



## Welcome Back!

*On behalf of Ms. Charell, staff, and instructors we would like to say 'Welcome Back' to all returning students and a big welcome to our new students. Welcome to The Pointe! Family!*

**Newsletters** – Our newsletters provide communication from the school to the parents and students. There are limited copies printed each month since the primary way to access the newsletter is via the website at [www.thepointedancestudio.com](http://www.thepointedancestudio.com). Please take the time to read it each month.

**Registration** - Registration runs from September through October 23<sup>rd</sup> on Saturdays from 11am – 2pm.

**Adding and dropping a class** – All 'adds and drops' must be in writing. The last day to add/drop a class is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Tuition and costume fees **will not** be adjusted for classes that are dropped after October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Payment Methods** – The Pointe! accepts Visa and MasterCard debit/credit cards, cash or money order in the office. A \$1 surcharge will be applied to credit/debit transactions. Mailed and online payments must be postmarked by the due dates outlined in the handbook. Please visit the website and click on the pay pal button. **PAYMENTS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE DOOR.**

**Tuition** –Tuition can be paid monthly or bi-weekly. **Monthly payments are due on the specified dates in the handbook; bi-weekly payments must be equal payments totaling the monthly fee and are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day listed and second payment is due by the second day listed.** Payments that are not paid on the due dates listed are subject to a \$20 late fee. From September to January the tuition payment will consist of two components: tuition and costume payment. From February to May the payment will consist of only tuition. **Dancers will not be allowed to participate in class if their account is not current.**

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

### 1<sup>st</sup> Half or Monthly

#### Payment Dates:

Sept. 4  
Oct. 2  
Nov. 6  
Dec. 4  
Jan. 5  
Feb. 5  
Mar. 5  
Apr. 6  
May 5

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half

#### Payment Dates:

Sept. 15  
Oct. 15  
Nov. 13  
Dec. 15  
Jan. 15  
Feb. 16  
Mar. 16  
Apr. 15  
May 14

**ATTENTION high school students and parents** - Students in high school who take the bus to dance school. These students will be able to come to the dance school right after school. They will be able to do home work or study prior to their dance classes. Snacks and dinners will be available for sale. The dance school will open at 3:30 p.m. If this service is needed please send an email to confirm your need. If there is not enough need for this service then the program will be reevaluated.

**Early/Late Pick up** – There is a fee of \$1 per minute for dropping off your child too early or arriving late for pick-up. This will be strictly adhered to. Please do not drop your child off more than 10 minutes early. There is a fee for late pickup/early drop off.

**Attendance** –Please arrive on time and pick up your children on time. Missed classes result in missed chances for the student to practice. Please see handbook for attendance policy.

**Uniforms** – All students **must be in proper uniform by Sept 25th**. This includes all of the proper shoes\*\*. Please refer to the handbook for proper uniforms. Students who are not in full uniform will not be permitted to take class. NO REFUND.

\*\*\* Parents—*please ensure that dancer's tights have no holes, rips or tears in them.* \*\*\*

**Students are to look professional and uniformed at all times.**

- Do not send your child to class with bonnets, stocking caps or scarves. They will be asked to remove these items.
- Remove barrettes prior to coming to class. Beads and barrettes are a safety hazard when participating in dance classes.
- A hair net must be worn if the child has beads in their hair.
- **Label your child's clothes.**
- **Valuables should be left at home. The Pointe! is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.**
- **Pointe shoes for dancers in Pointe I should be purchased Bloch. If dancers already have pointe shoes they can wear the shoes they have; if not they should purchase Bloch Sonata or Bloch Aspirations. PLEASE DO NOT SEW RIBBONS OR ELASTIC ON THE SHOES UNTIL THE TEACHER HAS APPROVED THEM.**

**Uniforms** - The Pointe! Dance Studio has items for sale (Cash or Credit/Debit card only).

Here are some of the items we have for sale:

- Leotards – Adult Extra Large (\$22), Adult (\$18), Child (\$15)
- Tights – Adult Extra Large (\$14), Adult (\$11), Child (\$9)
- Hoodies, T-Shirts, Bags, Water Bottles (Pre-orders begin on 11/6/2010)

