



# Perfect Pointe Performing Arts Studio

November 2018

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## Reminders

November  
Tuition  
is now due

November 15<sup>th</sup>  
Costume Balance Due

Studio Closed  
Monday, November 19  
through  
Saturday, November 24  
Thanksgiving Break

Please call the studio if  
your child needs to be  
absent from class

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome November and all the good that comes with it! The holidays are around the corner. This month especially, we are reminded of our blessings and the many people and things to be *thankful* for. As we are working hard in our dance classes and feeling grateful to have so many opportunities, it's a perfect time to think about those less fortunate.

Please join us in a ***Thanksgiving Food Drive***. We will be donating for the 7<sup>th</sup> year to Project Self-Sufficiency of Sussex County. This organization is always so appreciative of our contributions. Lets not disappoint! Please read more information about how you can help on page 3.

**Just a quick note: the studio will be open during teacher convention, November 8 & 9**

**We will be closed the week of Thanksgiving beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Wishing all of our families a happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving with the ones you love!

Sincerely,

Miss Jessica



## *Spotlight On Dance Instructor Sammie Terzi*

Samantha Terzi began her dance training at the age of two with Mid-Atlantic Center for the Performing Arts (MCPA) in Baltimore, Maryland. She studied jazz, tap, hip-hop, modern, and contemporary, but found her true passion studying the Vagonova ballet technique. During her training with MCPA, she participated annually in Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) where she consistently received awards for Top 12 soloist in both the contemporary and pointe categories; she can be seen accepting one of her awards in the film “First Position.” As an MCPA ensemble member, Samantha received several awards including seventh place internationally. In 2011, she was selected to tour with “Ballet Grand Prix: Stars of Today Meet Stars of Tomorrow,” where she shared the stage with many notable dance performers such as Jose Manuel Carreno of American Ballet Theatre, Drew Jacoby of Complexions, and Charles Askegard of New York City Ballet. From 2010-2012, Samantha participated annually in Dancers Responding to AIDS “Dancin’ Downtown at the Joyce” at the Joyce Theatre in NYC. In 2012, she was invited to open professionally for Keigwin + Company in Central Park, NY’s “Summer Stage” Main Stage where she performed a piece choreographed by Gus Giordano’s Maeghan McHale. She completed high school and furthered her dance and general education by being accepted into the Conservatory of Dance at State University of NY at Purchase College (SUNY Purchase). She performed in multiple pieces choreographed by Shannon Gillen, Kimberly Bartosik, and “The Nutcracker” choreographed by New York City Ballet’s Bettijane Sills. During her SUNY training, she studied Graham, Limon, ballet, pointe, and numerous choreography classes which helped her to complete her senior project in February of 2016. For this project she showcased her choreography entitled “Not with the eyes, but with the mind” and also performed a solo entitled ““Square None (Excerpt)” + “Fold by Fold (Excerpt)”” choreographed by Norbert De La Cruz III. After working with Mr. De La Cruz III, she was asked to work as his personal assistant which included auditioning Marymount Manhattan students for their spring concert. After completing four years of education, Samantha graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BFA in Dance Performance in May of 2016. After graduating, she moved back to Baltimore to continue choreographing, teaching and performing. After one year of experience teaching, Samantha moved to New Jersey to further her dance career.

### Fun Facts:

How old were you when you started dancing? *2 years old*

What is your favorite genre to teach?  
*Ballet*

Favorite Color? *Purple*

Favorite Food? *Pizza*

What’s your middle name? *Lee*

Do you have a favorite hobby? *Dance! and crafting*

Famous person you’d like to meet? *Misty Copeland*

Favorite Broadway Show? *Wicked*

Favorite TV Show? *The Office*

What’s your favorite place that you’ve visited?  
*Nassau, Bahamas*

### **Calendar of Fun**

The first class of each month is a “themed” day for our youngest dancers in our Creative Movement, Kinderdance and Combo classes.

Nov - PJs Day

Dec - Dance with Your Doll Day

Jan - Favorite Hat Day

Feb- Show Your Love Day

Mar - Favorite T-shirt Day

April - Dress Like a Princess Day

May - Bring Your Favorite Stuff

June - Beach Babies Day

## Please join us in a *Thanksgiving Food Drive*

We will be donating to **Project Self-Sufficiency** of Sussex County. Project Self Sufficiency distributes complete Thanksgiving dinners to hundreds of local families each year. It is a daunting task and help is always appreciated. Preferred food contributions include: pumpkin or apple pies, canned vegetables (including yams & cranberry sauce), dinner rolls, gravy, stuffing and mashed potatoes. Frozen turkeys will be accepted by Project Self Sufficiency on the Monday prior to Thanksgiving at their location, 127 Mill Street, Newton.

