

# Hershey School of Dance & Arts

## NEWSLETTER

August 2026

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

Dance is Joy.

Dance is Freedom.

Dance is Expression.

Dance is Community.

Dance is Life.



### A note from the Directors...

Summer dance has been so much fun with all of you!  
Thank you to everyone that has danced with us so far~ AND there is still more dancing to do in August. Dance Camps and Dance Intensives start next week, August 10-14 and it is not too late to sign up.

Camps and Intensives are a great way to *set your dancer up for a successful start to the new year!*

We loved meeting so many new families at the open house last month, WELCOME, we are so glad you found HSDA!  
It was also wonderful seeing so many returning HSDANCERS, we are so happy you are a part of our dance family!

Registration for our non-performing classes and workshops is NOW OPEN!  
The fall registration due date for year round performing classes was 7/26. But **we will continue to accept registrations as space allows. We want everyone that wants to dance to have a chance!**

If needed, we will create waitlists.

Looking forward to a GREAT year of dance.

We can't wait to get dancing with old friends & new for our \*50th\* season!  
Hollis, Jenn, Jess, and Emily

# In the SPOTLIGHT...

## There is still more SUMMER DANCE!

### Dance over the summer has a vibe all its own~

It is a time to try new styles, dive deeper into your study of dance, come together with friends, and enjoy dance without distraction. Our summer schedule has something for everyone: Camps for younger students, Intensives for dedicated older dancers, and returning this year, our Jr. Intensive for experienced dancers ages 9-11 to enhance their learning.

### **\*\*Next up SUMMER CAMP & DANCE INTENSIVES!\*\***

#### Dance Camp

**AUGUST 10-14, 9am - 12:00pm daily**

#### "Out of This World" Camp

Join us for a week of dance and interstellar adventure...it's going to be out of this world! All campers ages 4-10 will get to enjoy a week of ballet, tap, and hip hop instruction, as well as fun with games, crafts, snacks, and dance friends. \$180/week.

**This year's camps are going to be bigger and better than ever!**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

**"Out of This World"**  
**Summer Camp**  
*dance. friends. fun.*  
**HERSHEYDANCE.COM**

**Ballet**  
**Tap**  
**Hip Hop**  
**Crafts**  
**Snacks**

**August 10-14**  
**✧ You are a STAR! ✧**

**Out of This World**

## Dance Intensive

**AUGUST 10-14 available to dancers entering grade 5+, up to age 22 with experience**

For the experienced, dedicated dancer-Classes in various styles including- ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, and theatre dance. Guest teachers and some of your favorite HSDA instructors. Up to 4.5 hours of instruction/day in various styles for 5 consecutive days. Students placed by age and level. Full Intensive \$250/week. Partial Intensives available. **SCHEDULE COMING SOON!**

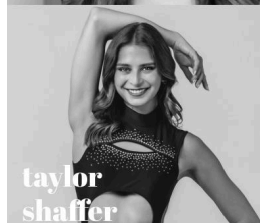
## Jr. Intensive

**AUGUST 10-14 available to dancers ages 9-11 with at least 3 years experience.**

For the dancer with some experience that wants to further their study of dance. Guest teachers and some of your favorite HSDA instructors. 2 hours of instruction/day in various styles for 5 consecutive days. Evening classes in various styles including- ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and more. \$140/week.



sarah  
buscaino



taylor  
shaffer



kimber  
hampton



ann  
fields

## HSDA AUGUST DANCE INTENSIVES 8/10-8/14 FACULTY



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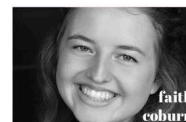
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kristen  
murray



faith  
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morgan  
owsley



gigi  
mayo

**Special Guest Faculty**  
Sarah Buscaino, Taylor Shaffer,  
Kimber Hampton, & Ann Fields

**REGISTER HERE**    **SCHEDULE**

## FALL REGISTRATION

Registration remains open for the 2026-2027 dance season. **Please note**, registration received after July 26 will be placed first come, first served, as space allows.

