



Marilyn Schneider School of Dance



May is here!

There are only a few weeks left until dancers get to perform on stage. I am so excited for this. They all have been working so hard! Costumes are now in and may be taken home once they are paid for. Parents, please stop in at the studio to get your instructions on costume alterations, they are posted in the lobby. Also, please check your dancer's mailbox weekly so you receive all notices in a timely manner. Your support of the dancers and MSSOD is so important, and I cannot thank you enough. Here are the updates for a fantastic last few weeks.

Dancingly,

Marilyn

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday May 15th – Fall

Registration opens.

Monday May 25th – The studio will be closed for Memorial Day

Sunday June 7th – Last day of classes

Teacher Appreciation Day is May 7th

How about writing a note to your dance teacher? Let them know how much you appreciate all they do!

Mother's Day is May 10th

We celebrate every dance mom and thank you for all you do for your dancers. We fully understand that without each of you, we would not be here. The studio will be closed on Mother's Day, May 11th.

PICTURE DAYS

All class, solo, duet and trio photos will be taken by Colorgraphics on June 8th & 9th at the Long Pond Studio. The photo schedule is posted at the studio and on our website. Plan to arrive in costume 10 minutes before your scheduled times. Parents, please stay out of the photo room as it distracts our dancers. Payment must accompany your order form (you may run a tab and pay for all pictures you are ordering at one time). Please come with your form filled out prior to entering the studio. Pictures will arrive within one month. Even if you choose not to place an order, please attend your class group picture.

ELITE Travel Company, Rising Stars House Company & Pee Wee Team

For any dancers interested in auditioning for one or more of our competition teams, auditions will be held in June, the week after recital. Pee Wee team will have auditions in August. Watch the bulletin board and web site for details. All Company Dancers must study all areas of dance, all year long as well as attend an extra technique class and special choreography classes.

If you have questions, please see Marilyn, Amy Gray or Kim Persica

DRESS REHEARSAL

All groups will have a complete dress rehearsal on June 10 -13th & June 16 (Show 2) at the Long Pond Studio. The June 18 (Show 1) will be at Olympia HS.

The dress rehearsal allows the students to become more familiar with the performance. It also helps them feel more comfortable performing. Lights, scenery, music and cues and all other logistics for an organized and professional performance are rehearsed. Participation in the dress rehearsal is mandatory. We run an organized and timely dress rehearsal and your help with the process is greatly appreciated. Please arrive 15 minutes early so students are dressed and ready to dance on time.

Recital Poster Contest

Now through June 12th, show your studio spirit and your artistic talent. All posters will be on display at the recital. The winner in each age category wins a cash prize!



Overdue Balances

If a student has any overdue balances (i.e. costumes, competition fees, tuition etc.) they will not be allowed to participate in recital. Please make sure your accounts are up to date. Overdue accounts will be turned over to Metropolitan Collection Agency

Dance Attire– Please be sure all dancers are adhering to the class attire for each class – hair back and off the face, limited jewelry and no baggy clothes. Tights are mandatory! Label your shoes and dance clothes!

MSSOD Dance Apparel – Apparel is available for purchase on Customized Girl, check our website for the link! They make wonderful recital gifts.

Performance Tickets

Each MSSOD family is offered 2 tickets with payment of your performance fee. We hope each family will use these tickets to invite family and friends. The dancers have worked hard: it is exciting for them to see so many happy faces before them. We do have additional tickets available for presale to anyone who needs more, price \$15 each. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$20. Each family will receive a digital download of the performance they are performing in.

STARBOUND

The MSSOD House along with some of our soloists, duets, competed at the Rochester Auditorium at this national dance competition. We congratulate all for their high scores & top overalls. Congrats to Autumn, Bella N, Daniella, Aria, Karalyn, Bella C, Kendall, Brianna, Liv, Armani, Rebecca, Averie & Nick!

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Check us out and “like” us on Facebook. You can also follow us at mssod585 on Instagram!

Summer Registration

Forms are now available for Summer registration. Register early to guarantee a place in class!

Academic Achievers

To become eligible for this award, submit any report card from this year to Marilyn by May 7th. A photo of all our Academic Achievers will be taken during picture days. Please wear our 2025 recital t-shirt and black shorts or leggings.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

Ushers are needed to collect tickets. Please contact Marilyn if you are interested in helping.

