



Most of our dance classes begin the week of August 7th. All dance & tumble classes that are scheduled before 3:30pm, begin August 21st. Your first tuition payment is due with registration fee. If your child begins classes the week of August 7th, tuition is ½ price for the month of August. If your child begins classes the week of August 21st, full tuition amount is due before September 5th. (This gives all students at least one free week of classes). *Please note that we must 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 spring breaks.
- Monthly bill-due reminders will be emailed each month.
- There is a \$25.00 fee for returned checks
- Classes run consecutively from August-May. If a student misses more than three consecutive weeks, without notifying the teacher or office, they will be removed from the roster and their spot in the class will become open for another student.
- 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 and will be removed from the class roster until account is paid up-to-date. If there is a waiting list for the class, your child's spot could be taken.
- **Tuition Payments:**
Check/Cash payments may be given to your child's teacher, mailed directly to The Spirit of Dance at 1150 Harrowgrove Ct, SW; Marietta, 30064; or placed in the designated locked payment box at your church. ***PLEASE note "dance" or "tumble" and your child's name on the check.***

Online Payments for dancers can be made using the following links:

Online tuition payments for students participating at **McEachern Methodist ONLY** *note that this link is for **TUITION ONLY-** for students and their families who **ONLY** attend classes at **McEachern** and not any other locations ***DO NOT INCLUDE RECITAL** or other fees using this payment link*

https://mceachernumc.ccbchurch.com/form_response.php?id=100

Online payments for students participating at **ALL OTHER LOCATIONS** may use this link to pay tuition and all other fees: <https://squareup.com/store/thespiritofdance> *If you do not see your tuition payment price on the online store, please email us for to request an invoice.*

- If you wish to pay your child's tuition in full for the year, you receive a 10% discount. Call or email for the exact amount to be paid. ***Payment must be made before September 30th to receive discount.***

- **Late pick up fee:** We understand that emergencies happen and you may run late from time to time. Please understand that our teachers run a very tight schedule and have other classes and obligations that they must attend to. *When you run late, WE run late!* Please make every attempt to be prompt when picking your child up from class. In cases where parents are habitually late, there will be a late fee of \$1.00 per minute late added to your account.

◇ **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 inclement 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 16th. 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 \$8.00 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 19th at Hillgrove High school. Every dancer will have the opportunity to highlight all of the skills that they have acquired over the '17-18 season. *Recital fees are \$110.00 for a child participating in one dance class or \$158.00 for a child participating in two dance classes. Recital fees include your child's costume, tights, facility fees, and a trophy (please note that tickets are not included).* Tickets will be available to purchase for \$4.00 each. Teachers will size their students 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 in good standing in order for your child to receive costume & participate.* Dress Rehearsal will take place on Saturday, May 12th 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 2017-18 season during week of class April 30th-May 4th. 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. Last week of tumble classes is May 7-11.

◇ **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 2018.

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

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

Monday, August 21st 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 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.

Permission slips to let your child leave pre-school for dance/tumble class are mandatory and are provided electronically with your online registration. If permission is not received electronically, we will email you a copy that must be signed and returned to your child's preschool.

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.

First Presbyterian Marietta Students- *TBA

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**The Spirit of Dance 2017-2018 Calendar of Events at
MCEACHERN METHODIST, FIRST METHODIST MARIETTA,
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MARIETTA, MT. PARAN North,
DUE WEST METHODIST, FIRST PRESBERTERYIAN MARIETTA**

August 7	Classes scheduled after 3:30pm begin
August 21	Classes scheduled before 3:30pm begin
September 4	Studios Closed for Labor Day
September 25-29	Fall Break- no classes (Studios Closed)
November 20	2017 Recital Fees Due
November 20-November 24	Thanksgiving Holidays –no classes (Studio Closed)
December 4-8	Parent Watch Week and Class Christmas Parties
December 15	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
December 16	Christmas Performance
December 11-15	Pajama Party Week
Thursday, December 21-Thursday, January 4	Christmas Holidays- no classes (Studio Closed)
Thursday, January 4	First day of classes for 2017
Monday, January 15	Studios CLOSED for MLK Day
February 19-23	Winter Break-no classes (Studio Closed)
March 26-29	Recital Pictures at McEachern
April 2-6	Spring Break – no classes (Studio Closed)
April 12	Recital Pictures at FUMC
April 30-May 4	End of Year Tumbling program and trophy presentation
May 7-11	Last week of tumbling classes- Pajama Party
Saturday, May 12	Dress Rehearsal, Hillgrove High school
May 14-18	<i>Last week of Classes for Dance-</i> Pajama Party Week
Friday, May 18	‘In His Steps’ Performance Troupe Recital Showcase
Saturday, May 19	Recital @ Hillgrove High school