



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Morita's School of Dance

Happy November!

We hope you are enjoying your time here at Morita's School of Dance! Halloween Spirit Week was so fun! We loved seeing all the creative costumes! Thank you to all our dancers for participating!

We are currently hard at work getting ready for our 2022 Holiday Performances 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 3rd, 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, dressed like your 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 19th if you and your dancer will be joining us!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte M. – 1st

Isabel B. – 1st

Nadia I. – 1st

Piper D. – 3rd

Leona M. – 3rd

Eliza P. – 5th

Maggie M. – 5th

Gwendolyn K. – 6th

Melissa C. – 6th

Emmalyn F. – 7th

Isla M.H. – 8th

Saylor C. – 9th

Jennifer C. – 12th

Erica K. – 13th

Madelyn H. – 13th

Megan G. – 14th

Happy Birthday!

Joey A. – 17th

Molly T. – 19th

Victoria B. – 19th

Alianna C. – 21st

Julianna A. – 23rd

Raegan B. – 24th

Penelope J. – 24th

Jolia D. – 26th

Olivia J. – 27th

Brielle S. – 29th

Maureen D. – 30th



STUDIO CALENDAR

November 1st-7th –
November Tuition Payment
Due

November 11th – Veteran's
Day – Classes WILL be held

November 10th – Studio
Apparel Order Deadline

November 20th – 1st Maine
Dance Teacher's Workshop

November 21st-27th – No
Regular Classes,
Thanksgiving Break

November 28th – Costume
Balance Payment Due

November 28th – Classes
Resume

December 1st-7th –
December Tuition Payment
Due

December 3rd – Festival of
Lights Parade

December 9th-11th – Holiday
Recital Weekend

December 12th-16th – Spirit
Week – Crazy Hair Holiday
Week!

December 17th-January 6th –
No Classes, Winter Break

January 7th, 2022 – Classes
Resume

NOVEMBER BREAK

There will be no regular classes from November 21st-27th, the week of Thanksgiving. **On Monday, November 21st, we will be making up our Monday Hermon and Dover Foxcroft studio classes that we did not have on Halloween night.** No other classes are currently scheduled for that week. If you're unsure if your class is being made up, please ask Miss Morita or Miss Denise.

BREAST CANCER COIN DRIVE

The totals are in! Over the past month our 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 \$137.95!

GREAT JOB!!!!

Here are the final totals for each bin:

1. Jr. Line (6th-8th Grade) - \$46.19
2. Sr. Line (9th-up) - \$34.89
3. Jr. Jr. Line (2nd-5th Grade) - \$24.28
4. K-2nd Grade - \$18.26
5. Age 3 though Pre-K - \$14.33

**Congratulations to our Junior Line Classes for
collecting the most in their jar!**

COSTUME DISTRIBUTION

**Costumes will NOT be given to your dancer until your full balance has been paid (costume & tuition balance).

Costumes are arriving daily and are being prepared for distribution. Costumes passed out to dancers will be worn at our Holiday Recital in December and our end of the year recital in May. Please make sure to hold onto all costume pieces. Costume companies do not sell individual costume pieces. If costumes pieces are lost the only way to replace them is to purchase another costume.

MAINE DANCE TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

Maine Dance Teacher's Club workshops are back, and we're excited to see them starting up again. The first workshop this year will be on November 20th!

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! Anyone attending this workshop must register, and this year you must complete your registration online. To register please visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfw4Vp1iWNFqHz5WOoioNVv0PyD-3MjGqtQ-G1QiSPxs6682A/viewform>

Complete the registration form online if you plan on attending. All payments will be taken the morning of during check-in and must be in the form of cash or check.

The workshop will be held at Snow Pond Center for the Arts, on November 20th. Check-in starts at 8:30am. Classes run from 9am-2pm, with a 1-hour lunch break from 11-12pm.

WALL OF KINDNESS

In honor of World Kindness Day (November 13th) we want to spread kindness throughout the entire month of November. If you see someone being kind, or want to write an encouraging note to someone, fill out a heart and add it to our kindness wall. Make someone's day and spread some joy! Let's fill the studio with lovely, kind thoughts!!

HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

For all studio dancers (Hermon and Dover), this year our holiday performance will be held at Peakes Auditorium (Bangor High School)!

Our holiday performances will be recorded, and a digital download will be available for anyone who wishes to order one. Please complete the attached order form and return to our studio by December 16th, 2022.

PERFORMANCE DATES:

- Saturday, December 10th at 12:00pm - Dover Studio Dancers, Hermon Saturday, Junior Line & Senior Line Dancers, All Stars Dance Team Dancers
- Saturday, December 10th at 3:00pm – Hermon Weekday Dancers, All Stars Dance Team Dancers

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of each show.

STAGE REHEARSAL: The onstage rehearsal for our annual Holiday Recital will be held Wednesday (December 7th) for our Junior Line, Senior Line & Adult Dancers, Friday (December 9th) for all other Hermon Studio Classes and Saturday (December 10th) for our Dover Studio classes & Saturday Pre-K class. 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.

Your exact rehearsal time and full schedule will be distributed closer to our recital weekend, and will also be available online at www.moritasschoolofdance.com, under the "Recitals" tab. Each class will have a 5-10 minute block of time to rehearse each routine.

RECITAL VOLUNTEERS: Recital volunteers are needed for both shows! If you'd like to be a recital volunteer (backstage mother, tickets, programs, security, etc), please return the volunteer form that will be emailed November 14th and return it to your dancer's instructor or email it back to msdancestudio68@hotmail.com. Backstage volunteers will be chosen by our staff, and volunteer spots are limited according to class size.

FACE COVERING/MASK: Face masks/coverings are optional for all dancers and guests attending. If your dancer will be wearing a face mask/covering during the recital, please have him or her wear a black face mask/covering. If this policy changes, we will notify everyone, but must follow whatever policy Bangor High School has in place.

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.

TICKETS: Tickets sales begin Wednesday, November 16th. Place your order for tickets online through our online store, found in your parent portal or by emailing the studio at msdancestudio68@hotmail.com. You may also purchase them in person at our Hermon Studio, during rehearsal and at the door prior to the show.

\$15 – 13 years old & over

\$10 – 3 to 12 years old

Free – 2 years old & under



MORITA' SCHOOL OF DANCE

presents

HOLIDAY MAGIC!

December 10th, 2022

Name of Student: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Please select the show day/time you wish to order.

SHOW DAY/TIME

_____ Recital #1 – Saturday, December 10th at 12:00pm

_____ Recital #2 – Saturday, December 10th at 3:00pm

\$20 per Digital Download

Total Cost: _____