

Carroll Manor Dance Summer 2025 Newsletter (V.2)



A Note from our Director

Welcome to another great year with CMRC Dance! We are excited to dance with you this year. Thank you to all of our dancers, parents, and volunteers who helped make last season a huge success. As always, our goal is to provide high-quality dance education in a fun, friendly, and supportive learning environment. Please read this newsletter in full and do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns about our program!

■ Miss Caitlyn | ccreasy@carrollmanor.org

Registration Information

Registration opens August 1 at 9am on stonealley.com/program/CMRC/group/Dance. Registration is based on a first come, first serve policy. We do NOT hold spots. As always, classes are subject to change based on enrollment. These changes will be communicated via email 1-2 weeks prior to the first class if not sooner. Registration will CLOSE 9/14.

Class Schedule



More information can be found online at https://www.carrollmanor.org/dance/
Please see separate class descriptions pdf for specific class information.



💸 Financial Information

We will not ask for payment until we know that each class has met their minimum enrollment. Full payment will be due Friday, September 26th. Tuition includes: Registration Fee, Carroll Manor Rec Council Fee, 25 weeks of Dance Instruction, Costume, Trophy, Recital Tights, Recital T-shirt, and much more! All refund requests should be directed to CMRCDanceInquiry@gmail.com. No refunds will be submitted after October 1, 2025. A processing fee of \$35 per class will apply to all requested refunds.

45 minute classes with one costume - \$340 | no costume (High School Hip Hop) - \$280 60 minute classes with one costume - \$420 | two costumes - \$500 High School Ballet/Pointe (105 minutes) with two costumes - \$650



Paperless Program!

Please remember that we are a paperless program. We will NOT send home hard copies of newsletters, reminders, or forms. Everything will be communicated through email from Stone Alley or from Miss Caitlyn directly. Please make sure the following email addresses are in your "contact list" so they do not go to your Spam/Junk Folders.

info@stonealley.com | ccreasy@carrollmanor.org

Be sure to "like" our Facebook page, where we will also post important updates and reminders.

Attendance Policy

Each class a student misses puts them one more class behind their peers. A dancer cannot improve if they are not in class to practice and receive feedback. If a student has been absent and/or arrived late to 3 classes, the Dance Director will be notified, and a conversation will be had between the Director and the Parent(s). More than 3 absences could result in the dancer's removal from the class's recital dance. If you are going to be late or absent from class, you must inform the Dance Director via email. The Director will then notify the teacher for the class. If your dancer is injured or cannot dance for some reason, they should still plan to attend class. OBSERVATION is more effective than being ABSENT.



Drop-Off/Pick-up Policy

Doors will open 5-10 minutes before the start of class. All dancers in 5th grade or below must be escorted to and from the studio. Students will not be dismissed without a parent/guardian present. Dancers in 6th-12th grades must have a dismissal waiver submitted by a parent/guardian to leave without an adult present. If someone besides the student's parents or primary quardians are picking them up, please notify the Dance Director before class via email.



Closures/Inclement Weather Policy

CMRC Dance follows the same protocol as BCPS for weather or emergency related closings. Please keep in mind that we are considered the Hereford Zone. We will do our best to communicate weather related closings. Please visit www.bcps.org for the latest updates on closures. In the event of a last minute (nonweather or school related) closing we will send out an email. We do NOT make phone calls. We will communicate these closings via email.

****Location Information**

Jacksonville Elementary School (JES) - 3400 Hillendale Heights Rd, Phoenix, MD 21131

From the right-hand side of the parking lot, follow the sidewalk around the rear of the building, past air conditioner units, activity room door, and turn left. Please use the dance studio door to enter the building. Inside this entrance is a small room where you may wait for your child during class. If your dancer is signed up for a class immediately after school, we will reach out to you with additional forms for their dismissal. In the event of a last minute cancellation we will notify parents via email (that was inputted during registration). Jacksonville Elementary School will dismiss students per parent's instructions on the form mentioned above. No food or beverages (other than water) is allowed in the dance studio, the waiting room is OK.

Jacksonville Rec Center or Senior Center @ Sweet Air Park - 3605 Sweet Air Rd, Phoenix, MD 21131 We are working on confirming specific class locations, but "Rec Center" and "Sweet Air Park" classes will take place in the building at Sweet Air Park - either on the Rec Center side or the Senior Center side. More info to come!



