



THE MAINE DANCE ACADEMY



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER-2025

Thank you all for being part of our Academy. We had an amazing first 3 weeks of dancing and tumbling! We have completed our **BARBIE** Finale in all our classes, and our students have handled it so very well. Our new choreography looks amazing too, so I know we are off to a great start! They dance with a lot of enthusiasm and that makes us quite proud and happy. Our tumblers are getting back into the swing of things, and we look forward to seeing their skills improve each week.

THE MAINE DANCE ACADEMY-FULL 2025-26 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 6, 7, 8 & 9: DANCE AND TUMBLING

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15 & 16: DANCE AND TUMBLING

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22 & 23: DANCE AND TUMBLING:

OCTOBER 27, 28, 29 & 30: HALLOWEEN PARTIES IN ALL DANCE & TUMBLING CLASSES

NOVEMBER 3, 4, 5 & 6: DANCE AND TUMBLING

NOVEMBER 10, 11, 12 & 13: DANCE AND TUMBLING

NOVEMBER 17, 18, 19 & 20: DANCE AND TUMBLING

NOVEMBER 24, 25, 26 & 27: NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 1, 2, 3 & 4: DANCE AND TUMBLING

DECEMBER 8, 9,10 & 11: DANCE AND TUMBLING: CHRISTMAS PARTIES IN ALL CLASSES

DECEMBER 14, 2025: CHRISTMAS SHOW AT C-PAC @ 2PM

DECEMBER 15, 2025-JANUARY 11, 2026-CHRISTMAS BREAK, NO CLASSES.

JANUARY 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2026: DANCE AND TUMBLING RESUME

JANUARY 19, 20, 21 & 22: DANCE AND TUMBLING

JANUARY 26,27,28 & 29: NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: WINTER BREAK

FEBRUARY 2, 3, 4 & 5: DANCE AND TUMBLING

FEBRUARY 9,10,11 & 12: DANCE AND TUMBLING: VALENTINE PARTIES IN ALL CLASSES

FEBRUARY 16, 17, 18 & 19: NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: FEBRUARY SCHOOL BREAK

FEBRUARY 23, 24, 25 & 26: DANCE AND TUMBLING

MARCH 2, 3, 4 & 5: DANCE AND TUMBLING

MARCH 9, 10,11 & 12: DANCE AND TUMBLING

MARCH 16, 17,18 & 19: DANCE AND TUMBLING

MARCH 23, 24,25 & 26: NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: MARCH BREAK

MARCH 30, 31, APRIL 1 & 2: DANCE AND TUMBLING

APRIL 6, 7, 8 & 9: DANCE AND TUMBLING

APRIL 13, 14, 15 & 16: DANCE AND TUMBLING

APRIL 20, 21,22 & 23: NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: APRIL SCHOOL BREAK

APRIL 27, 28, 29 & 30: DANCE AND TUMBLING: AWARDS WEEK, LAST WEEK OF REHEARSALS AT THE STUDIO. WE WILL MOVE THE SET TO C-PAC.

MAY 4, 2026/4-5:30PM: MANDATORY FINALE PRACTICE/TUMBLING RUN-THROUGH AT C-PAC

MAY 4, 2026/5:30-7:30PM: MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL FOR CAST CHARACTERS ONLY

MAY 6, 2025: MANDATORY FULL DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ENTIRE ACADEMY AT C-PAC

BARBIE, Recital #32 at C-PAC: *Friday, May 8, 2026 @7pm*

Saturday, May 9, 2026 @ 7pm

Sunday, May 10, 2026 @2pm

SUMMER DANCE CAMP/WEEK INTENSIVE: JULY 13-16, 2026

TUITION and PAYMENT PLANS:

All tuitions are now overdue and now have a \$10 late fee per class added to them. These late fees will continue each week that they are late. If you are not on a payment plan, you now have late fees. We do not accept partial payments, either you have a payment plan, or you pay in full. An email has been sent to everyone who has an overdue balance and also to everyone who has not made their costume deposits. **We cannot return costumes therefore, we will only order costumes once your costume deposit has been made.** When costumes are not ordered in the bulk order, there are additional shipping fees that go along with ordering single costumes that will be charged to your account. (Unfortunately, costumes ordered for you after COSTUMES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ORDERED will have late fees charged as well as all shipping costs associated with late costume purchases.) **The costume deposit fee will be deducted from your overall costume prices.**

****NOTE:** All 45 minute to 1 hour classes will have 2 costumes, 1.25 hour classes will have 3 costumes, and 1.5 hour classes will have 3-4 costumes. Ballet classes will have 2 costumes each while tumbling will only have 1 costume.

