



Marilyn Schneider School of Dance

Friday February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day

We will be open! I hope you spend this special day with the ones you love. Also, if you know someone who doesn't have a loved one of their own – maybe you can spend part of your day making them feel special too.

Just as day follows night, spring and summer will follow this cold, snowy winter. With spring brings recital preparations. Recitals are our way of sharing with you just a little of what your child is learning in dance class besides learning to dance. They learn skills to last a lifetime: waiting their turn, following direction, being a team player and discipline. They will be challenged going from comfortable to unsure and then succeeding. To challenge is to inspire a person to do more than they normally would. Teachers do this in school, bosses at work and teachers at the studio. When you are challenged both mentally and physically and you succeed, you become more confident. Dancers perform better when they are confident. Keep practicing at home to develop this confidence. I am so proud of how my dancers have grown thus far.

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Have you found us on Facebook?

Come check us out and like us at Marilyn Schneider School of Dance! And join our private studio group **MSSOD!**

Please mark your calendars with this important date

Saturday February 14th 9:30 – 11:30 am
Father/Princess or Mother/Prince or 'Special Someone'

On Saturday Feb 14, we are excited to host our annual Valentine's Ball. This is always a very popular event here at **MSSOD**. This is a "dress up event" where lifelong memories will be made. All dancers aged 3-10 are invited to bring one special date (Dad, Mom, Grandparent or Special Someone) to dance with them. We will learn a very cute partner dance. Dancers will also show their new class routines to all. Parents are invited to arrive with cameras in hand to take video and pictures at the end of this performance at 11:15. We hope all will participate in this special event.

MSSOD Company News

Our first competition of the season was NYCDA, held in Baltimore, Jan 23-25. Our entire Company attended this convention. Our competition results are posted at the studio. I was so proud. Our dancers all received Platinum, High Gold & Gold awards. Two of our group dances were nominated for the coveted Critics Choice Award. Outstanding Dancer Scholarships were won by Korrie Kaufman (Jr) and Nick Guarino (Sr). Nick also won a Steps on Broadway Conservatory Scholarship. Aria Lekich won a Future Star Scholarship. Our most proud award was the Good Sportsmanship Award. This award was earned by all members of MSSOD Company for great character, etiquette, backstage kindness & simply being great humans!! I couldn't be PROUDER!!

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Sound of Music at Athena High School

Madi Boura, Jamie Fetzner & Jayden Trafton are performing in "Sound of Music" at GAHS
Performances are Jan 30 - 31, Feb 1, 7-8 @ 7pm
Feb 1 & 8 @ 2pm
Come support our dancers and enjoy the fine arts

Recital Music

A copy of your recital music can be obtained for \$2. It's so much more fun to practice with your music.

Our recital will be held on **Sat June 20, 2026**. Costumes have been ordered for all who registered.

Recital tickets will go on sale in mid-May

Develop patience for your dancer

We would love our dancers to learn and improve super fast but usually it doesn't work that way. We need to have plenty of patience with their learning practices and their performances at the competitions. Believe that **they are learning all of the time**. Some of the learning is invisible at the moment but will surface in time.

Parents want so much for their kids but remember, patience is important.

February Events

February 16 – 22 the studio will be closed for February break. We're open Monday, February 23rd

Feb 20 – 22 Company dancers will attend Tremaine competition and convention In Pittsburgh

Stay Healthy / Stay Home – As we continue through COVID/FLU season, we ask that if your dancer shows signs of illness including but not limited to fever, stomachache, vomiting, severe congestion and cough that you keep them home. Please don't spread germs to your fellow dancers and teachers.

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

Report Cards– Every student should have received their mid-term reports. If you did not, please contact Marilyn at mecaccamise@gmail.com

Recycle– I have a lot of water bottles left behind at night. Please be sure to **EMPTY** the water bottles and put them in the recycle bin in the lobby.

WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN KEEPING THE STUDIO CLEAN. PLEASE NO EATING AND ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN THE DANCE AREA

Poppin' Popcorn Fundraiser – Our Poppin' Popcorn fundraiser begins Feb 6 and goes until Feb 21. This is a great fundraiser where many earn **FREE** costumes! You must join online to receive credit in our group. Check out the email dated 1/30/26 for more information!

Snow Days

We follow the Greece CSD weather closings. For perfect attendance it is not necessary to make these snow day classes up. However, you are welcome to take an extra class, if you desire

Getting to Know MSSOD Saturday Assistants

Brooklyn, Abby, Olivia & Korrie

Our MSSOD Saturday dancers are so fortunate to have these wonderful teens assisting Nick and myself, helping every dancer as they learn new techniques, dances and of course make ups. These teens are not only fabulous dancers, but they are also excellent role models for our future stars.

Parents – if you ever have any questions about dances, policies, etc. these assistants will be most helpful to you.

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

In effort to better communicate with parents, I have introduced mailbox folders for all dancers

Parents – please stop in the studio and check your dancer's mailbox folder routinely for future updates. The plastic containers with the folders are located in the waiting area.

Valentine Spirit Week Feb 9-14

Monday – Red, White & Pink

Tuesday – Red, White, Pink or Valentine socks or tights

Wednesday – Love Your Team – Wear your MSSOD studio merch to class

Thursday – Cupid's Crazy Hair

Friday – Valentine Swag – Red, Pink or White sweats or PJs

Saturday – Dress Your Best for our Valentines Ball