

Welcome to the Havre de Grace Dance Program

Let's Get Ready to Dance



2021-2022 Dance Season

Welcome Packet

Enclosed you will find important information concerning this year's dance season. Please keep this information package on hand to refer to for questions you may have concerning our program

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*We welcome any suggestions you may have to improve our program,
and will take them into consideration for next year.*

*Please feel free to email your suggestions to
havredegracedancers@gmail.com*

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**HAVRE DE GRACE DANCERS
PARENT COMMITTEE
AND TEACHERS**

www.havredegracedancers.com



Havre de Grace Dancer's General Information

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We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for "DANCE". The following is information that we hope you will find helpful throughout this upcoming dance season.

CLASSES

Sessions will begin the week of September 20, 2021. Sessions are held Monday through Thursday, and are held at the Havre de Grace Activity Center (351 Lewis Lane) and Havre de Grace Community Center (100 Lagaret Lane). Location and time of your child's dance class were emailed out.

RECITAL

When: Date & Time TBD

Where: Havre de Grace High School

Details: The week leading up to the recital we will have rehearsals at the Havre de Grace High School and no regular classes will be scheduled. **Updated recital information will be given out closer to recital time and we will confirm the date as soon as possible!**

VOLUNTEERS

When it is Recital Time, we will need a lot of volunteers to work behind the scenes to help the Recital run smoothly. Some of the roles that we will need to fill will be for Hair & Make-Up, costume changes, backs stage line-up, check in, and many more positions available. Volunteers will have front row seats to see your favorite dance perform. ***Volunteers are an essential part of our program. Please consider giving some of your time to make this another successful year for your little dancer.***

CLOSINGS/CANCELLATIONS

We follow Harford County school closings. When schools are closed dance will not be held. The Inclement Weather Policy is included in this packet. We will post on our Facebook page as well as send out group email messages and possible text. Please make sure that you like our Facebook page, that our email address is not in your spam folder. As well make sure that your email and mobile number is update to date in SI PLAY.

PROGRAM CONTACT

You can always contact us by emailing us at havredegracedancers@gmail.com. We will reply to you as soon as possible. If you have a specific question for a teacher, you can us the SI PLAY App for your child's class.

The most common reason subscribers don't see our email in their inboxes is because it's landing in spam folders.

TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Teachers will be using this APP mainly to communicate with their class.

Please **DOWNLOAD** the SI PLAY APP to your phone.

Download the SI Play Mobile App

The SI Play Mobile App is a free app for teams, coaches, players, and parents when their organizations are using the Sports Illustrated Play league management platform.

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The SI Play app was designed to simplify the lives of coaches and parents within our program.

The app includes but is not limited to.

- Quick and easy access to your Class schedule.
- Class updates.
- Communication within the team as well as your child's teacher.

If a mass communication needs to be sent to the whole Program it will be sent via email or text. Please make sure your email and mobile phone info is up to date in SI Play.

COVID POLICY

- As of right now Parks and Rec is NOT making it mandatory for masks to be worn indoors
 - EXCEPT for classes that are being held at a School Facility.
 - At a School Facility Masks must be worn
 - while entering the building
 - leaving the building
 - when dancers are not dancing
 - Masks may be taken off while dancing if your child desires.
- At any time, dancers are welcome to wear masks regardless of their class locations for their safety as well as yours
- Please DO NOT send your child to class if they are NOT feeling well or present with any of the following symptoms.
 - Fever or Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore Throat
 - Congestion or Runny Nose
 - Nausea and Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Class sizes have been restricted based on room size and Parks and Rec regulations so that we can maintain 3 feet social distance in the classroom.
- Each teacher will be equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and antibacterial wipes that they will be using throughout class.
- Parents will not be able to stay in the Lobby of the Activity Center, Community Center, or any part of the school buildings. You are allowed to enter the building to drop child off and pick up. If you want to stay you will have to stay outside of the building or in your vehicle.
- Dancers should bring a bag to place street shoes, clothes, etc. in during class. LABEL EVERYTHING.
- BOTTLED WATER—Each Dancer needs to bring bottled water labeled with their name on it because the water fountains at facilities are not in use due to COVID.
- If a COVID outbreak should occur we will follow the HDG Parks and Rec Protocol that has been put in place, notify, and quarantine the necessary dancers/class that have been exposed.

