saturday 12pm. \$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.

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time to make some magic!

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WEDNESDAYS 10am
SATURDAYS 9am (waitlist)
classes start in September!

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discover dance workshops
introduction to dance
now enrolling for ages 4-9
hip hop tap & ballet
DISCOVER HIP HOP FRIDAYS 4:30pm
DISCOVER TAP & BALLET SATURDAYS 12pm
HERSHEYDANCE.COM

NEW HOMESCHOOL BALLET WORKSHOPS

BALLET

Ages 6-11 | Thursday 1:30pm

New at HSDA: homeschool ballet! This daytime class is a unique opportunity for homeschoolers to dance outside of typical dance studio hours. Enrich your schedule with instruction tailored to you, and develop your technique, artistry, and athleticism.

BALLET

Ages 12-17 | Thursday 2:30pm

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Hershey School of Dance & Arts

**homeschool
ballet**

12 week workshop

THURSDAY
afternoons
starting in
September!

class designed just for you.

**ENROLL TODAY!
HERSEYDANCE.COM**

PRIVATE LESSONS

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

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.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

ADULT YEAR LONG CLASSES

Dance isn't just for children. Whether you never took a dance class or you have years of experience, we have a class for you! We have a vibrant adult dance community- JOIN US! Some dancers chose to perform in our annual recital, some do not, totally up to you- we'll meet you where you're at!

ADULT WORKSHOPS

Adult workshops run for 12 week sessions in both fall and spring. There is something for everyone- take a look at all the options below...

***NEW* PILATES** Ages 18+ | Tuesday 2:30pm

Join Miss Faith in activating your muscles, improving your posture, connecting with your breath, and increasing your mobility in a joint-friendly format. Pilates focuses on precise, controlled movements that create a more balanced body — improving core strength, balance, coordination, and muscle awareness. Bring your own mat. Come do something your body will thank you for! Register for the 12 week session or sign up as a drop in. Punch Cards accepted.

***NEW* YOGA** Ages 18+ | Wednesday 10am

HSDA welcomes Marty Malina to our staff! Our Hatha Yoga class will be a 60 minute comprehensive session that will include centering and warm-ups, standing and seated poses, mild backbends, twists, and a short relaxation practice to close. Emphasis will be placed on breathing and we may be holding poses for several breaths to allow for physical refinement, to enhance strength and balance, and to give us the opportunity to draw our attention inward. This class is appropriate for students of all levels and can be modified as needed. Please bring your own mat and a beach towel. Blocks are provided. Register for the 12 week session or sign up as a drop in. Punch Cards accepted.

BALLET BARRE & STRETCH CLASS Ages 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 or Thursdays 10-11am \$180/12-week session. Drop In available, email to get on the list!

BEGINNER ADULT TAP WORKSHOP Ages 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.

INT/ADV ADULT TAP WORKSHOP Ages 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.

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. Tuesdays at 6:30pm. \$180 per 12-week session OR as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop-in rate or use a punch card too, email for details to get on the list!

ADULT CONTEMPORARY Ages 18+

This non-performing contemporary class is designed for adults. Wednesdays at 7:30pm. \$180 per 12-week session OR as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop-in or punch cards can be used. Email in advance for details to get on the drop in list!

ADULT JAZZ CLASS Ages 18+

Offering a variety of different jazz styles in this non-performing class. We will build our jazz technique and incorporate them into different combinations. Saturdays. \$180 per 12-week session OR as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop-in rate or punch cards available too. Be sure to email for details and to get on the list!

PUNCH CARDS

We are offering Punch Cards for our adult classes that can be used towards classes where drop-ins are accepted. A punch card can be used for one style or you can drop-in to multiple styles! A ten-class punch cards cost just \$150 (a \$3 discount per class from our regular drop-in rate) and are available through the online store in your portal, or at the front desk. Punches are maintained through our system - no worries about losing your card or leaving it at home!

BACK TO DANCE

- PACK YOUR DANCE BAG
- MEET YOUR AMAZING TEACHERS
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN NEW THINGS
- HAVE FUN!!!