It is very difficult for Kelsie to keep track of payments that come in randomly. This rule is for everyone. Please take care of this with Kelsie to avoid any future late fees.

ENTERING AND EXITING CORRECT DOORS:

Please use the correct doors when entering the building. We do this so that we can have students enter and exit quickly so that we do not lose precious class time. **Also, please wait until we call each class into the building.** It is so much easier for us to have one class exit the building before having the next class come in. It is less confusing for the children this way as well.

Parents need to be at the studio 5 minutes before the end of each class to pick-up their children. When children are not picked up on time, this causes the next class to be late coming into the building as we are busy trying to find parents.

All parents and students MUST use the cubbies for outdoor shoes and boots. We have had many parents these past 3 weeks wearing their outside shoes in the dance store and waiting area and we are asking you to **please take off your outside shoes immediately when coming into our building.** Please do not leave them on the rug as this is a tripping hazard for everyone. **THIS IS FOR EVERYONE...NO OUTSIDE SHOES SHOULD LEAVE THE ENTRANCES AS THIS BECOMES A SLIPPING HAZARD FOR TAP DANCERS AND OUR POINTE DANCERS.**

DROP-OFFS AT THE DOOR:

Parents of Temple & Napoleon students can still come into the building and wait for their children since they are needed for bathroom breaks. If Napoleon children can go to the bathroom unattended, then parents of those children can help us get them into class and then you can leave and be back 5 minutes before the end of class to grab your child. ALL other students for all other classes (including all tumbling classes) will be dropped off at the door, and your instructors and coaches will take it from there. Thank you for your cooperation with drop-off and pick-ups.

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN AT THE DROP-OFF DOOR UNATTENDED.
Please wait with your children until the instructors/coaches let them into the building. Please be on time when picking your children up as we also cannot leave them unattended. Thank you!

DANCE STORE:

The dance store will be open the weeks of:

October 14: Tuesday from 4:30-8:15pm, Wednesday from 4:30-6:30pm

October 28: Tuesday from 4:30-8:15pm, Wednesday from 4:30-6:30pm

When costumes arrive, Kelsie will be available 2 weeks in a row for you to purchase your costumes. We will let you know when this will happen in advance. **Remember, when the dance store is not**

open, we will be locking the doors in between classes for the safety of your children and our faculty.

TMDA Clothing:

We just need to clarify a few things:

1-Everyone must be dressed in TMDA black attire for dancing and tumbling.

2-For tumbling: girls need to be leotards/shorts and boys need to be in shirts that are tucked in their shorts. (This is for safety when tumbling.)

3-For Ballet/Pointe: Pink tights and pink shoes must be worn by all our ballerina's. If you are not wearing a pink dress, then you will need either a pink or black leotard with a ballet skirt.

4-Everyone with long hair must have it tied up either in a ponytail or braid. Ballet ladies need to have their hair in a bun. (It is impossible to turn across the floor with hair wiping dancers in the face. For tumbling it is also a safety issue.)

5-We have a whole new shipment of shoes that has arrived so if we didn't have your size, we do now!

6-We have dropped off a whole new clothes line at the printers. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks it will be tagged and ready for purchase! We listened to you and ordered new and exciting things. We will let you know when items are ready for purchase!

COSTUMES:

Costumes for all classes are nearly all ordered!! This is a long process, and we take ordering costumes for all students very seriously. Chances are that they will arrive over the next few weeks and if they do, we will tag them and have them available for pick up next week. Once you know that they are available for purchase, **you will have 2 weeks to purchase your costumes without late fees.** Costume prices will include the tights that go with each costume. When you are purchasing your costumes, you will tell Kelsie what size you need, and she will give them to you with your costumes.

I will post a **COSTUME PAGE** to our website once all of our costumes have been ordered. On this Costume Page you will know the following:

1-Price of each class's costumes

2-Tights and shoes that go with each costume

3-Hair requirements and accessories

4- Song for each costume

5-The price you see on the Costume Page is with the Costume Deposit already deducted. This is the price you will pay when picking up your costumes. Almost the entirety of our selections has come from 2025 catalogs: discount catalogs are pretty much non-existent anymore. Also, clearance costumes rarely have the sizes we need for each class. Costumes are more expensive every year and this year is no exception. The rising prices of everything has now trickled down to costumes as many

of these come from other countries. I have done my best to keep costs down, choose costumes that go with our **BARBIE** theme and have your children in the best costumes possible. I have been doing this for 32 years now, and I have never had a child without a beautiful costume at recital time.

