Hershey School of Dance

& Arts

NEWSLETTER

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at Hershey School of Dance & Arts,

we believe...

Dance is Joy.

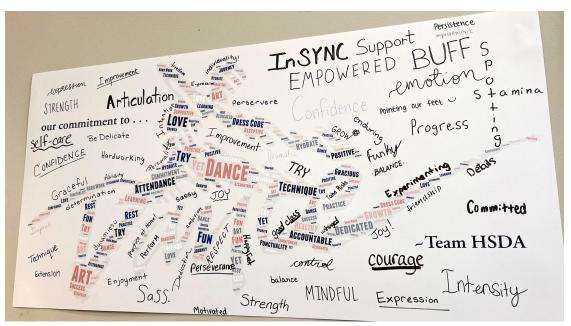
Dance is Freedom.

Dance is Expression.

Dance is Community.

Dance is Life.





Our Commitment to...

Our dance year is already off to a great start. Dancers in all levels and styles have come together as a class to choose an intention for their dance year. Classes have committed themselves to their learning journey and we love to see what they are focused on. Be sure to check out our commitment poster in the vestibule. We have such a passionate dance community, it's going to be an amazing year of growth and fun! Hollis, Jenn, Jess, and Emily

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!
- 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.
- Please check out our Student and Parent Handbook for more detailed information about dance shoes, dress code, and student and parent expectations. <u>HANDBOOK</u>

| let's start off on the right foot! | | |
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| Before Class Use Bathroom Wash Hands Fill Waterbottle Warm Up Review Steps & Choreography | Dress Code Proper Attire Hair Shoes No smart watches/ accessories | Attendance Be Here- that's how we learn and during choreography time how ware a good team member. Sickness Injury Conflicts |
| In the Classroom How to: enter class ask a question wait your turn go across the floor use the hathroom get a water break exit class What we will learn | Practice In Class- these are your 55 minutes. At Home- or at the bus stop, or in your room, or in the kitchen | Community Help each other Cheer each other on Support each other Have fun together! |

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!

CLASS PLACEMENT

These first few weeks of classes teachers have been getting to know new dancers and evaluating class placement for all students. Please note that dance is an individual study, each student progresses at their own rate. There is no singular "right" path to growth and mastery. Advancing through the levels will look different for every single dancer. Repeating levels is *normal and expected*, we do not ever "hold back" students. Students advance when they have achieved mastery of the material and have the physical, emotional, and cognitive ability to take on the next level. And although the study of dance is a uniquely individual process, we do this in community with teachers, classmates, and families that support the whole process! Please encourage your dancer as they strive for personal growth and mastery.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We will notify you directly if any adjustments need to be made to your student's schedule.

We CELEBRATE these JOYS! HUMMELSTOWN ARTS FEST

On September 14 HSDANCERS took to the streets one more time and performed at the Hummelstown Arts Fest. Thank you to everyone that came out to cheer on our dancers and support the arts in our community! We are so proud of you, dancers!



[&]quot;Easter Parade" and "Old Town Road"

In the SPOTLIGHT...

MOVEMENT MAGIC

Fun Props, exciting songs, and LOTS of imagination is what you'll find in Movement Magic. Preschoolers get to learn through play, song, and dance in this creative movement class. Space available for your tiny dancer in Tuesday 10:00 and Wednesday 10:00 classes.







ADULT 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, and Adult Combo classes. There are daytime, evening, and weekend classes.

ADULT WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY: Absolute Beginner Adult Tap Workshop 11am

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

FRIDAY: 6-week Line Dancing Workshop 7:30pm **NEW!** Int/Adv Adult Hip Hop Workshop 7:30pm Beginner Adult Hip Hop Workshop 8:30pm

SATURDAY: Adult Combo Class 11am

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dance is waiting for you.

Hershey School of Dance & Arts

Private Lessons

CHECK IT OUT >>>

- 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

Prorated Registration Now Open for... ADULT 12 Week WORKSHOPS & NON PERFORMING CLASSES

ADULT COMBO CLASS Ages 18+

This class offers a variety of different styles changing each month. Explore each style for 4 weeks, while working on technique, and a combination for each style. Saturdays 11am. \$165/12-week session or as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop in available, get on the list! Email for details.

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED ADULT HIP HOP WORKSHOP Ages 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults with experience in hip hop. Fridays 7:30pm. \$165/12-week session. Drop in available, get on the list! Email for details.

BEGINNER ADULT HIP HOP WORKSHOP Ages 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults with little to no experience in hip hop. Fridays 8:30pm. \$165/12-week session. Drop in available, get on the list! Email for details.

BEGINNER/ADV BEGINNER ADULT BALLET WORKSHOP Ages 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults with little to no experience in ballet. Wednesdays 10am. \$165/12-week session. Drop in available, get on the list! Email for details.

ABSOLUTE 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 \$165/12-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 \$165/12-week session.

CHILDREN'S 12 Week WORKSHOPS & NON PERFORMING CLASSES

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. Email hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net to register at a prorated rate.

DISCOVER TAP and BALLET Ages 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. Fridays. Email hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net to register at a prorated rate.

DISCOVER HIP HOP Ages 6-8

12-week workshop. This is a fun, high-energy introduction to Hip Hop. Email hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net to register at a prorated rate.

FAMILY 6 Week WORKSHOP

6-Week Line Dancing Workshop Ages 15+

No experience needed! This 6-week non-performing workshop is a great introduction to the line dancing moves, learning choreography in a repeated sequence of steps. Come and have a fun time dancing with friends, and grow your confidence! Studio-only sneakers, jazz shoes, or hip hop shoes recommended. Drop in \$10/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 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 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.

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. New schedule coming soon!

2024-2025 Calendar

Special Event! October 28-November 2, Wear a Costume to class! Students are invited to wear a halloween costume or an old dance costume to classes all week, we can't wait to see them! Please make sure you can still dance in your costume! PLEASE NOTE- HSDA will close at 6pm on Thursday October 31.

September 9: First Day of New Season

September 16- December 14: Movement Magic & Discover Dance Session (excluding Nov 25-30)

Sept 14: Hummelstown Arts Fest October 31: No classes after 6pm

November 1: Costume Deposits & Recital Fee

DUE

November 27-30: Fall Break
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

Student Showcase TBA
April 14-20: Spring Break

Dance Pictures TBA

May 18-25: Show Week: rehearsal and performances at the WHITAKER CENTER