PERFORMANCE ETIQUETTE

I ask that all audience members be respectful to the students dancing on stage.

A respectful audience:

- **Never stands up to leave during a performance**
- **Never expects to enter or exit the theatre while a performance is on stage**
- **Never carries on a conversation as it is disruptive to those around you**
- **Always turn off or silence electronic devices**

Parents of small children:

- **Be sure to keep small children in the seat next to you**
- **Do not allow small children to wander up and down the aisle of the theatre**
- **Take the opportunity to teach your child that they should speak in a whisper and keep conversations and questions to a minimum**

Parents of older children

- **Refrain children from using small handheld devices as they are disruptive to those around them with additional lights and sounds**
- **Please keep older siblings and guests from shouting out and carrying on in a disruptive manner**

By following these simple guidelines, our performances will be respected, and it will create an enjoyable environment for all our audience members.

The proper way to reward a wonderful performance is with respectful applause

Performance Volunteer Information

The performance is a hectic experience! That's why I ask for help! Class moms are needed for each class to supervise the dancers. They will be able to watch their dancers from backstage. They are responsible for making sure each child has the proper costume, accessories, shoes and make-up. Class moms leave the students with the stage managers. After they finish dancing, the Class mom makes sure all dancers return to their dressing room. I also need volunteer make-up and hair-do moms, check-in mom or dad and backstage helpers.

Parent Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating Parent Appreciation Week May 11 – 16. You are welcome to watch your dancer's class(es) and ask any questions you may have concerning costumes, rehearsals, pictures, Summer or next Fall. Thank you for being a part of our MSSOD Family!

Recital T-Shirts have been ordered

We have extra shirts in some sizes that may be purchased for \$27 (while supplies last). Parents may want one as we will be wearing these shirts at all studio events.

Refer a Friend

Remember, if you refer a friend to our studio and they register, you will receive a \$10 credit off one month's tuition. Make sure they put your name in the appropriate spot on the registration form to ensure proper credit.

Final Tuition Payment – Tuition is based on the entire

season in full (September – June) and broken into 10 equal monthly installments. Therefore, as per the handbook and tuition information provided at the beginning of the fall season, your June tuition will be due as normal on June 1st.

Red, White & Blue Week is May 22-24th

Wear your patriotic colors to the studio and show your pride in the USA!



Summer Camps 2026

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518 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14612

Register online at msschoolofdance.com

SUMMER GOALS: UNPLUG & HAVE FUN AT MSSOD

Instead of spending your summer bargaining over screen time, why not sign your dancer up for one of our summer programs? They will stay active, make friends, and have a blast!

Price - \$40 per camp which includes crafts and snacks.

Early Bird Special - Register and pay to secure your spot by April 1st and receive a bundle price of \$35 per camp when you register for 3 or more dates.



Bluey Bash

Sat, July 11, 2026

Ages 3-10

9-12pm

Join Bluey, Bingo and friends for a morning of dancing, playing and make-believe. Inspired by the hit show "Bluey" - this camp will bring adventures to life through creative movement, dance, games, and songs.



Wickedly Magical Camp

Sat, July 18, 2026

Ages 4-12

9-12pm

Step into the enchanting world of Wicked. This camp invites dancers to explore jazz, lyrical, and creative movement while bringing the magic of witches to life. Get ready for WICKED fun and dance.



Island & Ocean Princess Camp

Sat, July 25, 2026

Ages 3-10

9-12pm

Dive into a magical world of waves, sunshine, and adventure with our Island and Ocean Princess dance camp. Dancers will be inspired by Moana, Ariel, and Lilo as they explore creative movement, ballet, and fun choreography. We will bring these favorite princesses to life through dance, games, crafts and musical storytelling.



Taylor Swift - Showgirl Camp

Sat, Aug 1, 2026

Ages 5-12

9-12pm

Get ready to shimmer, sparkle, and shine at this Showgirl Dance Camp. Campers will dive into fun jazz and hip-hop combos inspired by Taylor's newest hits. This camp is full of glamour, sparkle, and moves fit for a high-energy performance!



KPop Pop Star Camp

Sat, Aug 8, 2026

Ages 5-12

9-12pm

Step into the spotlight to dance like a KPop Star. This camp will feature high energy choreography and catchy moves to inspire confidence, rhythm, and teamwork. From twirls and leaps to popstar style grooves, every dancer will get a chance to shine while exploring the exciting world of KPop.