DANCER'S CORNER

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

Back to Dance!

Happy back to dance!!! I hope everyone is excited for the new year ahead of us. It'll be filled with learning and having fun. Be prepared by packing your dance bag. You'll get to meet your amazing teachers, make new friends, and have a good time!!! Can't wait to get back to what we love!

And make sure to tune to Dancer's Corner next time!! ✨✨✨

DID YOU KNOW?

We love giving our dancers the opportunity to expand their dance experience whether that be through performance opportunities or outside learning. Here are some of the things on the line up for this year...

- Hummelstown Arts Fest, performance in the town square.
- NYC Trip for graduating seniors, preadvanced and advanced dancers.
- Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade, Fantapulous Performance
- Excel In Motion Dance Convention, Lancaster
- Hummelstown Winter Fling, performance in the town square.
- Student Showcase
- International Day of Dance activities
- RECITAL!

This past season we performed at the HEAT professional soccer game halftime show. We are always looking for opportunities to share dance with our community. Please let us know if you would like to collaborate or host us at your event.

We CELEBRATE these JOYS!

DANCE CAMP

Dance camps took on a new full-morning format this summer, and both dancers and teachers loved it! June's "I've Got the Magic in Me" camp gave dancers the chance to enjoy ballet, tap, and hip hop, and they learned some fun new magic tricks to keep up their sleeves. August's "Out of This World" camp was outer-space themed, and in addition to learning and growing in dance, campers also learned about the planets and how our solar system works. Fun music, teamwork, smiles, laughter, and pride filled these special weeks at the studio!



DANCE INTENSIVE



Our August Dance Intensive was FULL of learning, challenges, new experiences, and growth. We welcomed incredible faculty from all over the northeast and, of course, some of our beloved HSDA teachers. It was hard. It was fun. We made new friends. We learned so much about dance. We learned so much about ourselves. It was incredible! Proud of each and everyone of you!

HUMMELSTOWN ARTS FEST

We continue a long standing tradition! Join us for Hummelstown Arts Fest on Saturday September 19 as HSDA will be dancing in the square at 1pm! Please come cheer on Miss Mia's It Takes Two Hip Hoppers and Miss Jenn's Crocodile Rock. It will be a great day for dance and the arts in our community!



WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Join us in welcoming Em Suda to Team HSDA! You may recognize Em from the stage, student showcase, and from working with our Adult Tap Workshops. We are thrilled for her to bring her experience to our dancers and the dance community!



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

2026-2027 Calendar

- Sept 8: First Day of Performing Classes
- Sept 14: Workshop Classes Begin
- Sept 19: Hummelstown Arts Fest
- November 1: Costume Deposit/Recital Fee Due
- Nov 23-29: Fall Break for Workshop Classes
- Nov 24-29 Fall Break for Performing Classes
- Nov 30: All Classes Resume
- Dec 7-12: Visitation and last week for Workshop Classes
- Dec 7-19: Visitation for Performing Classes
- Dec 20-Jan 3: Winter Break
- Jan 4: Classes Resume for Performing Classes
- Jan 11-16: Workshop Classes Begin
- Jan 15: Costume Balances Due
- Jan 30-31: Excel in Motion
- TBD: Student Showcase
- March 22-28: Performing and Workshop Classes Spring Break
- March 29: All Classes Resume: Performing & Workshop Classes
- April 2-4: Waves Convention
- April 5-10: Workshop Class Visitation
- April Sneak A Peek: Week before Dance Picture Weekend
- April TBD: Dance Pictures
- May 9-15: Show Week

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. The dirt and oils from the ground outside is harmful to our dance floors.

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 12pm 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.

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! If you are looking for new dance shoes, we highly recommend The Dancer's Pointe in Hummelstown.

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

The Front Desk will be open during regular class hours during the fall dance season. Schedule coming soon! **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.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone soon,
we'll be dancing in September!**

**when someone asks me
what i'm doing today**

