

Hershey School of Dance & Arts

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

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!

As 2024 comes to an end, there is so much going on at the dance studio. We are excited to announce our theme for this year's recital~ CELEBRATE! Teachers have shared songs and costumes with students in class and starting next week, we look forward to sharing it all with you as we welcome everyone into the studio for class visitation. Class Visitation is 12/9-12/21. 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 soon!

Hollis, Jenn, Jess, & Emily

In the SPOTLIGHT...

★ STUDENT SHOWCASE 1/25/25 ★

Students in 4th grade and up are invited to participate in our FOURTH 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.** Print submission form [HERE](#) or ask your teacher for a copy of the submission form in class. Dances can be solos, duets, or small groups. Teacher mentors will be available if needed. A performance will be held on January 25, 2025 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.

WORKSHOPS RETURNING in the NEW YEAR

2025 Workshop Registration NOW OPEN! Movement Magic, Discover Hip Hop, Discover Tap & Ballet, Adult Tap, Adult Ballet, Adult Combo, and Adult Hip Hop will be returning in the new year! [REGISTER](#)

REGISTRATION OPEN

movement magic

dance for preschoolers

Movement Magic is a 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

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

TUESDAYS 10am
WEDNESDAYS 10am
SATURDAYS 9am

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HERSHEY SCHOOL OF DANCE & ARTS

discover dance

try it!

hip hop.

try it!

tap & ballet.

try it!

introduction to dance
now enrolling for ages 4-9

ADULT WORKSHOPS

New session starting January 2025!

TUESDAY: Beginner Adult Tap Workshop 11am

**WEDNESDAY: Beginner Adult Ballet Workshop 10am
Int/Adv Adult Tap Workshop 11am**

**FRIDAY: Int/Adv Adult Hip Hop Workshop 7:30pm
Beginner Adult Hip Hop Workshop 8:30pm**

SATURDAY: Adult Combo Class 11am

dance is waiting for you.

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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.

CLASS VISITATION

You are invited! Class Visitation runs for 2 weeks starting Monday December 9-December 21. 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!

HSDA MERCH

Just in time for the holidays, HSDA MERCH is available in the online store or in the lobby during front desk hours. HSDA Hats are 25% off now through 12/21. We also have stickers, a selection of tees, sweats, and dancewear. Gift Certificates are also available~ give the gift of DANCE this holiday season. ❤️

Pre Orders will be arriving later this month.

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

We CELEBRATE these JOYS!

HSD IN NYC

From beginning to end HSD in NYC was so much fun! First stop, Broadway Dance Center for a variety of classes from inspiring instructors. Next, dancers headed to New York City Center for a choreography workshop from the musical Ragtime, what an incredible opportunity and truly unique experience! We ended our first day seeing shows-Suffs the Musical, Once Upon a Mattress, the Rockettes, and Paul Taylor Dance Company- all incredible, all inspiring! ✨

On Saturday dancers were up and at it for a full day of classes at the quintessential New York dance studio, Steps on Broadway. Dancers also took time to explore the city and shop. We ended the trip with a big dinner all together. ❤️

It was such a great experience being together, seeing you try new things, applying what you have learned in new ways, and pushing yourselves out of our comfort zone. It was also full of laughter, memories with friends and teachers, and even a camel. 🐪

A massive thank you to the dedicated teachers and rockstar chaperones that made our trip a success.

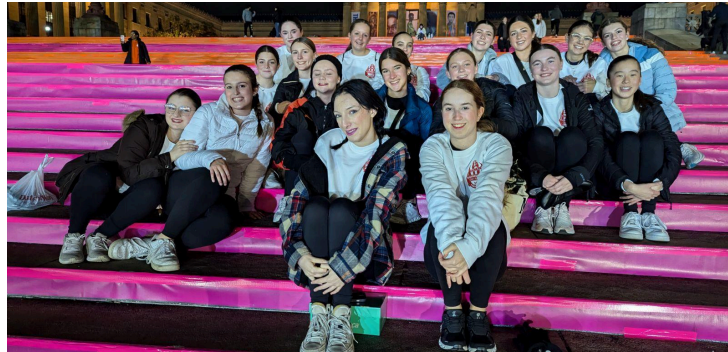
AND we are so grateful we got to spend this time with you dancers - proud of you! ❤️

Until next time...



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!



Dancer & Teacher Productions

Congratulations to all the HSDANCERS and instructors that had performances this fall in school and local community productions. We loved seeing you and your work on the stage! And best wishes as we enter audition season!

CALL FOR CELEBRATION PHOTOS/VIDEOS

In preparation for our annual recital we will begin collecting photos/videos of you celebrating and dancing throughout the year. Send us photos or videos of your special events to be included in a montage video to be played at recital.

Please submit photos/videos to
hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net
Subject: CELEBRATION SUBMISSION



DID YOU KNOW?

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.

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.

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 tan. We continue to have an assortment of sizes and colors of leotards, shorts, and skirts, all discounted and 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.

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 wait inside the building to be picked up. Please wear street clothes or cover-ups to and from the building. With the change in weather, it is important to wear clothes out of the studio. Especially if you are feeling warm from class, to help prevent injury you should wear clothes to keep your muscles warm to cool down slowly. **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.**

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.

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

The Front Desk will be open Monday-Saturday during class time. Exact hours will vary.

2024-2025 Calendar

December 2: Classes resume
December 9-21: Class Visitation
December 22- January 5: Winter Break
January 4-5: Excel in Motion
January 6: Classes Resume
January 13: Movement Magic & Discover Dance Session

January 15: Costume Balances DUE
January 24: Winter Fling
January 25: Student Showcase
April 14-20: Spring Break
Dance Pictures TBA
May 18-25: Show Week: rehearsal and performances at the WHITAKER CENTER