

# WELCOME BACK/REGISTRATION GUIDE

*2021-2022 Dance Season  
Our SIXTH Season!*



Dear Papermoon Families,

We are so excited to kick off our 6th season! It's hard to believe that we are already in season 6 and that is our 4th year in our Commons Drive location. We are excited for what this year has in store and excited to see everyone dancing together again. Miss Danielle and our instructors have been SO busy preparing to reopen the studio. **We have chosen to open on September 13** to give dancers and their parents some time to adjust to back-to-school and back-to-work (yes we see you teachers out there)!

The success of last season relied very much on the cooperation, patience, and understanding of all of our Papermoon families. We cannot thank our returning families enough and new families, we welcome you with open arms! We thank you in advance for that same cooperation as we move into another year that may see change and adaptation throughout. Regardless, we are SO excited and so thankful to be opening our doors again in September.

-Miss Danielle

## **Class Structure**

### **Core Combination Classes**

Our Core Combination Classes are our basic class offerings. All dancers, recreational and competitive, enroll in these Core Combo Classes. At Papermoon, we believe that all dancers should have a well rounded dance education and by combining ballet/lyrical with a secondary genre, every student receives well-rounded instruction. Our Core Combo Classes are an hour long and pending on age, either consist of Ballet/Tap, Ballet/Jazz, or Ballet-Lyrical/Jazz. Dancers will perform two dances in our June recital. After a dancer enrolls in the Core Combination Class, they are eligible to sign up for any add-on classes.

Our classes are structured to provide 50% technical training and 50% choreography work. For this reason, our season runs from September to June, culminating in a recital.

Example: if you are seven years old, you would enroll in our Littles Ballet/Tap Class. At 7, we also offer Jazz as an add-on. If his dancer enrolls in Ballet/Tap and Jazz, they would perform three dances in our show - Ballet, Tap, Jazz.

### **Competition Classes**

Competition dancers, you will also see your schedule for your competition team selection in the portal. You have already been entered into your selected teams, solos, duos, trios. Don't forget, *you still need to register into your Core Combination Class - these are always a prerequisite for any competition class. Competition Classes are solely choreography driven and your technical training comes from your Core Classes.*

## Registration Online

Registration will be live on Sunday, August 22. Returning families should log in to their Parent Portal to register. New families can visit [www.papermoonperformingarts.com/parents](http://www.papermoonperformingarts.com/parents) to create an online account.

- Returning Recreational Students: When you log in, click Register. At that point, a list of classes will be displayed for you. Only the classes you are eligible for will be options. Everyone's portal is customized to only allow registration specific to your dancer.
- Returning Competition Students: Same process. Be sure to enroll in your prereqs.
- New Recreational Students: If you have taken a summer camp, good news! You are already entered into our system. You also can log online and click Register. You will see a list of classes that your dancer is eligible for. Class placements for new students are done primarily by age but we do use the first couple of weeks to assess and move around if needed.
- While we have put a lot of leg work into the registration process, the system is not perfect. Please try your best to complete your registration online, but if you need assistance, please email us. We are still running on limited summer hours and email is the best communication at the moment.

## Tuition

All of our recreational classes are calculated on a bundled price system. The more classes you take, the more you save per class. Tuition is calculated by the amount of time spent in class per week and is charged at a monthly rate. You will be able to see your Monthly Tuition in the Online Portal as your select classes. More information about tuition is available in our Studio Policies. To access that, you can click SHARED FILES in the Online Portal. This information is also in a required waiver that must be signed each year. More on that below.

## Waivers

Please be sure to also complete all Waivers online. Waivers must be completed before your first class. We will not allow dancers to participate without them. These waivers can also be found in the Online portal. Once you have logged in, click the Menu drop down located in the upper right hand corner (it looks like three horizontal lines). From there, click "Waivers & Policies". Waivers need to be completed each year and anything timestamped before July 1, 2021 is no longer active. You will need to complete the following:

- General Studio Policies 21-22
- Media Waiver 21-22
- Participation Waiver 21-22

