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Celebrating 47 years of excellence  
in dance education

## Welcome Back Dancers!

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 season at APSD! Fall classes begin September 12th. The teaching staff is very excited to be working with you and your children. As APSD enters its 47th season, we reflect on the many students that have walked through our doors. Whether you are a new or returning student, we thank you for being a part of the APSD family, and look forward to the numerous memories we will create together.

Though much has changed over the last few years, our mission remains unchanged. Our goal is to offer a valuable service for your child. One that is professional, provides your child a quality dance foundation while encouraging self-esteem, and helps children develop a love of and appreciation for the art of dance.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns throughout the year, please email me at [info@annparsleyschoolofdance.com](mailto:info@annparsleyschoolofdance.com). Thank you for choosing to dance with us. We are looking forward to a great year of dance together!

Sincerely,  
Amber Megna Michalik, Owner

## A Note About Placement

During the first few couple of weeks of classes, teachers will evaluate the placement of students. At APSD, student placement is determined first by individual skill levels as assessed by instructors, not by age. Ages and levels that are listed on the schedule are an average of students in the class.

Each student is carefully evaluated and placed in a program best suited to his or her goals and abilities that will provide safe, technically correct training, as well as a challenging, well-rounded appreciation of dance. It is very important to remember that all students are individuals and therefore, are evaluated on an individual basis. Each student has different strengths and they will not all progress at the same rate. The staff at APSD will place students in the most appropriate level to correctly and safely strengthen technique which guarantees a successful learning experience

We are absolutely committed to provide proper training and technique for all of our students. If a student moves on to the next level before they are ready, they are at an increased risk of injury. Most importantly, it is difficult for a student to improve in a class that is too challenging for them. They spend their time trying to remember the pattern of steps or becoming familiar with a step they may not have learned yet, rather than perfect the steps.

We are asking that you please respect the placement decision of the teachers. All of the teachers at APSD are highly qualified, trained and experienced and are placing them according to what they feel is best for your dancer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your teacher via email.

## NEW Beginner Class Syllabus

APSD is thrilled to be implementing a new syllabus for our beginner program. Our staff has worked all summer on selecting and training in an exciting syllabus for our Move and Groove, Creative Movement, and Beginner Ballet and Tap Classes.

The syllabus has 4-week themes that create the perfect balance of consistency and variety for the 3.5-6 year old age group.

Dancers will improve their social, directional, emotional, spatial, language, motor and memorization skills while having loads of FUN! Students will perform for families and friends at an end of each 4-week theme.

We cannot wait to share the new syllabus with our youngest students!

## What's New-At a Glance

- Uniforms will be required for all CCA classes in October.
- Halloween week is October 22-30. Have your dancer wear their costume to class!
- The studio will be closed on October 31st.
- Costume forms will be due in November.
- We believe that an open line of communication between the dance teacher and the parents is essential to a successful dance experience. The studio will email regularly with studio news, recital information, information regarding new programs, special events, and more. So, please check your email regularly!

## APSD Boutique



**Our boutique is fully stocked and ready for all your dancewear needs!**

Families are able to purchase all of their dancewear supplies through one of our boutique or our two web stores.

**We are excited to be offering NEW items including:**

- Capezio Hanami ballet slippers
  - Full attire, including shoes, for all beginner classes
  - Legwarmers
  - Water Bottle Stickers
  - Bracelets and Wristlets
  - Hair Accessories
  - New Leotards
- ...and so much more!

### **Nimbly Store**

You are able to purchase all of your favorite dance supplies via our online Nimbly site including shoes, tights, leotards and more! We continue to stock most tights and ballet shoes in the studio, but prefer that you purchase online at this time.

### **Corps Dancewear**

Cecchetti uniforms are available from Corps Dancewear. Uniforms are required starting in October. Please be sure to read the instructions on how to order using the APSD discount code prior to placing your order. A full set of leotards will be available at the front desk for sizing.

