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## Columbus Day – the studio is open October 11th.

Monday October 26-Saturday October 30 will be SPIRIT WEEK where dancers can dress in festive fashion and celebrate MSSOD spirit.

**Monday, October 25th**

Movie Star Monday

**Tuesday, October 26th**

Tue Dye Tuesday

**Wednesday, October 27th**

Wacky Wednesday

**Thursday, October 28th**

Team Thursday

**Friday, October 29th**

Freaky Friday

**Saturday, October 30th**

Halloween costumes

Dancers can wear their Halloween costumes to dance class on Saturday (as long as it is dance-able). We will be doing a regular dance class as well as some fun activities in class and a treat exchange at the end. We will close at 5pm on October 30st.

***A note to parents,*** *please come to the door to pick up your dancer. They should not be standing outside alone waiting for your arrival.*

Please remind your children that the studio is a place to be respected. Please keep it clean! Due to the COVID pandemic we are no longer allowed to have a lost and found container.

And don’t forget to recycle all cans, plastic, and glass bottles.

Follow us and stay updated on our activity!

Facebook: Marilyn Schneider School of Dance

Instagram: mssod585 | Web: [www.msschoolofdance.com](http://www.msschoolofdance.com)

Facebook – Private Group – MSSOD

##### **Spirit Week and Halloween Class Celebrations**

#### Save the Date!

# October News from Marilyn

# Welcome to the second month of dance. I am very pleased with the first month of the season and hope you are too. I would like to emphasize something that is important to me. Dance is important to children. To dance is to discover a new world of sensory awareness for all ages. I refer not only to the movement of the body, but also to the inner awareness of movement when the dance becomes “magic” and the dancer is in a magical state of being. Although learning to dance contains a lot of imitation of the teachers and other students, it also involves self-discovery within each dancer. Dance helps build body awareness, concentration, focus, awareness of and respect for others, cognitive learning, self-esteem, and values. I am very glad you chose to use dance as an outlet for your child to grow. It will be a great part of their lives forever! Please take time to ask your dancers, “What did you learn today?” Your involvement is an important part in their education and growth as a human being. Thank you for being part of our MSSOD family. We pledge to offer your children an awesome experience that they will fondly remember for life.

# Dancingly,

# Marilyn

**Marilyn Schneider School of Dance**

October 2021

**DANCE CLASS ATTIRE**

*Just a reminder—dancers need to come to class dressed appropriately. Students need to attend class dressed in leotards, tights, dance shorts, skirts and/or capris. Hair must be up and secured. Please do not send your dancer in street clothes and, finally, please be sure that dance shoes are not worn outside.*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

**The nicest compliment you can give us is the referral of your friends and relatives.**

***THANK YOU!***

What makes **MSSOD** the most **special and unique** dance school?

Besides having award winning competition groups and soloists ranked as some of the best in the country?

Besides having graduates who are now on Broadway and in entertainment venues across the country?

MSSOD is a unique and professional dance school that prides itself on providing excellent training for every single student—whether they study once a week or every day!!

Want to sign up for another class?

**Why not now?**

If you are already taking a dance class you will get a discount for taking any additional classes.

**Available Openings:**

**Beginning Combo**

Saturday 9am

**Beginning Lyrical**

Wednesday 6:30pm WW

**Beginning Hip Hop**

Saturday 9:30am WW

**Musical Theater**

*(For 7 years old and up)*

Tuesday 6-7pm

**Adult Tap & Ballet**

**Tap-** Monday 6:30pm WW

**Ballet-** Monday 7:30pm WW

Have fun and exercise.

Learn moves for out on the dance floor.

**Beginning Jazz**

Tuesday 4:00pm

**Beginning Ballet**

Saturday 12:00pm

**Beginning Tap**

Saturday 1:00pm

*MSSOD DANCE APPAREL*

*Apparel is available for purchase through* [*www.notjustdance.com*](http://www.notjustdance.com)

*Check out our website (*[*www.msschoolofdance.com*](http://www.msschoolofdance.com)*)*

*for available items.*

*They make wonderful holiday gifts.*

**FUNDRAISERS**

--In September, we emailed info for our Niagara Chocolate fundraiser to your account.

**All orders are ordered online by November 15th.**

--“Save Around” coupon books are here. They will sell for $25 and you will receive $5 per book sold.

--Keep saving your cans and bottles for MSSOD Company fundraising.

**CLASS PLACEMENT**

*The MSSOD Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for cooperating with the instructors during the past month of class, evaluating each dancer to ensure they are placed in the appropriate class level. If you are unsure if your child’s class is a good fit, please speak to the instructor.*

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**Rachel Rightmyer** was selected to perform for Parents Weekend at Elon University. She is performing Hip Hop. **Marina DiVasta** is again performing in several dance groups at Case Western.

