

The Spirit of Dance

"Praise His Name with Dancing" -Psalm 149:3

Welcome to our 2016-17 season!

Lots of changes this year so please read carefully!

Most of our dance & tumbling classes begin the week of August 8th. Any classes that are scheduled before 3:30pm, do not begin until August 22nd for all of our locations. Your first tuition payment is due with registration fee. If your child begins classes the week of August 8th, tuition is 1/2 price for the month of August. If your child begins classes the week of August 22nd, full tuition amount is due before September 5th. (This gives all students at least one free week of classes). *Please note that we have to have at least six students registered in the class for it to begin.*

Listed below you will find all the information you need to get started with the program. We recommend purchasing your child's dancewear at Dance Max Dancewear or Center Stage on the Marietta Square.

The quality of the products you buy at dancewear stores verses Wal-Mart or Target are usually worth the money, even for the youngest dancer. The clothing is sturdier and the shoes are less likely to hurt their feet. ONLY LEATHER ballet shoes are allowed.

◇ Attire required:

-Hair for all classes: Hair for girls should be pulled back from face securely for all Dance and tumbling classes. If your child is 7 years or older and taking ballet, we would prefer that they get use to wearing long hair in a bun. This is so important for girls learning to do specific turns.

-Acrobatic Dance- foot undeez, Leotard and shorts, hair in bun

- Pre-Ballet class: Leotards & tights. Pink leather ballet shoes.

- Tap & Ballet class: Black tap shoes, leotard and tights (any color), and pink leather ballet shoes.

- Ballet & Jazz class: Pink ballet shoes, leotard and tights. 5-8 yr. old classes, only Ballet shoes are required. Classes 7 & up are required to have tan jazz shoes.

-Ballet/Tap/Jazz class: Pink ballet shoes, tan jazz shoes, black lace up jazz/tap Or boot slip on tap shoes, leotard & tights.

- Hip/Hop class: Comfortable clothing can be worn for this class. Regular tennis can be worn until a decision about recital costumes is made.

-Tumbling Class: Leotard with no tights for girls. Girls can wear shorts on top of leotard. Boys – t-shirt and shorts.

-Boy Dance Attire: Black dance pants and white t-shirt. Shoes depending on class- black ballet shoes, black tap shoes, black jazz shoes, black hip/hop shoes

◇ **Financial Responsibilities & Tuition:**

- Your first tuition payment is due with yearly registration fee (\$25.00 for new families/\$20.00 every year after). Registration fees are nonrefundable.
- If your child begins classes the week of August 8th, tuition is ½ price for the month of August. If your child begins classes the week of August 22nd, full tuition amount is due before September 5th. (This gives all students at least one free week of classes)
- **Tuition Payments for Sept-May are due by the 5th of each month. *December tuition is the only month prorated for the year.***
- Tuition is structured to include *a minimum* of 33 weeks of classroom instruction throughout the season for each class (some classes may have month's that they only receive 3 classes, but the calendar does balance out). The Spirit of Dance will follow the Cobb County School schedule and will not be offering classes during fall, winter and breaks.
- Monthly bill-due reminders will be emailed each month.
- There is a \$25.00 fee for returned checks
- A \$10 late fee will be applied to past due accounts after the 20th of each month. Each month incurs a separate fee. If tuition is 2 months past due, the student will not be allowed to participate in classes until account is paid up-to-date.
- You may give your payment to your child's teacher, mail it directly to The Spirit of Dance; 1150 Harrowgrove Ct, SW; Marietta, 30064, or place it in the designated locked payment box at your church. Registration and Tuition Payments are payable to the church you are participating at. ***PLEASE note "dance" or "tumble" and your child's name on the check.*** If you wish to pay your child's tuition in full, you receive a 10% discount. Call or email me for the exact amount to be paid.

◇ **Withdrawing from the program.**

If your child wishes to withdraw from the program, please contact us as soon as possible. Otherwise, you will continue to be billed.

◇ **Make up Policy**

If a class is missed due to illness, he/she can make it up in another class on another date or at another studio. *No refunds are given for missed classes.* If classes are cancelled due to weather, more than once, we will schedule a make-up class.

◇ **Student Expectations**

For the benefit of the class, **certain behavior is expected of all students.** If all efforts to satisfy this goal fail, The Spirit of Dance reserves the option to withdraw a student from the class.

◇Dance Recital's

There are two annual recitals' that are performed by our dance students.

