

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

## Morita's School of Dance

### Happy Thanksgiving!

We hope you are enjoying your time here at Morita's School of Dance. We are hard at work getting ready for our 2019 Holiday Recitals, and can't wait to show what your amazing sons and daughters have been working on!

Morita's School of Dance Staff

### **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE**

The Festival of Lights Parade is on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, and we are getting extremely excited for it!! We'd like to invite all dancers to participate in the parade and ride the float with us!

#### **All dancers must have to the following to ride on the float:**

- \$2 for a light up item each dancer will receive and get to take home after!
- Dress dancers in their warmest snow clothes and boots
- Wear a white sweatshirt over their jacket
- Wear a red Santa hat and red mittens
- Put a string of white battery-operated lights around the fur of the Santa hat
- Bring a blanket to sit on or cover up the dancer. We put our mats on the float, so they aren't sitting on bare wood.

One parent of a preschool dancer may ride on the float and the other dancers are old enough to ride alone because of the other adults on the float. If additional parents would like to join in in the fun, you may walk beside the float; we just ask that you bring a flashlight to hold.

**Please let us know by Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> if you and your dancer will be joining us!!**

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte M. – 1<sup>st</sup>

Isabel B. – 1<sup>st</sup>

Nadia I. – 1<sup>st</sup>

Emerson M. – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Anabelle M. – 4<sup>th</sup>

Eliza P. – 5<sup>th</sup>

Erica K. – 13<sup>th</sup>

Megan J. – 14<sup>th</sup>

Angela G. – 14<sup>th</sup>

Abigail W. – 15<sup>th</sup>

Winnie B. – 15<sup>th</sup>

Kaylyn S. – 15<sup>th</sup>

Sophia O. – 18<sup>th</sup>

Victoria B. – 19<sup>th</sup>

Taylor T. – 20<sup>th</sup>

Olivia K. – 20<sup>th</sup>

Kylie C. – 21<sup>st</sup>

Molly W. – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Julianna A. – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jolia D. – 26<sup>th</sup>

Emily M. – 27<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday!



## STUDIO CALENDAR

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Maine Dance Teachers Workshop

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s Day – Classes WILL be held

November 16<sup>th</sup> – Festival of Lights Parade Float Rider Notification Deadline

November 16<sup>th</sup> – CLI Hip Hop Master Class

November 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – Peek Week (classes up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade)

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Studio Apparel Order Deadline

November 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Make-Up Classes will Be Held

November 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – No Regular Classes, Thanksgiving Break

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Classes Resume

December 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Hermon & Old Town Recital Rehearsal

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Hermon & Old Town Holiday Recital

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Festival of Lights Parade

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Dover Foxcroft Holiday Recital Rehearsal & Recital

December 16<sup>th</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup> – No Classes, Winter Break

## NOVEMBER BREAK

There will be no regular classes from November 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, the week of Thanksgiving. On Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be making up the classes that were cancelled on Halloween or that will be missed while we are performing in Disney World. If you’re unsure if your class is being made up, please ask Miss Morita or Miss Denise.

## STUDIO APPAREL

We will be placing orders for Morita’s School of Dance apparel (sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets, dance bags, garment bag, and more!) beginning November 15<sup>th</sup>. Deliveries are expected prior to Christmas, but not guaranteed. Studio apparel will make great Christmas gifts that you’ll see your dancer use every week!

Images of all items can be found by clicking the “Store” tab on our website, [www.moritasschoolofdance.com](http://www.moritasschoolofdance.com) and in your portal in our Online Store, once the sale begins. To place an order, visit our Online Store in your portal or complete an order form that will be e-mailed to you or found in the paper holder at our Hermon Studio! Don’t wait and order today!! **Order deadline: November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## BREAST CANCER COIN DRIVE

The totals are in! Over the past month our Hermon studio classes have been placing their spare change into their class bin to help raise money towards breast cancer awareness, to be donated to Cancer Care of Maine, in Brewer, in memory of Nancy Knowles. Well you did not disappoint!!

**The grand total that the studio will be donating is  
\$265.51!!!!**

Here are the final totals for each bin:

1. Jr. Jr. Line (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) - \$85.01
2. Jr. Line (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) - \$57.78
3. Jr. Line (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) - \$40.66
4. Sr. Line (9<sup>th</sup>-up) - \$34.03
5. K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - \$31.23
6. Age 3 though Pre-K - \$16.80

**Congratulations to Hermon Jr. Jr. Line (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Classes for raising the most! We’ll see you at the studio on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm for a special movie night!!**

## CLI MASTER CLASS

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting our 6<sup>th</sup> online interactive master class with a top-notch teacher/choreographer from Los Angeles,

California. Previously we’ve had the opportunity to work with Teddy Forance, Lindsay Richardson, Jordan Clark, and more!

This month’s master class will be a HIP HOP master class, and our dancers will be instructed by Natalie Gilmore! Natalie has worked alongside some of the top performers and choreographers in the dance industry, including Mandy Moore, Tabitha and Napoleon D’umo, and toured with Justin Timberlake on both his “20/20

## CLI MASTER CLASS (CONT'D)

Experience” and “Man of the Woods” world tours. Natalie was also a member of the Fanny Pak crew, which competed on *America's Best Dance Crew* in season 7.