Hybrid Option

- **This year we are offering a Live Stream Hybrid Option for the dancers that selected this option at the time of registration.**
- **Teachers will provide dancers a link to their class so that they can log in**
- **Again, this will be a LIVE STREAM and we ask that you please have patience when technical issues occur**
- **Please provide a quiet space with NO distractions for your dancer to LIVE STREAM their class.**
- **HYBRID Tap dancers we recommend that they have a hard surface to tap on such as tile, concrete basement floor or large piece of wood that can be placed for them to dance on. Would not recommend Tapping on Hard Wood Floors because Tap shoes can leave scuff marks.**
- **This is also a temporary situation NOT permanent, and we are hoping that all HYBRID dancers will be attending their classes in person after the first of the year. However, your child is welcome to return to in person prior to the first of the year if they feel comfortable to.**
- **HYBRID Dancers will receive costumes. Teachers will contact you regarding costume measurements.**
- **HYBRID Dancers will be required to participate in Recital, Casual Rehearsal and Dress Rehearsal.**

Classes & Locations

Monday			Tuesday	
<u>Ms. Abbie</u>	Community Center (Big Room)		<u>Ms. Renee</u>	Community Center (Big Room)
	5pm			6pm
	6pm			7pm
	7pm			8pm
	8pm			
<u>Joelle</u>	Activity Center Dance Room			
	5pm			
	6pm			
	7pm			
	8pm			
Wednesday			Thursday	
<u>Ms. Amanda</u>	Community Center (Big Room)		<u>Ms. Amanda</u>	Activity Center Dance Room
	5pm			5pm
	6pm			
	7pm			
<u>Ms. Kristin</u>	Meadowvale Elem (Parks & Rec Room)			
	5pm			
	6pm			
	7pm			
	8pm			

Activity Center: 351 Lewis Lane Havre de Grace 21078

Community Center: 100 Lagaret Lane Havre de Grace 21078

Meadowvale Elementary: 910 Graceview Drive Havre de Grace 21078

Dance Rules

Note: PARENTS – PLEASE REVIEW THESE RULES WITH YOUR CHILD(REN)

1. Registration and Costume fees are non-refundable.
2. Running in the halls is not permitted.
3. Food and drink are not permitted inside the building after school hours (this includes no gum chewing during class). Violation of this rule can result in dismissal from the program.
Exception is a closed Bottled Water is allowed due to water fountains being closed at all facilities due to COVID.
4. Students should use the restroom *before* coming to class. If your child is not potty trained we ask that you stay nearby to the classroom to assist your child with their bathroom needs.
5. Students are not permitted to be in other areas of the building. Anyone who is found wandering the halls or creating a disruption will be given a warning for the first offense. The second offense will result in dismissal from the program. REFUNDS ARE NOT GRANTED FOR DISMISSALS.
6. **Children are to be escorted to the class by parents and picked up at the same location. PLEASE BE PROMPT. No child will be allowed to leave the class unless a parent is waiting. For security reasons, the doors to the school will be locked during class times and may not be propped open. Please be on time to pick up your child.**
7. **Inclement Weather – See attached inclement weather policy. No school = No dance**
8. **More than 5 unexcused absences from a class could result in dismissal from the recital. Please try to advise your teacher if you know you will be missing a class.**
9. **PROPER DANCE ATTIRE MUST BE WORN TO ALL CLASSES.** No jeans, large shirts, jewelry, constrictive clothing, etc. Dance shoes must also be worn to all classes. No stocking feet. Hair should be pulled back away from the face in a ponytail or bun for every class. Please see the **Proper Dance Attire Form** included with this packet for more details.
10. Problems / Concerns / Questions? Please speak to your child's instructor. For more information please e-mail the teachers and committee members at havredegracedancers@gmail.com.

Proper Dance Attire

Ballet

Leotard, tights and pink ballet shoes must be worn to each class. A ballet skirt or dance sweater/warmer (made specifically for dance) may be worn over a leotard. Hair **must** be always pulled back into a ponytail or a bun. Shoes should fit snugly, and strings tucked in.

