

*Happening this month*

## SUMMER & FALL REGISTRATION

Our summer camp schedule and fall/spring class schedule will be listed on the website February 19th. We will begin accepting registration from current MDC families for both on February 19th on a first come, first serve basis. Registration will open to the public on March 1st. Plan to register early so you don't end up on a wait list!

## 2024/2025 COMPANY AUDITIONS

Company auditions will be held on Saturday, May 18th. An informational parent meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd and is required for all new parents having dancers interested or planning to audition. Prep classes will be held Friday, May 4th. More detailed information will be in the March newsletter.

## 5 & 10 YEAR DANCERS

If you have been dancing with us for 5 or 10 consecutive years, please notify the office so that we can honor you at recital. For 5 year dancers, we need an early dance shoe (preferably ballet or jazz) by March 1st. Please deliver this shoe to the office in a Zip-loc bag labeled with dancer's name.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 19-23- Picture Week (no classes)
- February 19- Registration opens to MDC families for summer and fall classes
- March 1- Registration opens to the public
- March 11-15- Closed for Spring Break
- April 29 & 30- Tech Rehearsals at HCU (formerly HBU)
- May 31 & June 1- Recitals at HCU

## WEATHER CLOSURE MAKE UP CLASSES

Any dancer whose class was cancelled due to the weather closures on January 15th & 16th may dance a make up class through the end of February. Please notify the office if you would like to schedule a make up class.

# **COSTUME CHECK & PICTURE WEEK**

*February 19-23*

Costumes will begin going home the week of Valentine's Day, along with any ordered tights and t-shirts. Please try costumes on as soon as possible to make sure they fit! If they are too big, you can alter them. If they are too small, notify the office immediately. Late order costumes will go home as soon as we receive them. The 2024 Recital Guide will be emailed, providing you with all recital information and details.

We are very excited to announce that individual photos will be taken at the studio February 19-23 by David Shutts Photography. Payment will be due at the time of your sitting. You will also be able to purchase an ad in the recital program using the photo taken by David Shutts Photography. Additionally, we will hold costume check to be sure all costumes are worn the same and you have all accessories, so it is mandatory that you attend even if you choose not to have your photo taken. You may wear your hair as you wish for individual photos. We will not hold classes these days. A link to the photo order form will be provided in advance.

Each dancer has been given an assigned day/time. This schedule can be found in the link in this email blast. Dates and times are firm. We must first clear the previous group of dancers before admitting the next group. Should you be unable to attend your scheduled time, please call or email the office to reschedule. We thank you in advance for your assistance and understanding as we strive to provide an efficient and calm picture week for our dancers and families.

## **OPEN CURTAIN WEEKS**

We are excited to host our second Open Curtain week of the year! This opportunity for you to view your child's class will take place this month during our designated Open Curtain weeks.

- Drop-off will occur as normal and visitors will be invited to stand in the hallway once the class has settled inside the classroom.
- Due to space constraints, please have no more than two visitors per student and strollers are not permitted.
- Parking will be limited - please do not park in the fire lane!
- To protect our students and respect the wishes of all parents, there is to be no videography or photography.
- Classes should run as normal as possible and we ask that you do not interact with the students through the viewing windows. Viewers should also not open the classroom door for any reason.
- You are free to watch all or a portion of your dancer(s) class(es).
- Pick-up will occur as normal and visitors of young students will be asked to wait for their dancer at their appropriate pick-up waiting area.

### **OPEN CURTAIN PART 1**

January 29 - February 2

Classes that take place in studios 1, 3, 5 & 6

### **OPEN CURTAIN PART 2**

February 5-9

Classes that take place in studios 2 & 4