



Another new month, and a new year, let's work hard, have some fun and make this the best year yet!!! We hope that everyone had an awesome Christmas break and is ready to get back on the dance floor.

Our Saturday classes will resume on SATURDAY JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>; all other classes will resume the week of Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>.

As we start a new year, we ask that you re-familiarize yourself with the MDA dress code and conditions of enrollment. We ask that each week your dancer is arriving to class on time and ready to dance. This includes being dressed in the appropriate attire in a clean body suit and tights, with hair done and shoes on. A copy of the MDA dress code and t-shirt order form is attached for your reference. If you are needing to purchase an MDA t-shirt, please reach out to any member of the executive team.

With winter weather, everyone is wearing extra layers and warm winter boots. A few reminders to ensure that every dancer has a good day at the studio.

- (1) Dancers are asked to practise good personal hygiene – regularly bathing and attending class with clean and dry feet. When age appropriate, dancers should be wearing deodorant to class.
- (2) Dancers are asked to please ensure coats are hung on a hook. Coats on the floor create a trip hazard and you cannot dance with a broken foot.
- (3) Parents & Dancers are asked to please ensure wet boots remain on the mat and are put away on the boot trays. It is no fun to dance with wet tights.

**Tuition Payments:** the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of your tuition fees have been posted to your DSP account and payment is due no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you need to make payment arrangements, please reach out to any member of our executive team.

As a reminder, tuition is split into two (2) equal payments; 50% at time of enrollment and 50% at the start of the new year. Please log into your DSP account to make payment.



Be sure to like and follow Minto Dance Academy on Facebook and Instagram. We will be communicating class changes and cancellations as well as important dates & events via these social media platforms.

New this year, a large communication board has been installed in the lobby. Important information will also be posted here.



All parents are invited to attend any and all monthly executive meetings. This is a great way to learn about MDA and contribute towards our continued success.

We are still looking for a secretary, to join the executive team.

If you are interested in learning more about MDA or joining the executive team; please consider joining us.

**Our next meeting is Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30pm at the Legion.**

# Hip Hop Workshop

Friday January 10  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

**\$15**



Open to Dancers 10+  
No Previous Dance Experience Required  
Register via your DSP account  
Non MDA students email  
mintodanceacademy@gmail.com

We are thrilled to announce that our monthly hip hop workshops will continue this year.

Please join Tavis for a fun, high energetic Hip Hop dance workshop.

Non-MDA dancers can enroll by emailing [mintodanceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:mintodanceacademy@gmail.com)

Be sure to bring your water, you will need it.

Tavis will also be hosting additional workshops on February 7<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration is open on DSP for all three (3) dates.



Our next fundraiser is with Epicure. We will once again be offering a variety 6-pack of their most loved seasonings to help make weekly dinners a breeze!  
As a reminder, \$5.00 from each Weekly Dinner kit you sell will be applied to your DSP account to help offset costume fees.

Additional information and order forms will be sent home with each family mid-January.

As this is a recital year, attendance will be extremely important. Each week, routines for the year end recital are being worked on and all dancers need to be prepared to perform the weekend of May 30 – June 1.

If dancers miss too many classes, they may jeopardize their ability to perform with their class.

More information regarding our year end recital will be sent shortly.



In preparation for the Stratford Rotary and Midwestern Kiwanis Music Festivals, rehearsals for solos, duos and trios have begun.

Tentative dates for the festival have been announced:

April 14 or 15 for Stratford

April 28 or 29 for Midwestern (Walkerton)

Additional information will be sent to families of dancers representing MDA at these two performance opportunities.



## Looking Forward

**FEBRUARY:** Raffle tickets go home. As a reminder, you paid for these at time of enrollment, when you sell the tickets, you pay yourself back. Draw is at the AGM in August.

**MARCH:** Recital photography, a schedule and fees will be sent home to parents in February. All photography will be digital with links shared via DSP.  
Fundraiser with Anna-Maes – funds raised will be used to offset photography fees and help with recital costs.

**APRIL:** Festival Performances

**MAY:** Year End Recital Rehearsals

Year End Recital Performances (May 30 – June 1)

WOW, there is a lot going on. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any member of the executive team.

Happy Dancing,  
Lisa Booth | President