Please bring your items to the studio during normal class hours. We will be collecting donations until Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Recital Costumes

Coming Soon...Check out the hallway near the breakroom for posters showing costume selections! We'll be ordering recital costumes the week before Thanksgiving break. Our teachers put thought and consideration into choosing costumes that are well made, age appropriate and simply beautiful! Costumes will begin arriving mid-February and will be sent home in the spring.

*Please pay your costume balance by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Without payment we cannot order your dancer's costume.*

If you're unsure of your balance, call or email Dana in the office.

## Help Keep Our Studio Clean

**Absolutely no FOOD or DRINK** is allowed in the waiting rooms or studio. The only place in the studio food is allowed is the break/study room located by studio 2. My staff and 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 professional cleaned by an outside service once per week. Help to maintain its cleanliness throughout the week.

## 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](http://perfectpointestudio.com) or call the studio for additional information!*

### **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 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 previous winners.

Good luck dancers!

### **Looking for New Perfect Pointe Dancewear?**

*Visit our online boutique at [thedancebag.com](http://thedancebag.com)*

**Online, you have LOTS of options to choose from including rhinestoned jackets, sweats, tanks, tees, blankets, mom shirts, dad shirts, and much more!**

**Go to the above site,**

**search custom gear shop, find Perfect Pointe.**

**Our password is perfectpointe17.**

The studio **WILL** be open during  
NJ Teacher Convention on  
Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

# **2018-2019 PERFECT POINTE PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO CALENDAR**

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

## November

Thursday, Nov 15

Costume Balance Due

Monday, Nov 19 - Saturday, Nov 24

CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break

## December

Monday, Dec 3 - Saturday, Dec 8

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK

Friday, Dec 21 - Tuesday, Jan 1

CLOSED for Christmas Break

## January

Wednesday, Jan 2

Studio Reopens

Monday, Jan 21

Studio CLOSED for MLK Jr. Day

## February

Monday, Feb 18

Studio CLOSED for Winter Recess

## April

Monday, April 15

Recital Fee due- \$25 per family

Friday, April 19 - Saturday, April 27

Studio CLOSED for Spring Break

Monday, April 29

Studio Reopens

## May

TBA

Picture Day

Friday, May 24 to Monday, May 27

Studio CLOSED for Memorial Day

## June

TBA

Sparta Day

Thursday, June 13

Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, June 15

Recital at Jefferson High School

**Tuition-** Tuition is due the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 class until the tuition is paid. Automatic payment is available. Please leave your desired credit card information with the office. You can pay by cash, check or any major credit! If you paid with installment plans your next payment will be due November 1<sup>st</sup> then last payment for the year is due December 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 dance class; most importantly 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 until you arrive. Thank you for your cooperation

**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

students, one will dance professionally in class. Remember ALL HAIR MUST BE PULLED BACK and out of the dancers face when in the classroom!!! NO T-SHIRTS or BAGGY clothing will be tolerated in any dance 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 on dress requirements please call the studio or check our studio website under policies.

**Make-up Classes-** If your child does have to miss class, we encourage you to choose a makeup class. **Please call the studio if your child is not going to be able to make it to their regularly scheduled time.** You can check our website for a listing of classes available as makeups.

**Cubbies and Locker-room-** We ask that no dancers leave dance bags, shoes and other personal belongings on the floor. This is an easy way for things to be forgotten and get mixed up with the chaos between classes in the waiting area. Please make use of the cubbies in either the front or back 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; students use this space to do homework and study. Please be respectful of each other.

**Arrive early to class-** Arriving to the studio exactly at the start of class is not considered being on time. All students should try to arrive ten minutes early to get shoes on and make sure they are 100% ready for dance class. All classes including our baby classes will start on time. **Please call the studio to inform us if your child is going to be late.** We do understand there may be traffic or other instances that may make you delayed. If your child enters the class late, please advise them to do it in a quiet and courteous manner, so there are minimal distractions for the students already in progress.

### **Wi-Fi Available**

For your convenience the studio does provide Wi-Fi. The password is 9733835274.

### **Questions or Comments**

Please email Miss Jessica at [jessica@perfectpointestudio.com](mailto:jessica@perfectpointestudio.com)

**My staff and I look forward to 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 concerns you may have!**