

## MDC Parents Meeting Notes

August 22, 2026

- Intro MDC Faculty
  - Meg: Owner & Artistic Director; [info@studioofmovemint.com](mailto:info@studioofmovemint.com)
  - Carrie: MDC Director - administrative lead; [carrie@studioofmovemint.com](mailto:carrie@studioofmovemint.com)
  - Mariana: MDC Director; [mariana@studioofmovemint.com](mailto:mariana@studioofmovemint.com)
    - For any costuming or merchandise needs email [madigrace@studioofmovemint.com](mailto:madigrace@studioofmovemint.com)
  - Tiny, bitty, mini, petite, intermediates, teens, seniors, trainees - competition vs. convention
- All contracts are in and all classes are correct on our end. Thank you for getting those to us!
  - **Attendance is vital:**
    - Dancers are permitted 2 **excused** absences from each of their technique classes and 2 **excused** absences from rehearsals per semester. If a dancer has more absences than permitted their placement on the team or in a dance may be affected.
    - Missing without communication and not showing up/missing choreography is subject to being pulled from choreo- it is parent responsibility to request the most updated video before missing rehearsal or ask a fellow team mom to snag and send a video
  - Please communicate with us if you'll be missing ahead of time - email [carrie@studioofmovemint.com](mailto:carrie@studioofmovemint.com) for class and rehearsal absences
- Routines for clarity
  - Tinies: 1
  - Bitties: 2
  - Minis: 1 whole group, 1 small group
  - Petites: 2 whole group
  - Intermediates: 2 whole group, 2 casted pieces (everyone in 2 or 3 total)
  - Teens - 1 whole group, 2 casted pieces, 1 with seniors (everyone in 3 total)
  - Seniors - 2 whole group, 1 casted piece, 1 with teens (everyone in 4 total)
- Solos, duets, trio requests have closed
  - Reach out to Carrie if your choreographer has not contacted you to organize rehearsals
  - Independent practice - must be cleared with Carrie and put on calendar - Intermediates, Teens, and Seniors only. No JOY for safety reasons.
  - All dances need to be completed by **Nov. 1st** and costumes need to be finalized by **Oct. 1** for ordering. Please visit with your choreographer on inspiration for your dancers so research lead time can be allowed
  - Audition: **Sun. November 1st from approx: 12:30-3:30 pm** approval showing for directors to check completion and competition readiness (you'll get your specific time closer to date)
    - If we feel a dancer is not ready after approval showing, extra rehearsals will be mandatory to get them prepared for our competition season
    - After Nov 1st dancers must rehearse with the directors not their original choreographers.

- Sign up on sign up genius for solo rehearsal sessions with MDC directors we will be adding more sessions
  - Signup geniuses for rehearsals will be sent out via group me
  - Reach out to us if you are needing sessions and there are none available
- Important Dates
  - Tinies, Bitties, Minis
    - Dress rehearsal: Feb 6
    - Showbiz Competition Feb 12-14 (Esports Stadium Arlington)
    - Elevation on Tour Feb 26-28 (McKinney HS)
    - Precision Arts Challenge April 2-4 (Will Rogers)
    - Reminder competitions usually only require you to be there one day for groups - more than one if doing a SDT in addition - awards are on same day - we will have specific schedule closer to the weekend
    - Minis: DDL 1 hour each day - modified fee - will let ya know!
- Petites - seniors
  - Reminder- conventions mean hotels and you can book those now. And we highly recommend that you do that now. You can access hotel info directly from the convention websites and sometimes they have their group rates already available. You don't have to stay at the convention hotel- although for early call times it is recommended. Direct all special rate questions to the hotel or convention directly.
  - Dress rehearsal: Jan 5th & 6th afternoon/evening
    - No technique class this week - please make sure you're back from your Christmas travel by then
  - *Dupree Houston Jan 8-10 (Westin Galleria)* (\*it is open now- book your rooms)
  - Showbiz Competition Feb 12-14 (Esports Stadium Arlington)
  - Elevation on Tour Feb 26-28 (McKinney HS)
  - DDL - March 6-7th In house convention (no competition element - classes with master faculty in our own space!)
  - Precision Arts Challenge April 2-4 (Will Rogers)
    - Optional opportunities
      - Heat April 9-11 (Hyatt Regency Dallas)
  - \*special note in regards to Dupree - They have solo/duet/trio entry limits and all solos/duets/trios may not be permitted to compete. We will enter solos to be approved according to seniority and if only a few are permitted by a certain team, no solos/duos/trios will be allowed from that team for equality. If you're looking for guaranteed opportunities to perform your solo/duo/trio look into our optional opportunities!\*
- Trainees
  - Dupree Houston Jan 8-10 (Westin Galleria)
  - DDL - March 6-7th
  - Optional opportunities
    - Heat April 9-11 (Hyatt Regency Dallas)
  - Company Show: **May 1st - Saturday still confirming theater space**
  - Recital: May 15-16th - tentative

- Company dances will be spread out among all shows and not guaranteed to be in the same show as their technique classes
- Fill out google form by August 31st to express interest in optional opportunities - this is a final deadline & registrations cannot be added after
  - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9s80-ZkVhd\\_P9\\_dst0GvnoKCKuxgW1h8j3YuTpuqsCDoDYQ/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9s80-ZkVhd_P9_dst0GvnoKCKuxgW1h8j3YuTpuqsCDoDYQ/viewform?usp=dialog)
- Fill out google form for observation bands at convention: - due date is also August 31st and is a firm deadline
  - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5PfQthQyrf6SSIBvanmk7SDrAeacOJDDAMjA3qpD3554puw/viewform?usp=dialog>
- If for some reason you don't want to do your SDT at a mandatory event you must email Carrie to let her know by August 31st
- Payments due on the 1st of the month
  - See contract calendar for schedule - choreography, costume, and convention/competition fees coming up next
  - **Fundraising opportunities**
    - **Email Emily should you have an interest in our individual fundraising opportunities for financial relief related to MDC costs. There are monthly fundraisers available and organized within this fabulous committee.**
    - [emilykmillican@gmail.com](mailto:emilykmillican@gmail.com)
  - **Individual**
    - **Calendar- September**
    - **Tamales- October**
    - **Good Pop Popcorn- January**
    - **MDC babysitter Club- ongoing**
    - **Facebook Dance Resale- ongoing**
    - **Costume Help- Tuition Reimbursement**
  - **Group**
    - **Yard Sign Sales- ongoing**
    - **Mahjong Mix and Mingle**
    - **Nutcracker Auction Basket**
- Photo shoot
  - **Oct 3rd - timeslots between 2:30-5:15**
    - Seniors only Oct 8th 6-7
  - Location confirmation coming soon
    - Outfit board - we will ask teams to bring outfit options to rehearsal the week of their photoshoots
- Merch: Order form went out this week from MadiGrace- Will place on new MDC parent only page - due Sept 10
  - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTgBR7OsaS4oZhgkbvq8gFpcYklKwqEn1U2ZGj-wUqaDSAZQ/viewform>
  - Catalog and board on table - Everything is optional besides uniform which you have already paid for
  - All company members will receive a t-shirt donated by FundaMINT committee, and 2 new pairs of earrings
    - Ints, teens, and seniors will receive a new lipstick

- New members have been charged a higher fee which includes a uniform track suit a new eyeshadow palette & lipstick
  - If you are returning and need new makeup or track suit you can order and will be charged a la carte for those items
- Bonding opportunities
  - Christmas parties at the studio during rehearsal time- keep it super simple but intimate
  - Gift exchange at company show
  - EOY banquet - tentatively end of May/early June