

Dance Classes at Mercy High School

The Performing Arts Department will offer weekly dance classes this fall to help students learn a new skill, review a learned skill and prepare for auditions for the spring musical *Matilda*. All classes will run from 9am-11pm in the Drama Studio/Orchestra Room. Please arrive by 9:50am, entering through the Drama Hall doors.

- September 10
- September 17
- September 24
- October 1
- October 8
- October 15
- October 29
- November 5

Cost: \$150.00 Please make checks payable to Mercy High School.

(If cost is a discouraging factor, please see Mrs. Bajorek or Mrs. Dearing to discuss scholarship opportunities. We want all students who desire to participate to have the opportunity!)

Pre-registration for the class will begin Wednesday, Aug. 24th in the Drama Office and continue until Friday, Sept. 9th. Payment is due at the time of registration and is for the entire program. The \$150 cost is the same regardless of how many classes you are able to attend. All students must be pre-registered; no walk-ins to dance class will be accepted.

Dance Class Learning Objectives

The dance classes each fall aim to help students feel prepared for the musical audition so the classes themselves will be a fun exploration of dance styles from *Matilda*. Each week, we start with a warm up, technique review, and skill building. The second half the class is focused on learning a combination similar to the style in the show or with a song directly pulled from the score. There will be a heavy focus on jumps and leaps, musicality, and learning to dance as a single unit. Because of the jump and leap techniques taught, ankle weights are recommended but not required!

All dance abilities are welcomed. I love working with you all and can't wait to get started on this new year! If you have any questions, please feel free to email Aimee at aimcrosby@icloud.com.

Please bring both character & jazz shoes for the class!

Meet the Instructor

Aimee (Jokinen) Crosby is a proud Mercy alumni with over 25 years of dance experience. She danced at Miss Harriet's Dance Studio and was a part of their competition team through middle school and high school. At Mercy, Aimee was the dance captain for "42nd Street," a dance captain/student choreographer for "Crazy For You," and was a member of ITS. After high school, Aimee began her college years at Marymount Manhattan College. In 2010, she accepted a position at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL in the entertainment department. Some of her favorite roles included dancing in the Festival of the Lion King, seasonal offerings for the holidays, and filming for various projects across property (The ABC Christmas Day Parade, The Disney Channel, and promotional videos). She moved back to Michigan in 2014, married her husband in 2016, and they have a musical theatre loving four year old. She loves being "back home" in the Mercy Drama Department and can't wait to get students ready for another fun spring musical!