Admission to the class is \$20 per dancer and is open to all dancers age 11 and above currently taking one of our hip hop classes. To register for the master class, log into your portal account and click the “Register for Classes” icon found on your homepage.

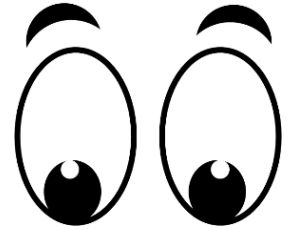
## PEEK WEEK

It's that time of year!!

**Fall Peek Week for our Hermon studio will be held from November 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> for all Dance Classes for grade 4 and under, this does not include our acro classes.**

**Fall Peek Week for our Old Town studio will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> for all dance classes.**

**Fall Peek Week for our Dover studios will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> for all dance classes, not including our acro classes.**



Since we do not allow parents to observe classes during the normal course of the year, we set aside two weeks per year (one in the Fall and one in the Spring) for families of students **to come in during the last 20 minutes of class and see what we've been working on.** This allows our dancers to practice their routines in front of an audience before their big performance! We ask that you comply with classroom etiquette by refraining from talking and using your cell phone. You are welcome to take non-flash photography.

## NEW YORK TRIP

Space is still available for our 2019 New York City bus trip, happening December 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>! Join us for shopping, sightseeing, and watch the wonderful Radio City Christmas Spectacular, featuring the Radio City Rockettes!!

We'll be leaving early Saturday morning, giving us Saturday afternoon/evening, and all-day Sunday to do whatever you wish! On Monday morning, the 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll attend the Christmas Spectacular, grab some lunch and then head back to Maine.

### Trip Includes:

- Roundtrip, private, chartered bus from the studio and back
- 2 Night Stay at the Travel Inn on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Midtown Manhattan
- Premier Seating at Radio City Music Hall for the Christmas Spectacular



### Trip Prices:

- Quad Room (4 people per room) - \$399.00 per person
- Triple Room (3 people per room) - \$449.00 per person
- Double Room (2 people per room) - \$499.00 per person

We have approximately 15 seats available! If you'd like to reserve a seat, a non-refundable deposit of \$125 is due as soon as possible.

Please e-mail the studio, [msdancestudio68@hotmail.com](mailto:msdancestudio68@hotmail.com), if you're interested in the trip or have any questions! Christmas is just around the corner and this is a fantastic way to celebrate the holidays and make great family memories!!

## HOLIDAY RECITAL INFORMATION

### RECITAL DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS:

- Hermon & Old Town Studio – December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, at Peakes Auditorium (Bangor High School)
- Dover Studio – December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, at the Milo Town Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

The Hermon & Old Town Holiday Recital will be approximately 2 ½ hours long. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the show.

The Dover Holiday Recital will be approximately 45 minutes long. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the show.

**STAGE REHEARSAL:** The onstage rehearsal for our annual Holiday Recital will be held Wednesday and Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> for all Hermon and Old Town studio classes. Classes will have the opportunity to practice their recital dances onstage and get comfortable with the spacing, entrances and exits, etc at the recital venue. The rehearsal schedule has been distributed, and can be found online at [www.moritasschoolofdance.com](http://www.moritasschoolofdance.com), under the recitals tab. Each class will have a 5-10 minute block of time to rehearse each routine. Costumes will not be needed for rehearsal, please wear regular dance clothes.

**RECITAL VOLUNTEERS:** Recital volunteers are needed for both shows! If you'd like be a backstage volunteer, please return the volunteer form that will be emailed November 14<sup>th</sup>, and return it to your dancers instructor or email it back to [msdancestudio68@hotmail.com](mailto:msdancestudio68@hotmail.com). Backstage volunteers will be chosen by our staff, and volunteer spots are limited according to class size.



**WRISTBANDS:** Each dancer under the age of 12 has a designated parent for check-in and check-out. For security reasons this parent must be the one to check-in and check-out their dancers. Each family will receive one wristband the week before our Recital. Only the designated parent wearing their wrist band will be permitted backstage to check-in and check-out their dancers. Our Check-in process relies on all the designated parent, Checking-In and Checking-Out the dancers, to wear their wrist band before, throughout, and after the Recital. This of course is for the safety of the dancers. If you refuse to co-operate with this rule, your dancer will NOT be permitted to perform in the Recital.

**ARRIVAL TIME:** Each dancer has a specific arrival time for their Recital. Once again, we ask for your complete co-operation to please arrive at your allocated time, to insure you are able to check-in efficiently.

**TICKETS:** Tickets for the Hermon & Old Town Show will be available at the studio beginning Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at rehearsal and at the door. Tickets for the Dover show will be available at the door.

#### **Hermon & Old Town Recital (Peakes Auditorium)**

\$10 – 13 years old & over  
\$5 – 3 to 12 years old  
Free – 2 years old & under

#### **Dover Recital (Milo Town Hall)**

\$5 – 3 years old & over  
Free – 2 years old & under

**COMMUNICATION:** This is a super busy time of year for us. We try our best to ensure every one of your needs is met and information is delivered appropriately and timely. Please excuse us if we are unable to respond to your emails or phone calls as promptly as normal. With only 2 ½ weeks before our performances, many things need to happen to ensure the shows go off without a hitch!



# THANKSGIVING

a time to give thanks

What are you thankful for?

