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Note from the director . . .

Welcome! We are so excited that you have chosen to dance with us! We are going to do everything we can to make this one of the best parts of your child's life. By reading our monthly newsletter, you will stay in touch with all of the great things happening at HSSOD!

I hope that you and your family had a fabulous summer! We loved our camps and classes at the studio, but I also took some time to experience professional growth opportunities. I had the great pleasure of studying at the American Dance Festival with other professionals from around the country. I also attended the Dance Teacher Summit in NYC. I know that when I am feeling energized by refilling my cup, I can give my very best to our studio. Bring on season 21!!!

The NEW studio looks amazing! Special thanks to our friend and Dance Dad extraordinaire, Peter Mussler, for helping to create some really special touches in that beautiful space. We have been dreaming of having this done for so long. With this new space, we are able to serve our dance community in wonderful ways. Stop in to studio 140 to check it out! Did you catch Springs Dance Company performing "Tribe" by NY choreographer, Clay Thomson? If you missed it at Open House, check it out at Sparkcon on Sept. 15th! Read on in this month's newsletter!

Special thanks to Richard Dobbs for painting a beautiful angel wing mural on the back wall of studio 128! Why angel wings? Because I know that HSSOD is a space where children are watched over, loved, encouraged, and lifted through dance. Check it out!!

What's up this season?

- Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!
- Fall Festival
- Thriller Reconstruction
- Dance Theatre Performance
- Solo Concert
- Holiday Cabaret
- Costa Rica Dance Mission Trip!
- Recitals
- Performance in Disney World!



We are looking forward to the BEST year ever! We can't wait to witness your child grow this season. Feel free to contact me at: chappell@hollyspringsdance.com

Love, Marilyn

We are dancing in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

50 HSSOD High School aged dancers will be joining Spirit of America to

perform with dancers from all over the country. We can't wait! Since January, our kids have been fundraising to make this dream become a reality! How can you



help? Purchase a ticket for the Princess Breakfast at Mason Jar Tavern on Sat., Oct. 13th. Your dancer can arrive dressed as their favorite princess to meet some of their favorites in real life! Purchase tickets for \$10.00 at the front desk in the office. Hurry - space is limited! 100% of the proceeds will support our dancers. Thank you! Seating - 8:30am or 9:15am



Did you know . . .

We have a study room designed for dancers who need a quiet place to do homework in between classes. Check it out in studio 144!

- Do you have dance shoes that you can recycle?
- Donate them to the studio! Please drop them off with the office staff.

Help a dancer!

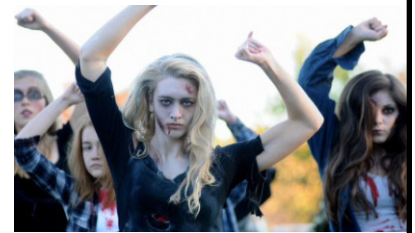
Do you have a way that you could support someone in our dance family? We can share acts of kindness in a variety of ways. Here are some ways you might be able to help . . .

- ◇ Offer to *donate gently used shoes or leotards* to share with others.
- ◇ Pay it forward; offer to *pay for a costume or one month's tuition for a struggling family.*
- ◇ *Organize a carpool* to lessen the burden of transportation.
- ◇ *Volunteer your services* (props construction, sewing, graphic design work, working at events) to help dancers organizing events.
- ◇ Pledge to *say something positive to every dancer you come in contact with for a whole week.* Who knows, it just might become a habit and kindness is contagious!
- ◇ *Be creative!* We're open to any suggestions! We work hard to reach out to our community, but we also want to take care of each other! Thanks for your help!

Thanks to everyone who attended our Open House! We loved meeting new friends!



Want to dance in a reconstruction of Michael Jackson's Thriller? Any dancer ages 10 and up can learn this fun piece with Ms. Gabriella on Sundays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 from 4-6pm in studio 148. The performance will be at the studio on Sat., Oct. 27th at 6:30pm & 7pm. Join us if you can! New - Trunk or Treat!! More info in Oct. newsletter!



HSSOD Summer was hot stuff!



Camps, Classes, & Summer Study

Costume Fitting

Looking ahead . . .

In October, we will begin taking measurements and ordering costumes for the Spring Recitals. Costume fees are \$65.00 for dancers ages 7 and up, and \$55.00 for dancers 3-6 years old. You pay one costume fee for each class that your child takes. Costume fees are due by October 10th. Thanks so much for your attention to this!

Want to volunteer? We always have cool stuff going on at the studio! Let us know how you can share your gifts to make great things happen for our dancers!

We want to host your Princess birthday party! Let us create a day that your dancer will never forget! We are booking now for this season, so contact us for more info!



Upcoming Events

Shining Stars

A dance program now in it's 12th season that creates a class specifically designed for kids with special needs. This free class is open to anyone in the community who has a child that could benefit from this fun class. SDC members dance with these kids the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am-11am. See Marilyn for more info. Our first class is Saturday, Sept. 8th.

Holiday Cabaret

We need dancers! Audition on Sunday, Sept. 23rd from 3-5pm for our Holiday Cabaret student pieces! Look for more info at the studio soon! Holiday Cabaret, our studios fundraiser for the Meg's Smile Foundation, will be held on Sat., Dec. 2nd at Hope Community Church! We raised \$18,000 last year! Can we top that?

Lets Get Social . . .

Follow us on social media to get updates, inspiration, and reminders!

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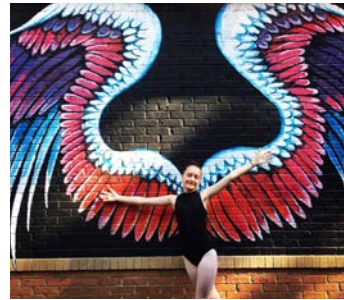
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Only good vibes and positive everything!

BUGFEST & Sparkcon

Sept. 15th is a busy day for Springs Dance Company, our school's non profit dance company. Join SDC members at two super cool events . . .

- Museum of Science in downtown Raleigh will host "BugFest!" For years we have been the dance program leading kids through a magical adventure. Lets dance the lifecycle of a caterpillar through the "Hungry Caterpillar" book! Look for us every hour on the half hour in front of the State Legislative building. 9:30-2:30. Wear your wings! Free!



Have questions about dates for the season? Check out our calendar on our website!

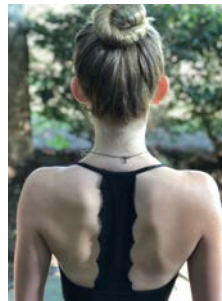
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Calendar

September

- 8th Shining Stars 10-11am
- 15th Bugfest/Sparkcon
- 23rd Holiday Cabaret Auditions 3-5pm
- *Performance Dec. 1st*



October

- 10th Costume Fee Due
- 13th Fall Festival 4-7pm
- 8th-13th Observation Week
- 27th Performance of "Thriller"



December

- 1st Holiday Cabaret
- 8th H.S. Christmas Parade

All welcome to participate! More info coming!

