

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

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



HAPPY FEBRUARY!

We LOVE dancing with you!

The new year is off to a great start, we welcome new dancers and their families as we start brand new workshops. And our year round performing classes are also filled with excitement from learning new skills, choreography, and the start of costume distribution! As the page turns to a new month, we look forward to the continued growth of our dancers.

And with great enthusiasm we are so happy to be preparing for our show in May, titled... **FROM PAGE TO STAGE!**

We cannot wait to see your stories come to life!

Hollis, Jenn, Jess, & Emily

In the Spotlight...

COSTUME DISTRIBUTION

It is that time of year for our performance classes! As costumes arrive for the May recital, we will begin the process of distributing them by class. This process will happen over the next weeks and months as shipments arrive. Please make sure that your account is up to date and that your costume balance is paid in full.

Upon receiving your dancer's costume, please have them try it on and confirm it has all the pieces. Mark each piece with the dancer's name and hang the costume to allow it to fall from shipment. Steam may be used to release wrinkles-DO NOT IRON. We know you are so excited to receive them, but costumes SHOULD NOT be worn prior to dress rehearsal or our scheduled picture days. Please notify the office IMMEDIATELY if there are any problems via email. As previously stated, returns and/or exchanges are not possible. Consider making alterations for costumes if needed.

CALL FOR READING PHOTOS/VIDEOS

In preparation for our annual recital we will begin collecting photos/videos of you reading and dancing throughout the year. Send us photos or videos of you with your favorite book, your family/friends reading together, or even you dancing a story. Submissions will be included in a montage video to be played at our May recital!

Please upload submissions of photos/videos here before 3/1:

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CALL FOR ARTWORK

We know we have many talented artists in our dance family, so we would like to once again announce a call for submissions of original artwork related to the theme of **BOOKS** to be incorporated in our 2026 recital. All forms of art are welcome: graphic design, photography, painting, poetry, sculpture, textile arts, video, drawing, digital art, illustrations, writing, and of course stories of all kinds! Selected artwork will be displayed at the HERSHEY THEATRE and in the recital program.

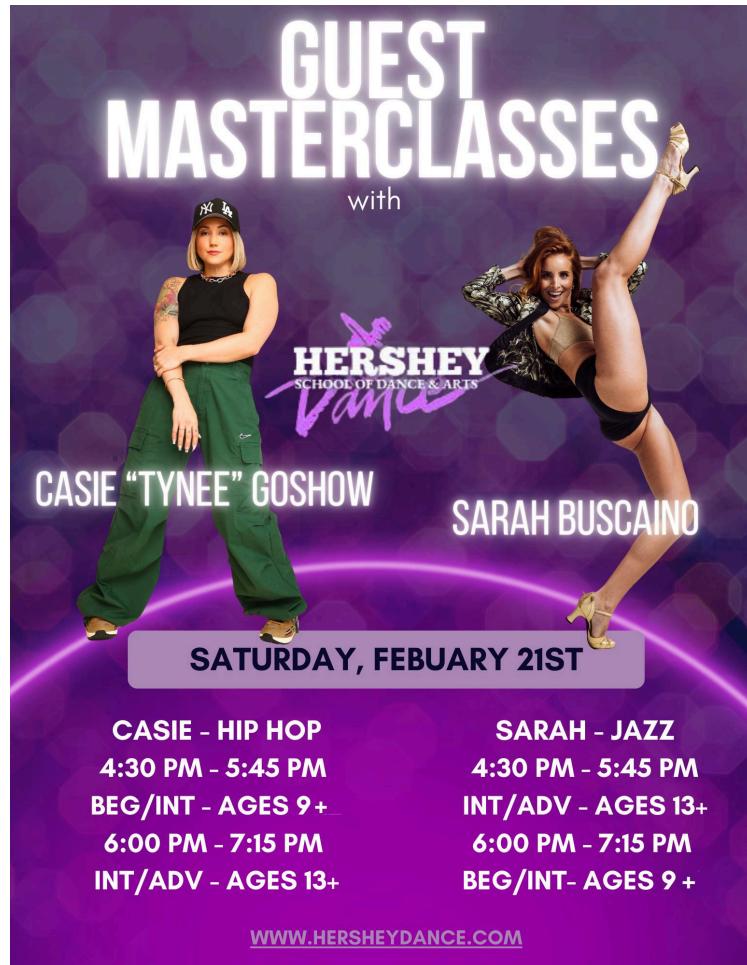
Please submit to hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net Subject: ART SUBMISSION

The deadline for photo/video submissions and original art submissions is March 1, 2026.

Each submission should include your name, age, and description. Please reach out to Hollis with any questions. Happy creating!

BIG NEWS!

Casie “Tynee” Goshow & Sarah Buscaino are coming to HSDA 



MASTER CLASSES!

Saturday February 21 we will hold Master Classes classes with these two incredible artists! You do not want to miss this opportunity to take classes from working dancers/choreographers right in your home studio! Sign up today-space is LIMITED!
[SIGN UP IN YOUR PORTAL](#)

★ STUDENT SHOWCASE ★

Our **FIFTH ANNUAL STUDENT SHOWCASE** will be held on February 7 at PaDancesport. Student creators have been collaborating and choreographing their own original works to be presented to family and friends at our annual student showcase. This is always a special evening celebrating dance and the creativity of our students.

