

MORITA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

October 2022 Studio Newsletter



STUDIO CALENDAR

- October 1st-7th – October Tuition Due
- October 1st-31st – Breast Cancer Awareness Coin Drive
- October 3rd – Dover Foxcroft Studio Classes Begin
- October 7th – Stars Dance Team Performance at Hermon High School Football Game
- October 10th – Columbus Day – Classes WILL be held
- October 10th-15th – Spirit Week – Pink Week!
- October 15th – Hermon Costume Payment/Deposit Due
- October 24th – Dover Costume Payment/Deposit Due
- October 24th-29th – Halloween Dress Up Week
- October 29th – University of Maine Fall Dance Day
- October 31st – Halloween – Classes will NOT be held
- November 1st-7th – November Tuition Due
- November 11th – Veteran's Day – Classes WILL be held
- November 13th – World Kindness Day
- November 21st – Halloween Make-up Day
- November 22nd-November 27th – Thanksgiving Break, No Classes
- November 28th – Classes Resume

STUDIO NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!

HOLIDAY SHOW WEEKEND – DECEMBER 9TH-11TH
END OF THE YEAR RECITAL – MAY 19TH-21ST

We're very excited to announce we will be returning to Peakes Auditorium (Bangor High School) this year for all recitals!

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 15th for our Hermon Studio Dancers and October 24th for our Dover Studio Dancers! Costume information paperwork will be sent home beginning October 3rd. Dancers will begin getting measured for their costumes October 3rd.

We will be ordering costumes this month to have them here by the Holiday Recitals. Dancers will wear their costumes during our Holiday Recitals in December AND our end of the year recital in May!

We will not be able to give your dancer his or her costumes until your full payment has been made. Please let us know if a payment plan or extension is needed.

BREAST CANCER COIN DRIVE: In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, and Miss Denise's mother, Nancy Knowles, 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! Last year the studio raised \$240.62...let's see if we can beat that total this year!!

FIRST ANNUAL COSTUME SALE: We're excited to start a new tradition at the studio this season! During the entire month of October, we will have our first annual costume sale! All of the costumes in the past that we've had extras of, or we didn't send back, we are going to put those for sale in the studio for \$25. These are **brand new** costumes that at one point would have been \$50-65 and are now \$25 only. From kid to adult sizes, these are great costumes for Halloween, if you haven't decided what you're going to be yet, but also just great for your dancer's dress-up bin. So, come on into the studio when you drop your dancer off, and look at the costumes we have for you to pick from.

HALLOWEEN, OCTOBER 31ST – We will not be having classes on Monday, October 31st. For any dancers taking classes in Dover or Hermon on Monday, we will be making up this missed class during our Fall Break on Monday, November 21st.

STUDIO SPIRIT WEEKS

- **PINK WEEK:** October 10th-15th - Wear as much pink as you can and show your support of Breast Cancer Awareness!
- **HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP WEEK:** October 24th-29th - 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!

UMAINE DANCE DAY: The University of Maine Dance Team's Fall Dance Day is happening Saturday, Oct. 29th! Dancers in grades 3rd-12th have the opportunity to perform with the University of Maine Dance Team and Marching Band during halftime of the Maine versus Richmond football game, and we'd love to have dancers from our studio join! Miss Denise is one of the coaches of the Dance Team and will be the instructor that day!

Registration is required, so please remember to register ahead of time. To register for the Fall Dance Day event, please go to <https://forms.gle/3TxsajDeEANGlfU6> by Sunday, October 23rd and fill in the required fields for your dancer!

This is an awesome, free opportunity for your dancers to perform with dancers from across the State of Maine and the UMaine Dance Team!

MAINE DANCE TEACHERS WORKSHOP: The Maine Dance Teacher's Club workshops are starting back up again! All Maine Dance Teacher's workshops are open to anyone ages 8 and up, and we highly encourage anyone who's able to attend, to attend! These workshops are a great way to gain more dance experience and work with new teachers without having to travel out-of-state!

Save the Date! The first workshop will be November 20th.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Dancers born in October!!

Edith B. – 2nd
Aria W. – 3rd
Annabelle H. - 4th
Raylin R. – 5th
Haley D. – 6th
Sophia R. – 6th
Olivia P. – 10th
Teaghan C. – 12th
Mikaylah H. - 17th
Jen S. – 20th
Makayla S. – 23rd
Adeline S. – 24th
JoJo R. – 24th
Everly D. – 26th
Nina E. 27th

****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.**

ILLNESS: Is your dancer not feeling well today? We of course do not want children to miss their dance class, but if your dancer is sick with a cold or flu, please keep them at home. If you know your child will be missing a class, please contact us by e-mail, phone or by submitted an absence report though your online account!

If your dancer misses a class, they may attend another class at the same level or a level below. If you're unsure what class to attend for a make-up class, please email us at msdancestudio68@hotmail.com.

Thank you for helping to keep our dancers healthy!

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE: Saturday, December 3rd, 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 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!

NEW YORK HERE WE COME!: We are planning a bus trip to New York City, December 17th-19th! 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 19th, 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 Hotel Edison on 47th Street in Times Square
- Premier Seating at Radio City Music Hall for the Christmas Spectacular



Trip Prices:

- Quad Room (4 people per room) - \$567.70 per person
- Triple Room (3 people per room) - \$629.70 per person
- Double Room (2 people per room) - \$730.70 per person

We have few seats available, and it's first come first serve. If you'd like to reserve a seat, a non-refundable deposit of \$150 per person is due by October 11th. You may join after October 11th, 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!!