## Dress Code

Students are to abide by the dress code listed on our website. Hair should be secured neatly off the faces unless otherwise noted. Please note that APSD does not allow crop tops or sports bras. Additionally, dancers must wear tights when wearing dance shorts. You can view the full dress code at <https://www.annparsleyschoolofdance.com/dress-code>.

## Uniforms

Uniforms are required for all Cecchetti classes (Primary I-Grade VII) starting in October.

Each level has a required uniform style and color from Corps Dancewear. If a dancer is in more than one Cecchetti level, they will need more than one leotard. Girls need Revolution Prima Pink footed tights with clean pink ballet shoes. Boys should wear black dance tights, black ballet shoes, a dance belt, and the a white shirt from Corps Dancewear.

**Cecchetti uniforms are only available online from Corps Dancewear. WE DO NOT STOCK UNIFORMS IN OUR STORE.**

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# Classroom Etiquette

Please review this with your child prior to the start of classes.

- Make sure your child's bathroom needs are taken care of BEFORE entering the classroom.
- Please do not talk during class.
- Students must be properly dressed to attend class. Cecchetti classes have a class uniform.
- Hair must be worn in a bun for ballet classes and pulled back and neatly secured for all other classes.
- No street shoes are allowed in the classrooms.
- Jewelry is not permitted.
- No cell phones in class.
- No chewing gum in class.
- Please eat in the kitchen only. There is no eating or drinking in any of the dressing rooms.
- Be courteous and respectful. If you need to leave early or arrive late, speak to the teacher.
- Clean up after yourself and dispose of all trash in the garbage cans.
- Unless it is an emergency, please do not speak to teacher in between classes. Most teachers teach back to back classes. Speaking to a teacher between classes makes it very difficult for us to stay on schedule. If you would like to speak to a teacher, please email [info@annparsleyschoolofdance.com](mailto:info@annparsleyschoolofdance.com) and we will put you in touch.

## 2022/2023 Calendar

September 12, 2021: Fall classes begin  
October 22-30, 2022: Halloween week  
October 31, 2022: No classes  
November 23-26, 2022: Thanksgiving break  
December 21-January 3, 2023: Christmas break  
April 3-9, 2023: Spring break  
May 29, 2023: Memorial Day, no class  
June 12, 2023: Last day of regular classes  
June 13-14, 2023: Studio Rehearsals  
June 15, 2023: Dress Rehearsal  
June 17, 2023: Recital

# Macomb Ballet Company

## Auditions

The Macomb Ballet Company will be having their final open audition of the season on September 8th. The auditions, for ages 8-25, are in the form of a ballet class with barre and center work. Audition attire for girls is a solid black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers and hair in a bun. Boys are to wear solid black dance pants, a white T-shirt and ballet slippers. This year the company will be Performing The Nutcracker and The Little Mermaid.

Learn more about the company and register online at [www.macombballet.org](http://www.macombballet.org).

## The Nutcracker

Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season with the Macomb Ballet Company, as Artistic Director Amber Megna Michalik, and Assistant Directors Sarah Komara and Mary Sherman bring you the traditional holiday favorite, The Nutcracker at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Travel with Clara on a magical adventure to a land reined by a Snow Queen, and be led by Snowflakes, through an enchanted forest to a Kingdom of Sweets, filled with colorful characters and pure festive delight. The Nutcracker will captivate audiences, both young and old, and is sure to keep hearts warm and spirited all season long!

### **Performances:**

Friday, December 2, 2022 at 7pm

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 1pm and 7pm

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 12pm and 5pm

### **Ticket pricing:**

All tickets \$25.00

Tickets on sale at [www.macombcenter.com](http://www.macombcenter.com)

## MBC 2022/2023 Performances

November 12, 2022: MBC performs at the Detroit Athletic Club

December 2-4, 2022: MBC performs The Nutcracker

December 11, 2022: MBC performs with Macomb Symphony Orchestra

April 28-30, 2023: MBC performs The Little Mermaid