Tap and Jazz

Leotard and tights, dance pants, dance skirt or unitard of any color must be worn to each class. Black tap or jazz shoes must also be always worn. Hair must be pulled back into a ponytail or bun. If pants are worn, they should be capris or dance pants that come just to the ankle. Pants that hang over the shoes are a safety hazard. Tap dancers should arrive to class in rubber soled shoes that they can warm up in so they don't slide around unless the teacher tells them otherwise.

Hip Hop

Leotard, dance pants, capris of any color must be worn to class. Black hip-hop shoes/jazz sneakers must be worn at all times. Hair must be pulled back into a ponytail or bun. If pants are worn, they should be capris or dance pants that come just to the ankle. Pants that hang over the shoes are a safety hazard.

Lyrical/Modern

Leotard and tights, dance pants, dance skirt or unitard of any color must be worn to each class. Class may be taken in bare feet, but nude foot undeez will be required for recital. No loose or baggy clothing allowed.

Creative Movement

Leotard, tights, and pink ballet shoes must be worn to each class. Skirts and tutu's may be worn if they are not a distraction to the child.

Boys may wear fitted t-shirts and pants that allow them to move freely. Please be sure pant legs are above the shoes.

****Street clothes, jeans, baggy pants, baggy shirts, hair down and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTABLE for any class. For the teachers to see movements and/or correct them, these rules must be followed. These rules will be strictly enforced and failure to do so may result in your child sitting out of class. Exceptions might be made if child is coming directly from another sport to dance class (such as soccer practice). Please discuss with teacher if this applies to your child.***

**** All attire changes are subject to teacher's discretion.***

****County Ballet Dance Shop has a selection of shoes in all sizes. Also, Payless, Wal-Mart, Curtain Call for Class, Dance Distributors (online), and Target are great places to check for proper dance shoes.***

Inclement Weather Information

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation will utilize the following procedure for cancellation of programs and activities during inclement weather conditions.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES:

Weekdays, during regular business hours, when Harford County Government Offices are closed, all Harford County Parks and Recreation facilities will also be closed. These facilities will also adhere to announce delayed openings or early closings as determined by Harford County Government. In addition, if a specific facility cannot be opened or remain open safely, it may be closed by the local Parks and Recreation staff. During evening hours, weekends, and holidays, when Harford County Government does not have regular business hours, local recreation staff will make cancellation decisions based upon specific site conditions. Excluded is Swan Harbor Farm.

SCHOOL FACILITIES:

During weekdays when schools are closed or close early, all Harford County Parks and Recreation activities are cancelled. When schools are closed or close early on Friday, activities for that weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) will be cancelled based on the policy established by the Board of Education. If inclement weather occurs weekdays after school is dismissed and on weekends, Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation will use the snow emergency plan to determine activity status. When the snow emergency plan is in effect, activities at school sites will be cancelled.

LISTEN TO WAMD (97 AM) OR WXCY (103.7 FM) FOR ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS.

Emails will be sent out as well when Inclement Weather Closings occur.

Dance Closing List

This is a closing list as it is known at this time. Additional days could be added, and we will let you know as soon as we are aware.

Wednesday November 24th & Thursday November 25th (Thanksgiving)
Thursday December 23rd (Winter Break)
Monday December 27th thru Friday Dec 31st (Winter Break)
Monday Jan 17th (Martin Luther King Day)
Mon Feb 21st (President's Day)

Dance Classes will be held when Harford County Public Schools have a 3 Hour Early Dismissal.

Classes **WILL NOT be held for the Early Dismissal days that occur before a holiday such as Thanksgiving (Nov 24th) and Christmas (Dec 23rd) as well as any Early Dismissals due to Weather**

Fundraising

What is Expected if you Opted In to Fundraise this Year?

In order to keep registration cost down, we set up fundraisers throughout the year. Each family is expected to participate in as many ways as possible or pay the fee to opt out to make our fundraisers a success.

With the COVID Pandemic going on we are going to find creative ways to fundraise so that you and your child do not have to go door to door. We are going to look into online fundraisers.