Calendar Dates

Families who observe any religious or cultural holidays (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Diwali, Lunar New Year, etc.) are excused from classes for those observations. We do ask that you inform the Dance Director about those absences in advance.

Monday, September 8th - Classes Begin

Tuesday, September 23rd - CMRC Dance OPEN (BCPS schools are closed)

Thursday, October 2nd - CMRC Dance OPEN (BCPS schools are closed)

Monday, October 20th - CMRC Dance OPEN (BCPS schools are closed)

Tuesday, November 25th-Thursday, November 28th - CMRC Dance CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, December 23rd-Thursday, January 1st - CMRC Dance CLOSED for Winter Break (classes resume 1/5)

Friday, February 13th - Optional Virtual Recital Prep Meeting (more info to come)

Monday, February 16th - CMRC Dance CLOSED for President's Day

Tuesday, February 17th - CMRC Dance OPEN (BCPS schools are closed)

Monday, March 2nd-Thursday, March 5th - Family Observation Week (more info to come)

Thursday, March 19th - Last day of Classes

Saturday, March 21st - Dress Rehearsal Day (location and times tbd)

Sunday, March 22nd - Recital Day! (location and times tbd)

- Please note: dress rehearsal day is REQUIRED for participation in Recital.
- Picture Day is not scheduled yet at this time, so stay tuned!

\$ Fundraising and Donations

Our program is currently looking at a large budget shortfall going into the 25-26 Dance Season. As a result, the future of Dance at CMRC is at risk. Please consider pledging a donation on the registration site or if you have any opportunities for local fundraising, please let us know! We also ask that you please participate in any fundraisers we hold throughout the dance year, and be understanding with our slight increases in price.

Dress Code / Attire Requirements

Below you will see a full outline of expectations for dancer attire for classes. We strive to provide inclusive and appropriate options for all dancers based on their personal identities and needs. Non-binary and genderqueer dancers can choose which dress code to follow for their age group. Please contact Caitlyn with any dress code concerns or questions.

- Dancers must be in correct attire by October 15th in order to continue to participate in class activities. Like any sporting activity, the dress code serves as a safety precaution and makes it easier for teachers to give feedback.
- No jewelry should be worn during dance class (small stud earrings are allowed)
- Hair must be pulled back out of dancers' faces.
- Dance shoes should only be worn inside the studio, not outside. Street shoes are not permitted on the dance floors at any time. Please be sure to tuck ballet shoe drawstrings in so that we do not have to worry about them coming untied.
- For female-identifying dancers, underwear can be left off. It is unnecessary under leotards and tights and often makes dancers uncomfortable/embarrassed as it rides down below the leg line of leotards. Dancers will not be allowed to wear underwear at recital so now is a great time to start preparing them.
- Supportive athletic sports bras (medium to strong control depending on size) are encouraged for pre-teen and teen female dancers.
- Compression shorts or dance belts are required for pre-teen and teen male dancers.

SHOES

Tap:	Jazz &	Hip Hop &	Contemporary:	Creative
black jazz tap shoes - 5th grade	Poms:	Poms: black	Flesh-tone	Movement:
and younger are allowed to	black jazz	dance	canvas half-sole	Bare feet or
wear velcro or buckle tap shoes	shoes	sneakers	shoes	ballet shoes
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ATTIRE (Boys/Male-Identifying)

All classes: Solid colored t-shirt shirt, solid black or navy blue gym shorts, athletic capris, leggings, or joggers.

ATTIRE (Girls/Female-Identifying)

3 years - 5th Graders

All Classes: Any color leotard or dance dress, pink or flesh-tone tights. Dance skirts and black shorts are allowed. Dance sweaters & black leggings are permitted during colder months.

Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Poms Classes: Black tights and black leggings are allowed.

Middle & High Schoolers

All classes: Any color leotard, pink or flesh-tone tights. Dance skirts and black shorts are allowed. Dance sweaters & black leggings are permitted during colder months.

Ballet & Contemporary: Black leotards are REQUIRED.

Jazz, Hip Hop, and Tap Classes: Black tights and black leggings are allowed.

We encourage you to buy your dance supplies for our personalized Nimbly site. It is organized by class, and everything listed in DRESS CODE APPROVED.