



STUDIO NEWS... AND ALL THAT JAZZ

March 2026

REMINDER... No classes 2/23/2026 – 3/6/2026

Recital time is going to be here soon!! This time of year, is one of our favorite times! It is so inspiring to think back to the first week of classes and realize what progress our dancers have made to get themselves to this point. When first introduced to new skills and choreography we were met with frightened expressions and comments of "I can't do that" and "I'll never get that!" Time passes and pretty soon they are indeed doing it and they are indeed getting through it in a really ruff looking form. A few more weeks pass and we are hearing "WOW! I can do it!" and "Hey! I am good at this!" and "Watch me do it!" Not only can they do it but they are moving with style and grace. We see the results of our dancers having confidence, working hard and the power of positive thinking. This is one of the reasons we are dance instructors! It is so rewarding! We learn so much more in dance class than just fancy footwork! We will really be stressing expression over the next few weeks. A dancer's job is to express their story and emotion through nothing more than their movement. Do you know how hard it is to concentrate on your dance routine, while being nervous and remembering to smile? We want our dancers to be (or at least appear) comfortable on stage and that is something that takes practice. Once expression feels natural it does get a bit easier. Tomorrow morning, ask your dancer to express their mood using

only the way they move and the expression on their face. Can you guess what kind of mood they are in? Have them guess what kind of mood you are in or what kind of day you are having by the way you move. A lot can be said while saying nothing at all.

SHOES SHRINKING? ~DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MARCH 12th~

Please check your child's dance shoes. This time of year, feet seem to be growing or shoes are shrinking...one or the other. Either way, if you need to purchase new dance shoes, please let us know now so we have time to place an order before show time.

DANCE PRODUCTION VOLUNTEERS

We already have parents asking when they can sign up to be a backstage helper for the productions and we LOVE you for that! The recital helper sign up board will be up soon. If you have helped in the past, you will agree that it is wild and fast paced but oh so much fun! As a **VIV** (**V**ery **I**mportant **V**olunteer) you receive a couple of perks. We like to say thank you with a complimentary show ticket and early bird access to ticket sales. Thank you for considering being a helper.

We appreciate it and so does your child!

DANCE PRODUCTION REMINDER



Dress Rehearsal:
Friday May 15th – 6:00 PM
All Dancers Must Attend

Dance Productions:
Saturday, May 16th – 6:00 PM
Sunday, May 17th – 3:00 PM
All Dancers Perform in Both Shows

Please mark this on your calendar. Be sure to keep an eye open for the April Newsletter detailing recital weekend.

We use our Facebook page as a bulletin board for important information. Be sure to like Dancin' Plus so you don't miss a beat!

We are already looking forward to seeing our dancers shine on stage and can't wait to share performance weekend with our dance families!

Dancin' Plus Picture Day is Coming Soon!

Saturday, March 28th 9:00am - 12:00pm
Seifried Portrait Design 200 Downtown Plaza -
Fairmont

Individual and sibling dance costume photos available.

Come & Go Style - No appointment needed!!

Arrive in costume and ready to smile! Don't forget your dance shoes!

You will register your child when you arrive.

If you are unable to make it on Saturday morning, please contact Seifried Portrait Design to set up another photo session. Additional charges may apply.

All questions regarding pictures or picture day should be directed to Seifried Portrait Design at

507-238-2441 or support@spdgallery.com

Seifried Portrait Design is excited to see you on photo day!

**** Pictures are optional! ****

How it all works -

You will receive your child's photo prior to ordering. Images will be sent to your cell phone and/or email approximately a week after portrait day.

Place your order anytime... day or night. **Best deals in the first 3 days!**

Photo orders delivered directly to your house within about one week of placing your order.

Keep a watch on your email and/or text messages for a link to your dancer's online image gallery. Remember to check your Spam/Junk folder!

A SNEAK PEEK AT THE 2026-2027 FULL LENGTH DANCE SEASON

It may seem early to already be planning for 2026-2027 but a great dance season requires a lot of behind the scenes planning and preparation before we are even ready to begin classes for another year. So that you can plan accordingly as well, here is a sneak peak at our schedule for the next season.

