



STUDIO NEWS ... AND ALL THAT JAZZ

September-October 2026

**Dance classes begin the week of September 14th.
We can't wait to dance with you!**

If you need dance shoes or dancewear, please refer to the Back to Dance Dayz information that was included in your registration letter.

WELCOME to the 2026 - 2027 dance season!

We are so happy you will be joining us on the dance floor. We are looking forward to having the dance studio full of dancing hustle and bustle. We put a lot of thought into what kind of studio we want to have. Dancin' Plus isn't only be a place to learn fancy footwork. We want it to be a place to strengthen confidence, build self-esteem, and develop friendships. We want to create a place where hard work, dedication, smiles and a lot of laughter came together to result in something you don't just talk about but something you can feel. We want a place where our dancers can see the results of goal setting, working hard and team effort. We want a unique and fun atmosphere for our dancers to learn that they are the ones responsible for making their dreams come true on and off the dance floor. This has always been our philosophy and are so excited to continue and share our passion for dance with you!

**FIRST TUITION PAYMENT:
SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN THE
10th OF SEPTEMBER. - THANK YOU SO MUCH**

For your convenience, all payment totals and due dates are listed in the registration letter you received in the mail. There are three easy ways to make your payment.

1. When they come for class, dancers can deposit payments (cash or check) in our locked payment drop box on the wall near our front desk. If paying with cash, please be sure to put it in an envelope marked with dancer's first and last name.
2. Mail it to our mailing address: Dancin' Plus 310 S Hampton St Fairmont MN 56031
3. Pay online through the link sent to your email. Fees apply.

Please note....

We DO NOT have an outdoor drop box to drop payments in after hours. Think of our online payment system as the after-hours drop box.

OUR TEACHING TEAM

Ms. Laura Douglas and Ms. Aurora Meadows are the owners of Dancin' Plus Studio. Together they choreograph and teach all classes. Ms. Laura has been dancing at Dancin' Plus since 1995. She became an assistant instructor in 2005. Ms. Aurora has been dancing at Dancin' Plus since 2001. In 2011 Ms. Aurora became an assistant teacher. In 2019 Ms. Laura and Ms. Aurora started to choreograph and teach their own classes together.

HALLOWEEN

We love a celebration! Feel free to dress up for class the week of October 26th.

Please be sure your costume allows for movement and does not drag on the floor. Dance safe!

STAYING UP TO DATE

We want our dancers and their families to feel welcome, comfortable and well informed. One of the ways we do that is by keeping you informed through our newsletters. Each time a new edition of our studio newsletter is available, a copy will be emailed to you. We will also post a copy on our website. It will cut down on your paper piles at home and give you quick access!

There are several newsletters sent throughout the year:

September/October

November/December

January/February

March

April (dance production issue)

June (season wrap up / summer edition)

If you have not already, please take a moment to meet our two office assistants. "Miss Studio Handbook" and "Mr. Studio Website." They are a wealth of information that helps our dance studio run smoothly. They very rarely do not know the answers to your questions. They both know that lives are busy and you appreciate having information fast and at your fingertips. The studio handbook was emailed to you after you registered. It is also posted on our website!

Visit us at www.dancinplus.com

Did you know we have a studio Facebook and Instagram page?
Like us and stay up to date!
Be sure to check out all the great photo galleries!

READY...SET...DANCE!

The first few weeks of dance are busy ones for our dancers. Many are taking their first classes and can be a bit overwhelmed by it. For returning students, classes can be a challenge as we pass into the next level of learning. No matter the age of the dancer or the amount of experience, we remind them that we do not expect them to remember EVERYTHING that is taught each week. Just remind them to always do their best, be patient and have fun! Dancers learn through repetition. The results will begin to show in time. Because everyone likes immediate results, we also like to spend some time in each of the first few classes working on what we call attainable dance skills. These are combinations that anyone can do without much practice but we ask each dancer to put their own “flare” into it. Attainable dance builds confidence and allows each dancer to find their own style. This teaching style gets students comfortable and ready to get to work on the material that demands a bit more effort.

Especially for our ages eight and up dancers: Another really good point to remember is that dancers are in class for themselves. Don’t compare yourself to others in class. Everyone works on their weaknesses and shines with their strengths and those things are different for each dancer. Just because someone in class has a little more dance experience doesn’t mean you’re a terrible dancer. It just means you have work to do to reach a higher level of training. That’s the time to be determined and work hard. Wonderful things happen when you stop focusing on others and start focusing on yourself. You can do it!

Ballet: We will focus on positions of our arms and feet, across the floor work and terminology. Older dancers will work at the ballet barre and learn new choreography.

Tap: We like to start back to the basics to give our feet a reminder. We build our skills up using our “tap ladder”.

Jazz/Hip-Hop: We will work on fun choreography to find our rhythm and listen to the beat.

Pointe: We will work a lot at the barre, across the floor work and stretches! Stretching at home will help build these muscles faster!

JUST BE SUPPORTIVE

The first few weeks can be especially tough for our youngest dancers. For many, it can be difficult to separate from mom or dad. They may cling to you or be a little apprehensive about joining in class activities. There may be tears during your goodbye/see you in a bit hugs. It is all very natural behavior. Crying children usually do best if you make a quick exit. Lingering makes it even harder for them to separate and join class. We are used to working

with young children and we can tell you that by the time you have reached the car (feeling badly for leaving your crying child) the tears are already dry and we are giggling and learning. After a class or two they understand the “routine” of coming to class, they know what to expect and the tears and apprehension disappear. They even feel proud of themselves for working through some tricky feelings.

A REMINDER...

As classes change over, traffic congestion can get a little thick. We also share the area with other businesses and that creates even more traffic. We ask that you please do not double park and make a dash into the studio to pick up dancers and please no dropping off or picking up students at the stop sign intersection outside our building. For safety's sake we ask that you please park your car legally for pick-ups and drop offs. - Thank you

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week Of September 14th - Classes Begin

First Tuition Payment Is Due No Later Than September 10th

October Tuition Is Due No Later Than October 10th

**Halloween Dress Up Week:
Week Of October 26th**

**The next FOOTNOTES skips your way the last week of October.
Thank you much! We are looking forward to a fantastic dance season!!**

