

2024-2025 PPAC Newsletter

Welcome to Year 35 at Pulaski Performing Arts Center. I am so happy that you have decided to enroll your child in our programs this year. My teachers and I are looking forward to a great year with some fun new classes like Super Saturdays, and some traditional events like Dancing in the Windows.

Classes will begin August 5th and run until the recital at the end of the school year. If you are new to the PPAC family, here are some things that you and your new dancer will need to know. If you are a returning student, a few reminders:

1. Every parent that has a registered student has a parent portal. This is used for payments, newsletters (under files), class choreography, ordering shoes and more. There is a free DSP Parent Portal app available for all phones in your App Store. If you get locked out of your account, simply text me and I will send you a new email login. Please be sure that you completed the waivers when registering your dancer
2. Each class has a private Facebook group. If your dancer has changed levels, you will need to request to be on the new class page. If you are a new dancer, please request to be on the page. These pages are used for newsletters, closure information, photos, etc. and are only visible to those members affiliated with the page.
3. Dance attire is required. Dance shoes are not necessary the first week or two but afterwards should be worn in all classes. T-shirts and soccer shorts are not appropriate dance wear (just like leotards are not appropriate for the soccer field). We do not have a strict policy about colors or styles, just wear dance/yoga attire. Dance shoes can be purchased at the studio. A sizing kit is in the office. Shoes are ordered each Friday and usually arrive the following Wednesday. Shoes, tights, and leotards can also be ordered through the parent portal under your Studio Store. Shoes appropriate for classes are: Pink ballet shoes for all levels, Tan jazz boots for 2-4 Grade jazz classes through advance. All non-advanced tap dancers need tan buckle shoes. Advanced tap dancers need black lace up tap shoes.
4. Hair should always be tied in a ponytail or half pulled back away from a dancer's face.
5. PPAC communicates with parents via DSP texts. These have a prefix of 5678. I have already sent numerous text messages. If you have not received any, please let me know immediately. A text message is sent at the first of each month to let parents know statements have been emailed.
6. Class fees are due on the 1st of each month. After the 15th, a late statement will be automatically texted to parents. There is a \$5 late fee for payments made after the 15th of the month. Class fees may be made via DSP or by cash or check in the office. No deductions are made for missed classes as make up lessons are available.
7. The price of tuition is based on an average of four classes per month and is not altered for five-week months or those with holidays, etc. in which less than four classes are held. When holidays occur, students will be given a list of makeup times to come to class.
8. PPAC does have an office, but it is not a waiting room. Parents should drop off students and then return at the end of class to pick them up. To alleviate a huge crowd in the office, please wait for students outside at the end of class. Of course, parents and families are welcome to come inside to pick up dancers. However, when classes change and we have 15 kids leaving all at once and 15 parents in the office, it can be a little scary for our students. I appreciate your understanding in this area. It is not unusual for Predance, PreK, and Kinder students to need parents for the first few classes. Little ones that need family for the first time or two of class is very common. I want to make sure all of our students and parents are comfortable in the classroom and at PPAC. If your little one needs you, you are welcome to stay for the first few minutes until your dancer is comfortable. At the first lesson, parents of dancers in the back room (Dance Room 2) are welcome to come in the last few minutes and take pictures. **ALL STUDENTS WILL REMAIN INSIDE WITH TEACHERS UNTIL A PARENT ARRIVES.**
9. PPAC does not follow Giles County School closures due to weather. A text will be sent out no later than Noon if classes are going to be cancelled for weather related events.

10. Water should be brought from home for dancers to have during class. No food is allowed in the dance rooms. The “middle room” is a lounge for advanced dancers only.
11. Spring Recital is usually held the first weekend in June. Costumes are selected in October and must be paid by December 1st
12. A newsletter is distributed every month. These can be found on each parent’s DSP portal, in the private FB pages, on PPAC’s website, and a hard copy is also given to students. **The newsletters have all of the information needed for parents concerning upcoming events.** I realize everyone is covered up with letters and busy lifestyles, but please read your newsletter so you can stay informed on PPAC happenings.
13. If you have any questions, I am available Monday-Friday during regular business hours at 931-309-7230. Text messages received on the weekend will be answered on Monday. Texts received during class times (4:00-7:30 pm) will be answered by 9 pm or the following day.

Mission Statement: It is our goal at PPAC to offer an environment of learning, kindness and to inspire a love of dance. We strive to make all of our students happy whether they dance because it is fun, for exercise, or to include dance in their high school or college careers. Our motto is “have fun and smile.”

My staff and I look forward to seeing your dancer in class!

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