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REMINDERS!

Please check the
**Lost & Found located in the waiting
room cubbies.**

**Parent Observation Week:
December 4th-9th**

**Christmas Break:
Friday December 22 - Monday
January 1**

Parent Observation Week

Monday, December 4th through Saturday,
December 9th

All parents are welcome to come in and view
their child's dance class.

Cameras and video recording are encouraged to
capture those special moments
that I promise you will cherish for years to come!

Enjoy!

Dear Parents and Dancers,

I would like to wish all our families a wonderful and safe holiday season! The students are working really hard and their enthusiasm is soaring; which we love! Keep up the good work as we dance into the New Year!

Thank you to all who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Our donations were happily received and greatly appreciated by Project Self-Sufficiency of Sussex County. Project Self Sufficiency distributed complete Thanksgiving dinners to hundreds of local families.

During the week before Christmas break, starting December 15th, all recital classes will be enjoying a small celebration during the second half hour of class. Snacks and treats are welcome to be brought in to share, but please nothing with nuts. If your child has a food allergy, please contact the office to notify us. You can provide an alternate snack for that day.

We are collecting Toys for Tots. Please send an unwrapped toy or game with your child by December 17th. Let's help make someone's holiday shine a little brighter!

Happy Holidays to all our Perfect Pointe Families!

*Sincerely,
Miss Jessica*



PERFECT POINTE

 offers a professional dance

program to the recreational or more serious dancer, providing opportunities to achieve excellence in technique, while developing confidence and growth as an individual. The Perfect Pointe staff will encourage a love of dance, no matter what age, level, or style. All students will learn discipline, poise, better body coordination, dedication and goal setting as they learn to dance. As a student takes part in classes, they learn to work with others and hopefully make lifetime friends with their fellow dancers. We, at Perfect Pointe, also hope to make dancing a FUN and memorable activity!

KINDERDANCE & COMBO CLASSES!

**Your first class for December is "Dance with Your Doll"
Day!**

Recital Costumes

At this time, all costumes for recital have been ordered! All costume balances should be paid in full. Please see the office immediately if you have a costume balance. Costume companies make thousands of costumes for hundreds of studios. We order costumes early for this reason. We need to make sure costumes are received with no problems and in enough time for costume preparations, alterations, sorting etc. etc. As soon as costumes start arriving students will try them on for size. (please note: costumes are non-refundable and non-returnable) Costumes have been posted by class in our studio hallway! We are so excited about our selections.



Don't Forget to
Check Out the Store
for Holiday Gifts!

Excitement is building for our Recital in June!

Looking for New Perfect Pointe Dancewear?

If you do not see your size or style of something specific in our dance boutique, visit our online store at thedancebag.com. Online, you have LOTS of options to choose from including rhinestoned jackets, sweats, tanks, t's, blankets, mom shirts, dad shirts, and much more! Go to the above site, search custom gear shop, find Perfect Pointe. Our password is perfectpointe17. Happy Shopping!

Thinking about adding another dance class?

We will continue to enroll students in our classes throughout the month. Dancers are welcome take a trial class to experience a different style of dance that they feel might interest them. Check out our class schedule on our website at perfectpointestudio.com or call the studio for additional information!

Thank you for choosing this studio to educate and motivate your child as they study the wonderful art of dance and performing. My staff and I would like to welcome all new students and their families who will be joining us for their first season and welcome back all returning families! Let this dance year begin!!!

Share the gift of Dance! Gift certificates available in the studio office.

Friendly Reminders

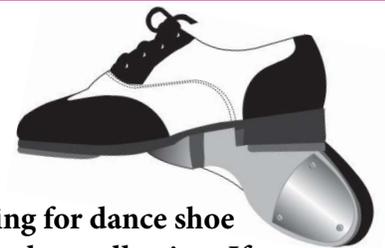
HELP KEEP OUR STUDIO CLEAN

Absolutely **no FOOD or DRINK** is allowed in the waiting room or studio. The only place in the studio that food is permitted is in the break/study room located near studio 2. My staff & I work very hard to keep Perfect Pointe clean and beautiful and we take much pride in our "home away from home!" Please encourage your children to pick up after themselves as well. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We are lucky enough to get the studio professionally cleaned by outside services once a week. Help to maintain its cleanliness throughout the week.

Please check out LOST and FOUND! This is located in the cubbies of the waiting room.

Looking to Rent Space?

Know someone interested in renting space? Perfect Pointe has open studio availability weekday mornings and evenings to hold fitness classes, yoga, personal training session and more in a beautiful and clean atmosphere. Spread the word! Please contact Jessica for pricing and scheduling options.



Perfect Pointe is always looking for dance shoe donations to add to our loaner shoe collection. If you have any tap, jazz or ballet shoes that you have no use for, please help by donating them. Thank you in advance!

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Like our Facebook Page for studio News and updates!



Marie Moretti Dance Scholarship

Each year Perfect Pointe will award two hardworking and dedicated students a scholarship towards their dance tuition in honor of Miss Jessica's late grandmother Marie. One recreational student and one competitive student will be chosen and announced at the conclusion of the recital.

All students are encouraged to strive and excel as they study dance this year! Please check out our scholarship plaque in the front waiting room to view past winners.

Studio Calendar

Tuition is due the 1st of each month. Please remit by the 7th to avoid a \$10 late fee.

December

Mon, Dec 4-9

Fri, Dec 22-30

Parent Observation Week

Studio Closed for Christmas Break

January

Tuesday, Jan 2

Monday, Jan 15

Studio Reopens

Studio Closed for MLK Day

February

Mon, Feb 19-20

Studio Closed for Winter Break

March

Fri, Mar 30-Apr 7

Studio Closed for Spring Break

April

Monday, April 9

Studio Reopens

May

Saturday, May 12

Sunday, May ?