If you are selective with class options, register early to ensure you get your first choice. Thank you!

The 2026-2027 Dance Season

Classes Begin The Week Of September 14, 2026

MONDAY

AGES 6-7 TAP & BALLET.....	4:30-5:15 pm
AGES 4-5 TAP & BALLET.....	5:15-6:00 pm
AGES 14+ TAP BALLET/LYRICAL JAZZ/HIP HOP.....	6:00-7:15 pm
AGES 14+ POINTE (By Teacher Recommendation)	7:15-8:00 pm

TUESDAY

AGES 4-5 TAP & BALLET.....	4:30-5:15 pm
AGES 8-10 TAP BALLET/LYRICAL JAZZ/HIP HOP.....	5:15-6:30 pm

THURSDAY

AGES 6-7 TAP & BALLET.....	4:00-4:45 pm
AGES 8-10 TAP BALLET/LYRICAL JAZZ/HIP HOP	4:45-6:00 pm
AGES 11-13 TAP BALLET/LYRICAL JAZZ/HIP HOP	6:00-7:15 pm
AGES 11-13 POINTE (By Teacher Recommendation).....	7:15-8:00 pm

When considering class times, for proper placement, please use child's age as of September 1, 2026.

Online Registration Begins Saturday, April 25th

POINTE INVITES

Those students showing enough progress in ballet to enroll in pointe (pronounced point) for the next season will receive a recommendation to enroll in pointe class about April 1st. If you received one in the past but decided to wait to enroll in pointe, the invite does not expire. Join us! If you do not receive one, never fear, dancers progress at different rates, and we are always re-evaluating the dancer's progress. We will be sure to let you know when we feel you are ready. Keep up the good work dancers!

BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM

This is the time of year we begin to see dancers with butterflies because they know that dance production weekend is nearing. This is completely normal and expected. As grown-ups we know that the dance recital is not something that will hurt them. It is not dangerous to be on stage yet, some children can have anxiety over it. And that is ok. It is just a matter of normal lack of self-esteem and confidence sneaking its way out of your child. When children dance, they have a "golden opportunity" to develop a positive self-image. We need parents to do their part. Here are some ideas to help build your child's self-esteem on and off the dance floor:

- * Keep it positive. When you find something to correct, find four other things to praise.
- * Instill humor. Help kids laugh at their mistakes.
- * Develop team spirit. Help your child think "we" not "me."
- * Step into your child's shoes. See life through her/his eyes. Listen and understand their feelings.
- * Involve yourself. Volunteer. Ask your child questions.
- * Notice any and all progress, in both skill and effort.
- * Praise specifics. Don't say: "Laura, good job!" Say "I love the way

you got yourself dressed for dance class and had your dance bag packed and ready to head to class with you!"

ATTENDANCE

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS SO IMPORTANT DURING THIS TIME OF THE DANCE SEASON! WE ARE KICKIN' OUR HEELS INTO OVERDRIVE GETTING OURSELVES POLISHED FOR OUR PERFORMANCES. WE WANT TO DO OUR BEST! THANK YOU FOR HONORING YOUR COMMITMENT TO DANCE CLASS.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, March 12th

Last Day To Order Recital Tights, Undergarments AND Shoes Order forms were sent home with dancers, if you did not receive one let us know!

Saturday, March 28th - 9:00AM-12:00PM

Picture Day At Seifried Portrait Design
Please see Details in This Newsletter

Week Of March 30th

Recital packets will be sent home

Saturday, April 11th - 9:00AM

Recital Ticket Presale for Those Graduating and Back Stage Helpers (VIVs)

Details included in your recital packet sent home soon.

Saturday, April 18th - 9:00AM

Ticket Sales Begin for All Dance Families
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Fairmont Junior Senior High School

So, you do not miss a beat...watch for your dance recital
packet the week of March 30th.

If you are absent that week, it will be mailed to you.