The Christmas recital, "How The Grinch Found Christmas" highlights our performance Troupe. This recital will be held Saturday December 17th. Recreational dancers that have at least one year of dance experience are encouraged, but not required, to participate. Several extra mandatory rehearsals and a \$55.00 recital fee is required. *The fee includes costume rental and facility fees (please note tickets are not included this year).* Tickets are available to purchase for \$7.00 each. The Christmas recital fee is due mid-October to early November. ***Spaces are limited for recreational dancers and are offered on a first-come-first-serve basis by signing up online.*** Additional information and details will be provided beginning in late September or October.

The Spring Recital will be held Saturday, May 20th at Hillgrove High school. Every dancer will have the opportunity to highlight all of the skills that they have acquired over the '16-17 season. *Recital fees are \$105.00 and include your child's costume, tights, facility fees, and a trophy (please note that tickets are not included this year).* Tickets will be available to purchase for \$3.00 each. Teachers will size their student's for costumes in late October/early November. Orders will be placed in late December/early January. Recital fees are due November 20th. There is a \$10.00 late fee for all recital fees. *Accounts must be paid up-to-date in order for your child to participate.* Dress Rehearsal will take place on Saturday, May 13th at Hillgrove High school. Detailed information will be provided beginning in late October-early November.

◇End of Season Tumbling Performance

Tumblers will have an opportunity to exhibit the skills that they have achieved through out the 2016-17 season during their last week of class May 1-5th. Friends and family will be invited to attend and students will receive a t-shirt and a trophy/medallion that will be included with May's tuition.

◇Dance and Tumble Pictures

Professional photographs are scheduled for each of our students at McEachern Methodist and Marietta First United Methodist in late March-mid April. We encourage each student to participate so they may be included in our yearly studio composites. Picture packages are priced reasonably and satisfaction is guaranteed. Schedules will be available in early 2017.



Stay informed about your child's class and the on-goings of The Spirit of Dance by reading our monthly newsletters that are emailed August-April, follow us on Facebook, check the bulletin boards outside the studios or email us at info@thespiritofdance.com

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◇ **Dancers or Tumbler's that will be coming straight from pre-school to class:**

Monday, August 22nd we will begin picking your preschooler up and taking them directly to their dance or tumbling class. On the day your child has dance or tumbling, your child's pre-school teacher will meet your child's dance/tumbling teacher at a designated area. Once all students to be picked up are present, dancers & tumblers will go to their specific rooms (listed below for each church), change into their appropriate clothing for class and have a snack if you chose to send one and then class will begin. You will pick them up after dance/tumbling class is over. The students become fairly independent with changing their clothes after a few months, but in the beginning it is a little crazy. PARENT'S MUST BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 to 3 MONTHS WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS! If this is something you cannot do, you will need to have a grandmother, aunt or friend that can fill in for you. As a volunteer you will be expected to help with changing their clothes and to stay outside the studio during class, if there is a need for a potty break or any type of emergency. The church uses the SAFE SANCTUARY policies for all of their children programs, which requires 2 adults to be present with children of this age at all times. There are approximately 6-12 children in each of these classes. If each mother volunteered once every 2-3 months, we will have it covered. There will be sign-up sheets available at your child's class.

It is mandatory to fill out a permission slip and turn it into the pre-school director. They must have this on file to let your child leave pre-school for dance class. Below are permission slips for each of the churches that we pick up and take preschoolers. Please cut out the appropriate one for your school and turn it in ASAP. We cannot take a child, if this has not been turned in.

McEachern Methodist Preschool Students – Dance classes are held on the 2nd floor of the CLC in room F230 (dance studio). Tumbling classes are held on the 1st floor of the CLC in room F151.

First Methodist Marietta Students – Dance classes are held on the 3rd floor of the Welcome Center in the Dance studio. Tumbling classes are held on the 3rd floor in the Fuse Box.

Mt. Paran North Students- Dance classes are held on the first floor of the preschool hallway, Room 105

First Baptist Church Marietta Students- Dance classes are held in the Family Life Center in the recreation area located on the 2nd floor.

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McEachern Memorial
A United Methodist Church

MCEACHERN METHODIST CHURCH **TUMBLER/DANCER'S PERMISSION SLIP** **FOR PICK UP**

I give permission for employees with The Spirit of Dance program at McEachern Methodist Church to take my child, _____ to their dance/tumble class from their pre-school class. **My child's pre-school teacher's name is** _____. I also understand that my child will be helped with changing into their dance clothes by the dance/tumble instructor and/or a parent volunteer before class.