It is imperative that you print this Costume Page for the Christmas Show as well as the Spring Recital. This is your guide to have your child prepared for all our shows.

I do everything I can to purchase your child the costume size you need. Sometimes I have to order a size upit is just how it is. I need you all to understand this. There are also some costumes that do not come in child X-large or Adult-X-large that is just how it goes. If I cannot purchase a child x-large, then I have ordered an Adult Small. The same goes for child x-small and adult x-small.

Please remember that ordering costumes for everyone is a time-consuming job. I want everyone to look their best, so I thank you in advance for accepting my choices.

Halloween Parties:

We will have Halloween parties in all classes on October 27, 28, 29 & 30. Below you will find a list of all classes with how many children there are in each class. You can send treats into class with your child, and we will pass them out to the children. **We ask that you do not send in anything that is not wrapped (cookies, cupcakes etc....) as this is very hard for children to take home with them.** **Please send a bag or container in with each of your children (separate from what you send your treats in) so that they have something to bring their treats home in.** They leave with a lot of treats so **PLEASE remember to give them all a container/bag!!**

Your instructors will all be in costume so YES...everyone come in Halloween Costumes! We ask that our students not wear scary or bloodied costumes to class as this scares the younger students at TMDA. This is one of my very favorite classes of the year and we cannot wait to see everyone's costumes!

NOTE: For our tumblers, please remember that we are still having class so you must be able to tumble in your costume or have a leotard under so that you can easily take your costume off to tumble.

Temple: 15	Napoleon: 15
Tabitha: 16	Astaire: 18
Fosse: 16	Graham: 19
Hough: 16	Copeland: 14
Petite: 17	Tiny: 16
Mini: 16	Troupe: 16
Company: 15	Pavlova: 19
Lopokova: 16	Nureyev: 12

Ailey: 15

Baryshnikov: 9

Retton: 14 Biles: 16 Conner: 14 Korbut: 16 Chiles: 14

Enjoy Trick or Treating everyone and be safe!

PRIVATE LESSONS:

If your child would like extra help with classes, you may contact your instructors for private lessons. **All private lessons must be paid to TMDA on the day of your private lessons.** Cancellation of private lessons must be done 24 hours in advance, or you will be charged the full amount of the private lesson. Costs for these lessons are \$30 per half hour.

BATHROOM BREAKS:

Please...please...please.... have your children go to the restroom before class. We are not allowed to bring them to the restroom, so we ask that you do that for us before class time.

MARK YOUR SHOES:

Please label all your children's shoes. If you all do this then when shoes are left behind, we can place the lost shoes in the back office and save them for you. Take time and mark your children's shoes. We are just trying to save you all a headache and money too!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

It is time again to collect food donations for our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for Catholic Charities. I will put out boxes for your food donations starting NOVEMBER 3rd, 2025. We will collect these donations until Thursday, November 20, 2025. That gives us 3 full weeks to collect as much food as possible. Again, best items to donate are Cereal boxes, Juice, canned vegetables, soups, stuffing...anything non-perishable. I will again make a contest out of this.... when you bring in your donations, sign your name to the donation sheet. At our Christmas Show, I will pull one name out of a hat and that lucky person will receive half-off their Spring tuition for one class. I want to collect 2 full boxes of food from each class so that's over 40 boxes of food!! Let's do this TMDA!!!

MY FINAL THOUGHTS:

Thank you again for bringing your children to TMDA. Jordyn, Malerie, Emily, Delaney, Chris, Elizabeth, Brittany, Allison, Raegan, Sadie, Mallory, Aiva, Adelyn and I thoroughly enjoy teaching your children. Kelsie will do everything she can to help you with your dance and tumbling supplies as well as your costume needs. I am so lucky to have all these amazing humans' part of my team, and we will all do our best to make sure your children have a well-balanced dance and tumbling education with us. If at any time you have something you need to speak to your instructor about, do not hesitate to e-mail them. If you need to speak with them in person, then we can set up a time and date for that as well. **The only way we can help you is through good communication so let's please keep those lines up and communications open.**

I will be away for part of October but as you know by now, my team of instructors are talented, caring and extremely skilled at what they do.... not to mention that they are well trained and professional too! They absolutely love dance and more importantly, your children. I have complete faith in "my crew" and I believe you all do too. I can't wait to see their progress when I return!

Our Cast practices have been a lot of fun and very productive. Between those practices and our first 3 weeks of dancing and tumbling, I know that **BARBIE** will be a **VERY PINK** and wonderful show!

We cannot wait to see everyone in Halloween Costumes in a couple of weeks! Talk to you all soon!

Miss Colleen