Cards for Our Super Heroes

At MSSOD we pride ourselves on being “more than just about dancing”. We strive to teach our dancers the value of Community Service. During September our dancers were encouraged to make cards to show appreciation for the hard-working heroes at U of R. Paper was provided and creativity was encouraged. Thank you to everyone who participated. Stacey Morrison, our Co-Chairperson of MSSOD Elite Company mailed the cards as a group.

## Fire Safety Week

**October 4-** MSSOD will participate in Fire Safety Week. I will do a short educational activity in all the Saturday classes. Reminders will also be given during the weekly classes.

## Dance Masters of America

Our first master class workshops will be held on Sunday, October 17 at the Quality Inn and Suites in Batavia, NY. There will be an excellent faculty. Any dancer from MSSOD is welcome to attend. Register with your teacher or Marilyn. Come see our royalty – Averie, Nathan, Lexi and Victoria in action.

## Weekly Themes

As part of offering our students “more than just great dancing” we will have an educational discussion each week on a variety of topics.

October 5-10 Fire Safety

October 12-17 Positivity

October 19-24 Kindness – Spread Like Confetti

October 25-30 Halloween Spirit

## Annual Benefit for Journey Home

**Saturday, December 11** at OFC is the date for annual Journal Home Benefit Show. We will soon be starting dances for this Holiday Show. It’s important that students attend their classes on a regular basis so that they do not fall behind. We don’t have a lot of time to learn these dances so each class is important. Please make every effort to attend class. Due to the pandemic we will not be performing at the nursing homes this season.

## Alumni News

**BANANA SPLIT CLUB:**

**All dancers who achieve 3 flat splits will be in our honorary Banana Split Club. A poster in our studio will display the names of all of our Split Club members. A coupon for a free ice cream cone will be awarded. Achieving 3 flat splits just got a little sweeter!**

**REMINDER:**

**Tuition is due the first class of every month. After the 20th of the month, a $10 late fee will be assessed to your account.**

# *What’s Happening*

**MSSOD Class**

**Make-Up Policy:**

**Because of the COVID pandemic our class sizes are limited. Many classes are full and unable to offer make-ups. You are always welcome to “zoom” your class if you cannot attend in person as long as you notify the teacher, so we have time to se up. You may also speak with your teacher who will give you an in-person make-up class which you will be allowed to attend.**

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![A person with long hair

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**AMY CAMPBELL GRAY**

has been involved at MSSOD since she was 3 years old. She was a student, Company Member, assistant teacher and has now been teaching at MSSOD for 21 years. She is

a graduate of Penn State University and when she is not dancing, she is a full time Special Education teacher in Batavia. She is also busy this year planning her wedding celebration for August 2022.

This year she is Company Director for our Elite Division. She is also teaching Lyrical, Jazz, Contemporary, and Tap. Her favorite area of dance is Lyrical, and her favorite workshop is Tremaine. Her favorite color is pink and loves reality shows on TV.

**Amy's goal for this year is to make every class fun and push her students to their full potential.**

**DANCE IS GOOD FOR ALL. IT’S FUN!** ***The top ten reasons why every child should dance:***

1. Develops self-confidence
2. Develops self-esteem
3. Fosters self-discipline
4. Develops leaders
5. Teaches social skills and team building skills
6. Enables children to create, express, and discover themselves
7. Encourages a healthy, active lifestyle
8. Includes all children regardless of physical ability
9. Develops rhythm, sense of musicality, and music appreciation
10. Energizes school programs

**TUTU WALK**

I want to thank everyone who participated or donated to the huge success of our first annual TUTU WALK to support our Scholarship Fund. After 11 years and the closure of Friendly’s our funds have dwindled, yet I wanted our scholarships and memories of Christal and Ashley to continue. Thank YOU to Jen Hanrahan and Lysa Wade for chairing this wonderful, fun event. If you missed it, check out the photos on our Facebook Page. We had participants ranging in age from 3 to senior citizens. Our prize winners were: Most Supporters – Korrie Kaufman. It was a GREAT way to begin our new season.

Ask almost any three-year-old girl what she wants to be when she grows up and she will tell you, “I want to be a ballerina.” Dancers dance because they love dancing. The value of dance is far greater than the awards, trophies, or honors. Whether it is ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, or hip hop, dance develops an individual sense of confidence as students experience the joys of physical activity and having fun. You can see it in the way a dancer walks and stands with grace and poise. In the youngest student, dance inspires creativity, develops a sense of musicality, and teaches specific movements that increase gross motor skills. In the older student, dance enhances time management skills, cooperation, discipline, and art appreciation. Self-expression through the art of dance can release stress and tension and can help students cope with problems while building greater self-esteem. From your child’s first class to their graduation performance, MSSOD has a class for everyone. We specialize in beginners of all ages and offer training through pre-professional levels, but MSSOD is more than great dancing. Our dancers go beyond technique to developing important life skills, learning to be respectful, confident, and conscientious young people who share their gifts and talents with the community. Thank you for choosing MSSOD.

***FACULTY SPOTLIGHT***

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# Why Dance?

Faculty Spotlight

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