

# SEPTEMBER



**WELCOME  
BACK  
DANCERS!**

**Welcome to the 2024/20235 dance season!!** We are so excited to be back in the studio and dancing with you! For those dancing with us for the first time, we are so glad you are here!

As a reminder, classes start the week of Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>.

This year has seen some changes to our teaching staff, and we welcome Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Emmaline to the team. Tavis will also join us for special Hip Hop workshops; be sure to watch your email for more information.

Karen, Max and Abby remain teaching with us this year. Everyone is very excited to get on the dance floor and we know this will be an amazing year!!

Is your dancer on the fence about another dance style? Come try it free!!

Registered dancers who are interested in adding another dance style to their existing class list, may attend classes in September for no additional charge.

**Dancers must advise MDA as to which classes they will be attending so we can notify the teacher.**

Dancers must enroll in any additional classes no later than October 5, 2024.

Multiclass discounts will automatically apply when added via your DSP account.

Our Little Caesar's fundraiser has so been successful in previous years, that we are doing it again this year!!!

Your dancer will be receiving a Little Caesar's fundraising package during the first month of class. If your dancer does not receive their fundraising package, please be sure to ask your teacher. **As this is a recital year, \$5.00 from each kit sold will be directly applied to your DSP account to help offset costume fees.** Many families have been able to completely offset costume fees by selling enough pizza kits. Order deadline/pick up date and time to be confirmed.



## STICKER BOOKS

In an effort to prevent stickers from being lost (and hearts broken) and stuck to our new floors, MDA will be providing each of our dancers a book to be used for saving their stickers from each class.

**You must bring your sticker book each week to collect your sticker.** Forgot your sticker book, no worries, you can get two stickers from your teacher the following week. Be sure to collect your sticker book from your teacher during the first week of class.



## Executive Committee:

All parents are invited to attend our executive meetings. Our first meeting this year is **Thursday September 26th at 7:30pm** in the studio lobby. If you are interested in learning about the studio or looking to volunteer on the executive, please email

[mintodanceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:mintodanceacademy@gmail.com)

This year, we have a need for a secretary.



## A few reminders as we start a new season:

1. Dancers should arrive to class on time and ready to dance. This means, they are dressed appropriately for the dance class style. They should have their hair done and shoes on ready to go into class when the teacher opens the studio door to welcome them.
2. Younger dancers are encouraged to become self-sufficient in putting their dance shoes on and off, however, the lobby is open for parents who need to assist their dancers/waiting.
3. Parents please do not watch through the studio door; this can be very distracting to younger dancers. The “window” should be used for parents who are wanting to see how their dancer is progressing. This year, we will have a few opportunities for parents to view their dancers’ class; please watch your email for more information.
4. Please ensure shoes are put on the mats provided and coats are hung up. Shoes and coats left on the floor are trip hazards for dancers, teachers and parents.
5. There is to be NO OUTDOOR SHOES in the studio. If you are needing to enter the studio, please ensure you have removed your shoes first. This rule also applies to parents who are entering the studio to use the washroom.
6. Dancers are encouraged to use the washroom prior to coming to class so they will not need to leave during class. However, there is a washroom available in the theatre lobby.
7. Water is welcome in the studio. Dancers are encouraged to bring a water bottle labelled with their name to class. Absolutely no food is permitted inside the studio.
8. MDA is volunteer run studio, and we cannot run without the help of our parent volunteers. Your \$100.00 volunteer fees are due no later than October 15<sup>th</sup> via cash or post-dated check. Please watch your email for ways which you can help with the studio this year. As a reminder, families are expected to participate/volunteer for at least 2 events; 1 of which must be a showcase performance.

### Our first event for the 2024/2025 season is the Harriston Fall fair.

MDA wants to fill the street with dancers. If you are interested in participating in the fall fair parade on Saturday September 14, please email to let us know.

Holly will be looking for volunteers to help with the parade float and day of the parade.

We will also need dancers who will be dancing the parade route – please ensure you are wearing comfortable shoes.

Please watch you email for additional information and let's fill the streets of Harriston with MDA dancers.



This year is jammed packed!! To have a successful dance season, please keep the following important dates in mind. Additional information will be sent as the dates get closer.

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9**

– Classes Start

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14**

- Harriston Fall Fair Parade

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 25**

- Harriston Haunts

**DECEMBER 14 & 15**

– Christmas Showcase

**SATURDAY JANUARY 4**

- Term 2 Classes Start

**MARCH 2025**

- Year End Recital Photography

**MAY 30 – JUNE 1**

- Year End Recital Performances

**JULY 2025**

- Summer Dance



Be sure to like and follow Minto Dance Academy on social media. We will post updates and reminders to our website, Facebook and Instagram.

Please be sure your email address is kept up to date on your Dance Studio Pro account, this is used to contact you and send the monthly newsletter.

**Intermediate and Senior Dancers:** if you would like to be included in the class information, announcements, newsletters etc... please send us your email and we will have you added to the distribution lists.

Did you see our Facebook live? Our raffle winners from the 2023/2024 raffle were drawn and have been notified.

Proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets and other fundraising efforts have been used to resurface our studio floors.

### **Congratulations to our 2023/2024 Raffle Winners.**

1. Brad O'Brien
2. Jenn Rawn
3. Rachel Eschlboeck
4. Mark Hill



Tickets for the 2024/2025 raffle will be distributed at the beginning of February. The draw will be held at our AGM in August 2025. Funds raised will be used towards the year end recital and studio enhancements.



We have MDA Dancer t-shirts available for purchase. The order form is included with this newsletter for those who need to purchase one per the MDA dress code.

The cost per shirt is \$15.00 and due at time of order.

Payment can be made by cash, check or e-transfer to [mdapayment@gmail.com](mailto:mdapayment@gmail.com) (subject line should be your dancer's name).

Forms/Payment can also be deposited into the locked "Drop Box" in the lobby. Please allow 1 – 2 weeks for delivery.

There is a lot going on this year, and we cannot wait to welcome you back to the studio and hope that you are looking forward to getting back on the dance floor.

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



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Shirt Style

# \$15.00 each

Youth Sizes: Xs (2-4), Sm (4-6),  
Med (6-8), Lg (8-10), Xlg (10-12)

Adult Sizes: Sm, Med, Lg, Xlg

Colour: Black with White

Payment due at time of order.

Payable by: Cash, cheque payable to  
Minto Dance Academy or E-transfer  
to mdapayment@gmail.com

**SHIRT 1**

SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIRT 2**

SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIRT 3**

SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Order Received On: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Received By: \_\_\_\_\_