## EXCITING ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STAFF UPDATES:** You will see all familiar faces this year!
  - *Miss Danielle - Studio Director, Choreography, Instructor.* Miss Danielle will be teaching many recreational and competition classes this year and is looking forward to another great season!
  - *Miss Brittany - Business Coordinator, Guest Choreographer & Instructor.* Miss Brittany is returning with a new role! We are excited that she will be taking over some of the business operations and working closely with registration, community outreach, competition and convention sign-ups, and more. She will also still be teaching, serving as a guest choreography and instructor. We also wish her the absolute best of luck as she hopes to return to professional theatre as the world becomes a little more normal.
  - *Miss Samantha - Choreographer, Instructor, and Ballroom Program.* Miss Samantha will be returning this season and will be teaching many classes at the studio, both recreational and competitive. Miss Samantha is also heading our Adult Ballroom Program and we hope to bring in lots of fun things this year through Miss Samantha's many creative visions and ideas.
  - *Miss Marilyn - Choreographer, Instructor.* We are SO EXCITED to welcome Miss Marilyn Tiul to our teaching staff. Marilyn is a familiar face, having graduated from Papermoon and now returning to teach. Marilyn has experience choreography and instructing her own classes and is also majoring in dance education. Miss Marilyn will be working closely with Miss Danielle to continue to develop her own unique teaching style and we couldn't be more proud to have a Papermoon alum as official staff.
  - *Miss Mackenzie - Co-instructor, Choreographer.* We are excited to welcome back Miss Mackenzie this year. Mackenzie will be co-teaching some classes with Miss Danielle and will also be offering different workshop opportunities throughout the season. We have surely missed her!
  
- **NUTCRACKER:** We are excited to announce that we will be doing a Nutcracker Performance again this year. Last year, we offered an optional Nutcracker Performance opportunity because we wanted to give the dancers as many fun opportunities as possible. It was SO successful, that we will be doing it again this year. Our Nutcracker will again be a combination of excerpts from the Nutcracker and we will have Saturday rehearsals until early December. Our hope is to be able to perform it on a live stage, but please note that if we are not able to, we will do a video like we did last year. We will have a small audition for those interested and then cast various pieces. More information will be forthcoming on that but we wanted to let you know how excited we are!
  
- **COMPETITION TEAM:** Our competition team has grown again and we are so excited to welcome new members!!!

- **TAP PROGRAM/CLASSES:** One of our many exciting ideas this year has to do with our tap classes. This year, all of our tap dances will be joining together in our June recital to perform a ROCKETTE THEMED PRODUCTION. Each class will have its own dance, but the music and choreography will be joined together for one big exciting number. If you took tap last year, please be sure to enroll in your tap class again this year to be a part of this awesome opportunity. If you have never tapped or have taken a break and would like to return, we can certainly help with class placement! Please email us at [papermoonperformingarts@gmail.com](mailto:papermoonperformingarts@gmail.com) if you are unsure which tap class to register for. The dance will most likely close out our recital and serve as a big, exciting Ending Production.
- **ADULT BALLROOM:** Adult ballroom classes are back! Miss Samantha will be offering a few different options including Ballroom Partnering, Ladies Latin, and more.

We are also booking private lessons for adults and you have the opportunity to build your own Ballroom Class. Have a group of friends or another couple that you feel comfortable taking class with? You can book a private lesson for you and your partner or for your group of friends.

We will also be starting up our Open Group Lessons again but we will not be rotating partners and instructors will not be partnering participants. For these group classes, singles are of course welcome but signing up as a couple is strongly encouraged!

*Weddings:* Now offering wedding dance lessons for bride and groom, dad and bride, mom and groom and more! Have your routine choreographed or simply take general lessons to feel more comfortable on the big day.

### **Current Safety & Health Protocol**

We are proud to say that last season we remained compliant to all CDC, State, and Local Guidelines due to the pandemic. Please be assured that we are still taking covid-19 very seriously and will continue to stay compliant. My hope for our studio is that dancers and parents continue to feel safe and as comfortable as possible. Things are changing daily yet again and we will keep a close eye on emerging information.

We have decided to continue to keep classes on the smaller side. Because we are not completely out of the clear, we feel compelled to keep classes smaller and still allow for reasonable space during class. This does *not* mean we have to be confined to our 6-foot boxes at the moment. We are simply making sure our rooms are not overcrowded and that everyone feels comfortable.

**Masks**

At this time, we are asking that all dancers remain masked during class regardless of vaccination status. We are following suit of the public school system in our area. Our waiting room will be open to parents. Parents, because you are not partaking in physical activity like the dancers, we *recommend* masks for fully vaccinated individuals and *require* masks for those who are not vaccinated. Our dancers' safety is ALWAYS our top priority and we thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please note that all families need to comply with our policies in order to attend classes at Papermoon.