**Just added: HOMESCHOOL BALLET, email for information!** [hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net](mailto:hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net)

**We can't wait to dance with you!**

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**NOW ENROLLING 2026/2027 Season**

find your happy place!

Offering classes in

Ballet | Pointe | Tap | Hip Hop | Jazz | Theatre Dance  
Contemporary/Lyrical | Leaps & Turns | Street Jazz  
Technique Enhancement | Adult Classes | Movement Magic  
Workshops & More!



Register at [hersheydance.com](http://hersheydance.com)  
For questions, contact [hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net](mailto:hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net)



## A NOTE ABOUT OUR SCHEDULE & 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. We have put together a handy guide for students and parents to reference, we welcome you to take a look! [CLASS PLACEMENT](#)

## We celebrate these JOYS!

### JULY HIGHLIGHTS

#### 4 Week Summer Session

This summer was full of smiles and fun and also hard work and so much growth! We know all that you learned this summer will set you up for a wonderful new dance season, we are so proud of you! Counting the days until we are back in the studio!



## OPEN HOUSE

We had the most fun meeting new families and dancing with old friends at the OPEN HOUSE! Thank you to everyone that came out to visit us!

As we enter our ✨50th dance season✨ we are so grateful that dance has brought us all together and we look forward to this landmark year dancing with all of you!

A special shoutout to~

- ★ Our amazing teachers that made our mini classes and demonstrations so much fun!
- ★ The student ambassadors that gave tours, helped with classes, and performed fantastic demonstrations!
- ★ Our students that invited friends and family to come try us out!
- ★ This amazing dance community for coming together to do what we love and making HSDA our happy place!

If you missed the open house, we would still love to meet you!

Registration is open for the fall season

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



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

What a fun night out in the community! It was awesome meeting and dancing with so many of you! And, we were so happy to see so many current students and their families, thanks for coming by to say hello!

It was extra special, as we celebrate our 50th season, to see so many HSDAlums!



## **ADULT YEAR LONG CLASSES**

Dance isn't just for children. Whether you never took a dance class or you used to dance when you were a child, we have a class for you! We have a vibrant adult dance community- JOIN US! Currently we offer Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Zumba, and Jazz classes- schedule TBA. Some 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...**

### **PILATES: COMING SOON!**

Daytime pilates mat classes 18+: 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. Come do something your body will thank you for! More info coming soon, stay tuned!!

### **YOGA: COMING SOON!**

Hershey School of Dance and Arts welcomes Marty Malina to our staff! Daytime yoga class coming soon!

### **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 available, email for details to get on the list!

### **ADULT JAZZ 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. \$180 per session OR as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop in available, email for details to get on the list!

### **PUNCH CARDS**

We are now offering Punch Cards for our adult classes that offer drop-ins. A punch card can be used for drop-ins in any style! 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!

### **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](mailto: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.

## 2026-2027 Calendar

- Aug 10-14: Dance Camp & Dance Intensive and Jr. Intensive
- Sept 8: First Day of Classes
- Sept 19: Hummelstown Arts Fest
- Sept 14: Workshop Classes Begin
- 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

### 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 summer cooking!** Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go toward the HSDA Scholarship Initiative.

**Get 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.

## **Dress Code Updates**

The discipline of dance requires students 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](#).

## **Tights, Dancewear, and 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 various flesh tone colors.
- We have show shirts, crew sweatshirts, hats, totes, HSDA tanks, and HSDA shorts available for purchase. If you missed out on our commemorative recital pins, magnets, and stickers, there are still some left!
- 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!

## **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.

## **Front Desk Hours**

There will be NO front desk hours July 31-August 9 and August 15- September 7. Front Desk Hours will run August 10-14 during camp and intensives. Please be in touch by email. [Hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net](mailto:Hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net)

