

Marilyn Schneider School of Dance

January 2024

STUDIO CLOSED

Martin Luther King Day
Monday January 15
Winter Recess
February 19-25

**ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
Remember to turn in a copy of
your report card to be eligible for
our Academic Award presented
in June. Education is the
foundation to a bright and
successful future!

MSSOD is the place to give you more in 2024!!

Happy New Year! I don't know about everyone else, but the word "WOW" sums up my experience with 2023. There were "WOW" moments of disappointment and discouragement to be sure, but more than that, there were so many "WOW" moments of inspiration, teamwork, friendship and resilience. This year has been one of the hardest to be a business owner, director and teacher – but also one of the most heartening. I have learned patience, pivoting skills and more technical skills (thanks to my team) than I thought imaginable.

As I look ahead to this new year – 2024 – I believe that together as an MSSOD Team – faculty, parents and dancers we will continue to lift each other up, support one another, be safe, continue to follow all "Safer Studio policies" and help our dancers grow to their full potential. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy new year. I look forward to wonderful things to come in 2024!

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CLASS ATTENDANCE

Dance class from now until the end of the year will largely consist of the students learning their dance pieces for recital. It is very important that your student attend class. Dancers should be prepared for dance class, so be sure to wear proper dance clothes with hair pulled back, preferable in a bun. Please call the studio and leave a message if your child is unable to attend class. Remember, missing class will make it difficult for the student to learn what they missed the prior week and affects the entire class. Like any sport, a dancer has a responsibility to their fellow peers, their teacher and themselves, so please encourage your child to do their part. To help your child practice, consider getting a copy of the recital music. CDs are now available for \$2. I really appreciate your support! Wishing you a much better 2024.

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With a score from 1-10, we hope to be 11 in 2024.

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO:

December Coloring Contest Winners. I am proud to announce our winners in both divisions.

Junior Division – Zack Kaufman

Senior Division– Korrie Kaufman

We had several other place winners. Congratulations to all. I have many future artists and I am proud of all of them.

Problems/Concerns

MSSOD and its staff pride themselves on our positive experience and strong customer service. If you ever feel that something is not working for you or your dancer, please let me know. You can email me through our website at www.marilynschneiderdance.com

Label your things!

Now that the winter is upon us, many students have the same boots, jackets, etc. Please make sure that your child has their name in all their belongings. We cannot be responsible for lost/stolen property but would like to help return items and labeling is the easiest way to get things to their rightful owner.

FLU SEASON

PLEASE DO NOT send your dancer to class when they are ill. Germs travel no matter how often we Lysol the barres, mats, etc. If your dancer is too sick for school, then they are too sick for dance as well. This is one of the main reasons I always offer make-up lessons and Zoom classes.

RECITAL 2024

In March you will receive a letter that outline's important dates and information relating to the 2024 recital. There are a few mandatory rehearsals; based upon the show[s] your dancer is assigned. Rehearsal dates will be coming soon! **LAST CHANCE** to register for the 2024 recital is **January 15th**. Final notices have been sent. An additional charge will be made on any forms turned in after January 1st. All dance costume companies have service-handling fees on single orders. **One form per number must be filled out no exceptions!** As I have stated many times before, public performance is an important part of dance training. Students learn to be a more appreciative audience. Public appearances develop your child's poise and self-confidence. It is an important event not to be taken lightly as others are dependent upon your cooperation and commitment. Every year I am proud of the work and devotion that is put forth by all the dancers. I hope you will be part of the success that the 2024 recital is sure to bring.

REMINDERS

TUITION

Please be sure you are up to date with your monthly payments. Bills will be sent to those that are in arrears. To avoid confusion regarding payments please indicate what you are paying for such as tuition, costume or apparel. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PAJAMA WEEK

January 16th-20th Join the spirit...Wear your PJ's to class. Be sure they are danceable.

DANCE ATTIRE

Please be sure all dancers are adhering to the class attire for each class- hair back, limited jewelry & no baggy clothes.

LOST AND FOUND

We are no longer allowed to have a Lost and Found during the pandemic. Please remind your dancer to keep everything in their dance bag.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Do you underestimate your children? Are you so close that you sometimes decide before you give them a chance that they can only do so much? This is normal but hurtful in the development of children. Many children today are getting a "free ride" which hurts them when they go out on their own and see the real world. There aren't many opportunities out there for pampered, less than hard working, less than aggressive, non-confident in their own abilities' young adults. I believe hard work makes people feel good - even children. Dance allows us to teach this. The harder you work the more you will accomplish and the more confident in your abilities you will become.

Dance skills are LIFE skills!

Master Classes with Miss Meg!!

On Friday, February 23rd, Miss Meg will be in town for a few days and will host 2 Master Classes!

13 and Under
Lyrical 1-2 pm
Hip Hop 2-3 pm

14 and Up
Hip Hop 3-4 pm
Lyrical 4-5 pm

These classes are mandatory for all Company Members as part of your dance education, however all dancers are welcome 😊
You may sign up in the lobby

February Break Dance Camp with Miss Meg



Friday February 23rd 9:00 – 12:00
Ages 3-8
Sign up in the lobby

3 Ws in 2024.

As the new season begins, I remind all to continue the 3 W's – Wear a mask if needed, watch our distance, wash hands regularly. This pandemic is far from over, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. I am grateful to you, our MSSOD families for your confidence in me.

Studio Cancellations

MSSOD classes are cancelled due to inclement weather only when Greece Central closes for the day or for after school activities. Closings will be announced on the studio Facebook page and website. You are welcome to make up any cancelled classes.

Shoe Removal

Teachers, Dancers and Parents **MUST REMOVE** all shoes or boots worn outside before entering the dance floor area. Wetness, salt, and dirt on the dance floor make the dance floor DANGEROUSLY slippery for dancers. Many classes travel the entire dance area so please be considerate of all.