Friday, May 25-28

Sparta Day

Tentative Picture Day

Studio Closed for Memorial Day

June

Thursday, June 14

Saturday, June 16

Dress Rehearsal

Dance Recital at Jefferson High School



Article of the Month



13 Things You Didn't Know About the Rockettes

1. They weren't always the Rockettes—Russell Markert formed the group in St. Louis, Missouri in 1925 as the Missouri Rockets. Two years later, vaudeville producer Samuel "Roxy" Rothafel recruited the women to perform at his Times Square venue, the Roxy Theatre, and renamed them the Roxyettes. When he opened Radio City Music Hall in 1932, the group danced to "With a Feather in Your Cap" on opening night.
2. The Tiller Girls, a precision dance group from England, sparked the idea for the group's inception. After seeing the British troupe perform in a 1922 Ziegfeld Follies production, Markert dreamed of creating an American analogue with higher kicks and more elaborate routines, all brought to life by statuesque dancers.
3. The New York Spring Spectacular show (essentially a love letter to the Big Apple set in iconic locations such as Grand Central Terminal, Wall Street, and the New York Public Library) features a number called "Electricity," in which each dancer dons a jacket fitted with 152 wirelessly controlled LED lights that correspond to the dancers' choreography.
4. They wear wireless microphones in their shoes to amplify the sounds of their tap dancing—and those mics pick up every sound, so dancers have to be extra careful with their footwork onstage.
5. They're pros at costume changes: In the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, the tightest window of costume change time is 78 seconds.
6. Not to mention they've got an elaborate basket system to keep wardrobes organized: Backstage, an unfathomable 250 laundry baskets await dancers and cast members looking to shed their costumes.
7. Your eyes deceive you: They're not all the same height. The Rockettes create an optical illusion by positioning the tallest woman in the middle and the shorter women out toward the ends. Dancers actually range from 5'6 to 5'10.5 tall, a standard that's strictly enforced by measuring them without shoes and with their hair pushed down.
8. They helped kick-start the launch of Diet Coke. When Coca-Cola rolled out its new sugar-free soft drink in the summer of 1982, the company taped its commercial spot at Radio City. The television ad featured the world-famous Rockettes dancing beneath a lit-up marquee that read "Diet Coke."
9. Though their moves and music have changed with the times, the Rockettes still faithfully perform two classic numbers from the first Christmas Spectacular in 1933—"Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and "Living Nativity"—with few, if any, variations in choreography.
10. They use more than just makeup to transform their faces. Rather than use blush to create their rosy red cheeks during the Christmas Spectacular's toy soldier dance, the women fasten red felt circles to their cheeks with double-sided tape.
11. In the six weeks before a show's opening night, the women spend six hours a day for six days a week rehearsing. That's 216 hours, or nine solid days.
12. Over 500 women line up to audition for the Rockettes every year. And the competition doesn't end even once they're in: Dancers must prove themselves annually by auditioning to keep their spots.
13. Look closer—they only appear to be linking arms. In order to avoid pushing on neighboring dancers in a kick line, the women allow some space in between each other's overlapping arms and use their own strength to maintain posture.

Perfect Pointe Policies

Tuition: Due the **1st of every month**. There will be no reminders sent home. There will be a seven day grace period after which a **\$10.00 late fee** will be applied to your account. If an account becomes past due for 2 months, the student will not be able to take classes until the tuition is paid. Automatic payment is available. Please leave your desired credit card information with the office. You can pay cash, check or any major credit card except American Express! If you paid with installment plans your next payment will be due November 1st then last payment for the year is due December 1st. Please mark your calendars for payment due dates!

Pick Up: We ask kindly that all parents or guardians are at the studio on-time to pick up their child from class; most importantly during the last classes of the evening. Please avoid loitering on the premises after your child has been dismissed from class. If you are going to be running late, please notify the office by phone and advise your child to wait in the front lobby. Thank you.

Dress Code: All enrolled Perfect Pointe students must follow our dress code policy from September through June. We feel if one is dressed professionally for dance class along with their fellow classmates, one will dance professionally in class. Remember **ALL HAIR MUST BE PULLED BACK** and out of the dancer's face while in the classroom. **NO T-SHIRTS** or **BAGGY** clothing will be tolerated in any class besides hip hop. **All Creative Movement, Kinderdance and combo classes need to be in black or pink leotard, pink tights and proper shoes.** Any questions can be directed toward the studio. You can also find the dress code on our website under policies.

Makeup Classes: Classes are available to make up up to one month after your child is absent from their regularly scheduled class. Please call the studio if your child is not going to make it to class. You can check online or call the studio to find out more about finding appropriate make up classes.

Cubbies and Locker Room: We ask that no dancers leave their bags, shoes and other personal belongings on the floor. This is an easy way to forget things and mix up items. Please make use of the cubbies in either the front or bck of the studio. **Please label all dance shoes, especially the younger children, with the child's name on the inside in permanent marker.** Always clean up after yourself and others. No locker room messes will be tolerated! Please remember to use inside voices while other classes are in session. Keep in mind that students use this space to do homework and study, be respectful of eachother.

Arrive Early to Class: Arriving to the studio at the exact time class starts is not considered being on time. All students should try to arrive 10 minutes early to get shoes on and make sure they are ready for class. **Please call the studio if your child will be late.** We understand that there may be traffic or other incidences that cause delay. If your child enters class late, advise them to do so in a quiet manner so there are minimal class distractions. Thank you.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Please email Miss Jessica at jessica@perfectpointestudio.com. My staff and I look forward to continuing a great year of dance, for both you and your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact us via email or at the studio office with any questions or concern!



WIFI Available

For your convenience, the studio does provide WIFI.

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