### Upcoming Events:

- **Orientation** – There will be a parent orientation/meeting on Wednesday, 10/6/2010 at 6:30pm. All new parents must attend. If you cannot attend please send an adult representative. Returning parents are welcomed; however it's not mandatory.
- **AUDITIONS, AUDITIONS, AUDITIONS!**
- This year our recital theme will be The Lion King!!! We will hold auditions for our main cast. Auditions are on Saturday, October 16, 2009 at 5:30pm. Please keep in mind dancers must be in the lower school I up to level V in order to audition. Dancers must be enrolled in classes and have at least 3 years experience. If your child gets a role in our cast there will be extra costume fees and extra rehearsals. The fees and rehearsals will vary.
- Straight to the Pointe! Company Auditions- Straight to the Pointe! Dance Company born of The Pointe! Dance Studio, is a premier performance troupe in the tri-state area. This performing troupe is geared towards dancers who have a deeper love for the art. With its cutting edge choreography embracing several genres of dance, this company brings to its community an exposure and appreciation of the arts.
  - ALL former members of STTP must audition with the exception of CIV. Please note that space is limited.
  - Saturday 9/11/2010 3:30pm to 5:30pm ages 9 to 12
  - Sunday 9/12/2010 5:30pm to 7:30pm ages 13 and up
  - ALL dancers are welcomed(non-Pointe students as well) with 3 years ballet experience
  - Dance attire and ballet slippers required
  - Arrive 15 minutes early
  - \$10 audition fee for dancers that have not been in STTP
  - Parents must come in to sign a liability waiver
  - Requirements for dancers who make STTP Dance Company:
    1. Must take ballet, ballet technique and modern classes
    2. Extra rehearsals
    3. Fee involved

- **Snacks-** Snack will be sold each day the school is open.
- **Lunches-** will be sold on Friday's and Saturday's. Please order lunches with the lunch staff on arrival. On Friday's the dancers will get a short break to eat. Prices are as follows:
  - Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and Saturday of the month we will sell hot dogs and hot sausages.
    - \$2.50 (1) beef hot dog
    - \$3.50 (2) beef hot dogs
    - \$3.00 (1) beef hot sausage
  - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and Saturday of the month we will sell chicken fries and honey bbq wings. Prices are as follows:
    - \$3.50 chicken fries
    - \$3.75 honey bbq wings
  - Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday and Saturday of the month we will sell pizza. Prices are as follows:
    - \$3.50 (1) slice of plain pizza
    - \$4.50 (2) slices of plain pizza

\*\*\*\*\*ALL LUNCES INCLUDE A BAG OF CHIPS, JUICE OR SMALL WATER\*\*\*\*\*

- **Fundraiser** – Joe Corbi Pizza: Starts: 9/25/2010 Ends: 10/16/2010. Pizza Pick up: 10/29/2010(6:30pm-8:30pm) Pizza must be picked up on the pickup date. Slips may be picked up at the front office. This fundraiser will support our Desiree Stevenson Scholarship Fund. Desiree Stevenson was a former student who attended The Pointe for 8 years. Desiree was very dedicated to developing her talent; she was always on time and prepared for class. Desiree passed away suddenly in March 2009. Her humble and meek spirit is truly missed. This scholarship will be awarded yearly for a dancer who exemplifies her spirit. Your participation for this and all fundraisers will help sustain this fund. There will be prizes awarded to the top three sellers.
- **Ad Book Sales-**this year it is mandatory for all students to participate in our recital ad book. Each student is responsible for ¼ page or more. Sales will begin in January 2011 and end in February 2011. Please stay tuned for more information.

**Housekeeping** – No eating or drinking in hallway or classrooms; eat in designated area only. Glass bottles are not allowed.

**Security:** Dancers will not be allowed to leave the building for any reason during class times. This includes going to the store. We would like to keep our children safe!

#### Parents Corner

Some encouraging words for our new and returning students...Remember to remain humble for this journey that you are embarking is going to be great. Please don't let a poor attitude overshadow the talents you are blessed with. Make this dance year a positive experience. Learn from challenges, joys and/or struggles! Your humbleness will allow you to take two steps forward, instead of two steps back. Enjoy your dance year.

-Anonymous Parent

#### Directors Corner

*I would like to thank all parents and guardians for choosing The Pointe! Dance Studio for your child's dance education. I am looking forward to a positive and productive year. I encourage each family to come out and support our events and to participate in our fundraisers. If ever in doubt, please ask. The office staff will be glad to assist you. Thank you for your support.*

Warmest Regards,  
Ms. Charell Chestang  
Artistic Director/Founder



# September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Registration 5:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>3</b> Registration 5:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>4</b> Tuition Due
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Chicken Fries/Honey bbq chicken	<b>11</b> Chicken Fries/Honey bbq chicken  Registration 11am to 2pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Tuition Due	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Hot Dogs/Sausages	<b>18</b> Hot Dogs/Sausages  Registration 11am to 2pm
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Pizza	<b>25</b> Pizza  Registration 11am to 2pm  Joe Corbi's Sale Begins
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

## Office Hours

Mon: CLOSED

Tues: CLOSED

Wed: 6:00pm-7:45pm

Thurs: 5:30pm- 7:45pm

Fri: 5:30pm—8:45pm

Sat 10:30am—2:00pm

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