Parent's Signature _____
_____ CUT HERE _____



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **MARIETTA** **TUMBLER/DANCER'S PERMISSION SLIP** **FOR PICK UP**

I give permission for employees with The Spirit of Dance program at First United Methodist Church to take my child, _____ to their dance/tumble class from their pre-school class on _____ (day). **My child's pre-school teacher's name is** _____. I also understand that my child will be helped with changing into their dance clothes by the dance/tumble instructor and/or a parent volunteer before class.

Parent's Signature _____
_____ CUT HERE _____



FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
MARIETTA

DANCER'S PERMISSION SLIP **FOR PICK UP**

I give permission for employees with The Spirit of Dance program at First Baptist Church Marietta to take my child, _____ to their dance/tumble class from their pre-school class on _____ (day). **My child's pre-school teacher's name is** _____. I also understand that my child will be helped with changing into their dance clothes by the dance/tumble instructor and/or a parent volunteer before class.

Parent's Signature _____

**The Spirit of Dance 2016-2017 Calendar of Events at
MCEACHERN METHODIST, FIRST METHODIST MARIETTA,
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MARIETTA, MT. PARAN North &
DUE WEST METHODIST**

August 8th	Classes scheduled after 3:30pm begin
August 22nd	Classes scheduled before 3:30pm begin
September 5 th	Studios Closed for Labor Day
September 26-30th	Fall Break- Spirit of Dance Closed *we will be offering a dance/tumble camp*
November 20 th	2017 Recital Fees Due
November 21-November 25th	Thanksgiving Holidays –no classes (Studio Closed)
December 7-11 th	Parent Watch Week and Class Christmas Parties
December 16 th	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
December 17 th	Christmas Performance
December 12-16 th	Pajama Party Week
December 19-January 4	Christmas Holidays- no classes (Studio Closed)
Thursday, January 5th	First day of classes for 2017
Monday, January 16 th	Studios CLOSED for MLK Day
February 20-24th	Winter Break-Spirit of Dance Closed *we will be offering dance/tumble camp*
March/April Dates TBA	Recital Pictures
April 3-7 th	Spring Break – no classes (Studio Closed)
April 14 th	Studios Closed for Good Friday
May 1-5 th *	End of Year Tumbling program and trophy presentation, last week of Tumble Classes
Saturday, May 13 th	Dress Rehearsal, Hillgrove High school
May 15-19 th	Pajama Party Week- <i>Last week of Classes for Dance/Tumble</i>
Friday, May 19th	‘In His Steps’ Performance Troupe Recital Showcase
Saturday, May 20 th	Recital @ Hillgrove High school

After much research and thought, we have decided to leave our recitals in the month of May. We will be having our 2017 recital May 20th, which is the last Saturday before school is out in Cobb County. We have never had classes during the Spring break, but we had classes last year during the new Fall & Winter breaks, which served to be of no benefit whatsoever. We spent most of our time consolidating classes to have enough children to teach.

This season (2016-17) we will not be having classes during the Fall and Winter breaks. Classes will begin the week of August 8th for all classes after 3pm. These classes will only be charged ½ of their monthly tuition in August and full tuition fees will start in September. Our pre-school classes will not begin until the week of August 22nd. These classes will not be charged for classes in August and monthly tuition fees will begin in September.

The Spirit of Dance Tuition Rates are averaged out over the course of the season. A one hour class has a tuition rate of \$50 per month for every month except August & December. Class prices average \$13.50 per hour of instruction. Some a little less and some a little more depending on the day your child dances. All students receive a minimum of 33 classes of instruction during a full season. (August-May)

Back to Dance Special!

DanceMax
Dancewear

**3016 Canton Rd.
Marietta, GA 30066
678-401-5718**

15% off your total
purchase with this coupon!

Coupon must be present at purchase.
Not valid with any other offers/discounts.
Offer expires September 30, 2016.

CENTER STAGE

Dance wear

Back to School Savings!!

Save Big with Center Stage Dancewear

**July 30th - September 3rd receive 15% OFF your
purchase!!**

Saturday, July 30th is Tax Free AND 15% OFF!

While you're here be sure to check out our sale bins!

* We have leotards, shorts, bra tops and more starting at \$10 (cannot receive 15% discount on already discounted merchandise)

* Spend \$50 or more and your young dancer can pick a free prize at the register (while supplies last)

We hope to see you during the Back to School Rush! It's time to dance again!!!

70 S Park Square NE, Marietta, GA 30060