HSDA GRADUATING SENIORS

We have 17 graduating seniors this year~ Bridget Hallinan, Taylor Hoffman, Charlotte Caples, Parker Marshall , Mia Pegher, Addison Sheppard, Adeline Sullivan, Alyssa Adams, Julia Aluquin, Isabela Bryan, Avni Desai, Kara Dixon, Olivia Wolfe, Katelyn Yurick, Vincent Elliott, Rhyan Brown, and Faith Evans. Best wishes to you all as you navigate auditions, college applications, and future plans, we are cheering you on! (PS: If your name should be on this list please let us know!)

MAKE UP CLASS DUE TO WEATHER

Winter has been making a real impact! Cancellations due to weather have caused us to miss some classes but missed classes can be made up! Please ask your teacher for a class recommendation or email the office.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

A dedicated group of individuals have been working on our Scholarship program, and we are excited to finally launch. If you are seeking financial assistance for the remainder of the school year, please complete this form. Costume payment & tuition assistance applications are **due by February 15th**. Click here to access the [HSDA Financial Assistance Application](#).

RECITAL SPONSORSHIP

We are delighted to return to the historic Hershey Theatre again this year! Our show celebrates the culmination of our year of learning, and the vibrant dance culture at our school! We are committed to promoting dance and the arts in our community.

We are looking for individuals, local businesses and organizations that share our passion for supporting the arts within the community. Since 1977, Hershey School of Dance has prioritized making dance education accessible to those eager to learn. We continue that legacy today, and your sponsorship helps to support our dancers ages 4-84, by helping to offset the cost of the production for our dancers. [Find more information here](#).

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 Prorated fee available. 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. Prorated fee available. 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. Prorated fee available. 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. Prorated fee available 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. Saturdays 11:15am. Prorated fee available 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 and the new year. Drop In \$10/class.

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

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.

Please email
hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net

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

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP
A JOURNAL IN YOUR DANCE
BAG

- TO WRITE DOWN CORRECTIONS
- TO WRITE DOWN CHOREOGRAPHY
- TO WRITE DOWN FORMATIONS AND NUMBERS
- TO REFLECT AND WRITE DOWN HOW CLASS MADE YOU FEEL



DANCER'S CORNER

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

KEEPING A DANCE JOURNAL

Keeping a dance journal can be so helpful!!

It allows you to write down new choreography, formations, and corrections while they are fresh in your mind. So for the next class you'll know what you learned and remember to apply your corrections. You can also use your journal as somewhere to reflect on class or even doodle in between classes. Keep your journal in your dance bag, that way it is ready to use when you need it!

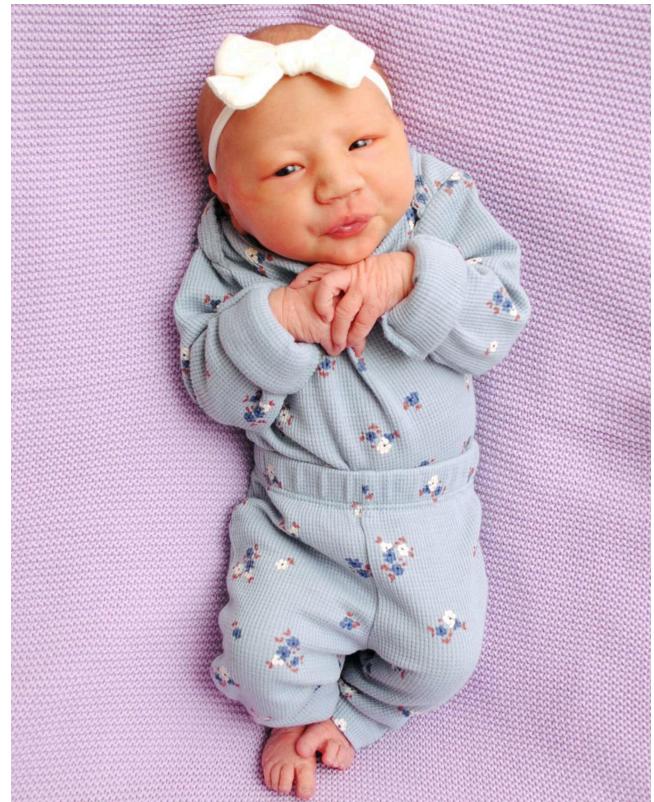
Make sure to tune to Dancer's Corner next time!! ✨✨

We CELEBRATE these JOY

Our Dance Family Grows

We welcome to our dance family Miss Jaden's baby girl, Braelyn, who was born on January 6th. Mom and baby are both doing well.

Welcome to the world, little one.
We are so happy you are here.



EXCEL IN MOTION 2026

Excel in Motion continues to be a highlight of our dance year! A group of dancers committed to their growth attended this dance convention. Together, our dancers sought challenges, learned choreography from professional dancers and instructors, and ultimately finished the convention with confidence, new skills and lasting memories. Once again, we were awarded as a High Honors Studio. Congratulations to our dancers for attending and growing together!



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 wearing 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 15: Costume Balances were due**
- **February 7: Student Showcase**
- **February 21: Master Classes with Casie & Sarah**
- **March 1 Early Bird Discount Opens for Summer Registration**
- **March 23-28 Workshop Visitation**
- **March 30 - April 5: Spring Break**
- **April 6: Classes resume**
- **Dance Pictures TBA**
- **May 11-16: Show Week: rehearsal and performances at the Hershey Theatre**
- **June 15-16 Adult Intensive**
- **June 17-18 2 Day Mini Intensive**
- **June 22-26 Summer Camp**
- **July 6 - August 1 Summer Session**
- **August 10-14 Summer Camp**
- **August 10-14 Dance Intensive**