

MORITA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

October 2019 Studio Newsletter



STUDIO CALENDAR

- October 3rd – Old Town Studio Classes Begin
- October 6th – Maine Dance Teachers Workshop
- October 7th – Dover Foxcroft Studio Classes Begin
- October 14th – Columbus Day – Classes WILL be held
- October 14th-19th – Pink Week!
- October 19th - Costume Payment/Deposit Due
- October 24th-31st – Halloween Dress Up Week
- October 27th – Tap & Acro Master Class
- October 31st – No Classes in Old Town
- November 3rd – Maine Dance Teachers Workshop
- November 11th – Veteran's Day – Classes WILL be held
- November 25th-December 1st – Thanksgiving Break, No Classes



WELCOME!

Welcome to all our dancers and families! We are very excited to start the new dance season and look forward to an exciting 52nd dance year!

We will be sending out a monthly newsletter highlighting important studio news, dates and happenings for the month. You'll receive your newsletter during the first week of each month via e-mail. We will have some printed out at the studio, it will also be posted on our website (under the "News" tab) and will also be uploaded to your online portal account! Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or are not receiving our e-mails.

As classes continue for some, and are just starting for others, we want to remind all parents and dancers that you will see many new faces around the studios! Most dancers returning have not danced since May, and over the course of the first 3-4 weeks all classes will be reviewing class techniques from the previous year and we'll begin learning new dance steps and techniques shortly after. Some may find this "boring", but please help us reinforce that a good solid technical foundation is needed for your dancer to grow and learn harder steps and techniques. If they put in the necessary work now, it will pay off later!

This year is going to be a fantastic year, and we look forward to meeting all the new dancers and continuing to learn more about our returning ones. We welcome everyone to our studio family, and we hope you enjoy your dance season with us!!

Morita's School of Dance Staff

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our Dancers
born in October!!**

Rachel M – 2nd

Haylee S – 3rd

Raylin R – 5th

Sophia R – 6th

Zara Z – 6th

Lily-Ann – 7th

Rylee G – 7th

Emma W – 9th

Grace R – 10th

Olivia P – 10th

Emmersyn K – 13th

Lysander B – 14th

Elizabeth C – 16th

Grace P – 17th

Hana M – 23rd

Makayla S – 23rd

Grace H – 23rd

Andy R – 24th

Chloe C – 27th

Natasha C – 28th

Chloe D – 28th

**Please note: If your dancer has a Birthday this month and it is not listed above we do not have their correct Birthday on file. Please e-mail the studio to make this correction.

STUDIO NEWS

Studio Communication: Studio information and updates are sent out regularly via e-mail. If your family or another family that you know of is not getting these updates, please contact our office at msdancestudio68@hotmail.com. Occasionally our e-mails are misdirected to your Spam or Junk Mail folder found in your e-mail. If you find this is happening, please click the “Not Junk Mail” icon or put our e-mail address on the list of approved e-mails within your e-mail account, so our e-mails are sent to your inbox folder.

Monthly Tuition Payments: Thank you to all those that are taking advantage of our auto-payment system. If you have chosen to forego the auto-payment system and are paying monthly, please remember all tuition is due by the 7th day of every month. If paid after the 7th, a \$10 late fee will be applied to your account.

Costume Payments: Costume payments and/or deposits are due by October 19th! We will be ordering costumes this month in order to have them here by the Holiday Recitals. We will not be able to give your dancer his or her costumes until your payment or deposit has been made. Please let us know, if a payment plan or extension is needed.

Holiday Show: IMPORTANT INFORMATION!! Our Holiday Show for our Hermon and Old Town studios dates have changed and will now be held the weekend of **December 6th-8th**! Please update your calendar, and ours has been updated as well. Our printable yearly calendar can be found on our website, <http://moritasschoolofdance.com/yearly-calendar.html>, along with our online yearly calendar. Show location and time will be announced soon! Check your e-mail regularly!

Our Dover Foxcroft studio Holiday Show will be on Friday, December 20th at 6:30pm, at the Milo Town Hall!

Pink Week: In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, and Miss Denise’s mother, during the month of October the studio will be raising money to donate to the Cancer Center in Brewer, ME! We’ll have change bins located in the studio lobby, and we’re going to have a coin drive! If you have any spare change (or bills), stop by and place it in the bin that has your class time on it! The bin with the most money collected at the end of October, will win a movie night with popcorn at the studio!

During Pink Week, October 14th-19th, wear as much pink as you can and show your support of Breast Cancer Awareness!

Studio Spirit Week: We will have Studio Spirit Week the week of Halloween (October 24th-31st). It’s great fun to pick out a Halloween costume, so why not get more use out of them and show them off to your friends at dance? Come to class this week dressed in your Halloween Costume or a previous dance recital costume and dance shoes and get ready to boogie!

Tap & Acro Master Class: Join Veteran Tap Dog, Anthony Lo Cascio, and former Sesame Street Live performer, Staci Lo Cascio for Tap & Acrobatics on Sunday, October 27th! We loved having them here so much over the summer, we’ve invited them back this fall!! They’ll be offering a Tap I, Tap II, Acro I and Acro II class, between 11 and 5pm. Take 1 or take them all!!

To enroll in Acro II, you must be able to do a front limber with no assistance. To enroll in Tap II, you must be proficient at rolling shuffles (leap shuffles). To view the full schedule and register for this wonderful master class, visit <https://tapdance.ticketleap.com/mainefallworkshop2019/>.

Festival of Lights Parade:

Saturday, Dec. 7th, is the Festival of Lights Parade in Bangor! We'd like to invite all dancers to participate in the parade and ride the float with us!

All dancers must have 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!

New York Here We Come!: We are planning a bus trip to New York City, December 14th-16th! 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 16th, 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 42nd 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 40 seats available, and it's first come first serve. If you'd like to reserve a seat, a non-refundable deposit is due by October 12th. You may join after October 12th, if space is available.

Please e-mail the studio, 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!!

Please visit our website: www.moritasschoolofdance.com

Our website is a great way to stay up to date or to find answers to your questions. We are continuously updating the site with information included the yearly calendar, class schedules, make-up class schedules, newsletters, studio policies, dress codes, and Stars Dance Team information. Bookmark the site and take advantage of the resource!

Print out the following picture and color! If you return your colored picture to the studio, we'll hang it up on our walls!!



Trick or treat,
watch my feet
I can dance and
eat a sweet!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

What is your costume? _____