

St Peters Academy of Dance Competitive Dance Program

The purpose of the St. Peters Academy of Dance Performance Company (SPADPC) is to give dancers who want to commit to dance, additional opportunities to perform by competing in regional dance competitions. The SPADPC teaches discipline, sportsmanship, loyalty, organizational skills, and builds self-esteem. It also teaches members how to win and lose graciously and demonstrates the level of dedication required to be part of a team.

We are aware of the importance of family and DO NOT rehearse on Friday, Sunday, or Monday. We do rehearse **Two Saturdays a month from 9 am – 1 pm**

Our season starts with a Parent Meeting on **Thursday MAY 23rd 2024 at 7:00 PM at SPAD.** This is for parents and dancers. **TURN IN PINK FORM TO SPAD OFFICE**

Auditions will be Saturday **June 1st 2024**

8:45-10:00 AM - Little Stars/Hot Shots (8 & under) and All Hip Hop Crews, Dancers could be asked to stay for the second audition.

9:45-12:00 PM - Full Competitive Team (8 & older)

ALL SPAD Competition Teams will participate in four regional competitions in the St. Louis area. Financial Responsibilities Include: Summer Intensive, Choreography, Monthly Tuition, Yearly SPAD Performance Company Fee, Conventions, Guest Teachers, Costumes and Competition Entry Fees.

- **Little Stars & Hot Shots** is the competitive program for dancers 8 years & under. The time commitment is two days a week. 1-1.5 hour(s) each day. These classes will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30-7:00 PM. No Saturday rehearsal. Ballet Leotard color is Light blue.
- **Hip Hop Crews** is for dancers, ages 7-12, with limited formal training but would like to experience competitive dance competitions. They will be required to dance ONE night per week. No Saturday rehearsal.
Dancers are expected to wear White T Shirt and Black Leggings with white tennis shoes.
- **SPADPC Full Competitive Team** is for dancers with formal training and experience. The time commitment is 2-3 days per week (T/W/TH), 2-3 hours per day (5:30-8:30 pm). They will have two Saturday rehearsals per month from September – May.
Mini days: T/TH, Senior, Teen & Junior days: T/W/TH
Dress Code for Ballet: Mini -Lilac or Lavender, Junior - Light pink, Teen – Fuchsia, Senior - Eggplant **FIRST SATURDAY Rehearsal - September 14th 2024**

Performance Company Fee: \$135.00 per dancer or \$210.00 for the family. This needs to be turned in with your summer registration & tuition fees.

Costumes & Costume Fees: A \$100 deposit for each costume is due by August 15th. The cost of a costume is in the \$150-250 range. This is a costume that they will wear numerous times, including at recital. At no time will we allow the dancers to perform a routine or wear a costume that we feel is not age appropriate or suggestive in nature.

Choreography Fees: Fees range from \$50.00-125.00 for group routines and \$350.00 for solos, duets, and trios. These are paid to the choreographer for their original choreography.

Competition Fees: Approximately \$80.00 per child/per routine. For instance, if your child were performing in two numbers at a competition, your fees would be \$160.00 for each competition. A payment plan is in place to defer the costs of the competitions. Five month plan with payments on the 15th of each month (Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, March)

Solos, Duets, Trios and Small Groups: These are reserved for experienced dancers and are at the discretion of the directors & choreographers. This choreography will be scheduled between August 1st – 22nd. Weekly private lessons will be required and are \$30 for a ½ hour session.

Hair: Performance hair is NO Bangs, Middle Part, Low bun or ponytail. Please keep this in mind before your child does anything drastic to their hair.

Make Up: All SPADPC members are required to purchase eyeshadow from Mary Kay. The required colors are #013085 Moonstone, #044768 Sweet Plum, and #044760 Espresso. The required lipstick is Maybelline Super Stay Ink Crayon: #50 Own Your Empire. They will also need false eyelashes, blush and eyeliner.

SPADPC Jackets: These are ordered once a year in September. Jackets are NOT required. These can be ordered at the SPAD Office. These jackets will be worn for our Team Photo in January.

Jewelry: All SPADPC members are required to have rhinestone earrings, necklace, and ponytail holder. These can be purchased at SAS Dance Supply.

Attendance: It is expected that dancers attend ALL technique classes and rehearsals. If your dancer complains about coming to dance or you are planning on missing for another activity, stick with recreational classes. Excessive absences will result in a dancer being removed from the routine.

NEW members to competition are assigned to only one/two routine(s). This gives the dancer and the parent a chance to learn about competition without it becoming expensive or overwhelming. Those coming from other studios with competition experience will be evaluated individually.

Summer 2024 Requirements

July 15th-18th – Hot Shots/Little Stars & Hip Hop Crews Intensive Camp

- Attendance at this camp is REQUIRED to be a member of the SPAD Performance Company.
- These teams will have 1 routine and 1 costume.
- Intensive Schedule: Technique classes Monday – Thursday 9 AM -12 Noon, Lunch 12-12:30, Choreography 12:30-2 pm. Parents arrive at 1:45 each day to record choreography

July 22nd-26th: SPADPC Intensive Camp - Senior, Teen, Junior, Mini – A schedule of the week will be provided so you know which days your dancer will be staying for choreography

- Attendance at this camp is REQUIRED to be a member of the SPAD Performance Company.
- Dancers will be required to practice on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month.
- Dancers will compete locally as well as travel for some competitions.
- Intensive Schedule: Technique classes Monday- Thursday 9 AM -12 Noon, Lunch 12-12:30, Choreography 12:30-6 pm. Parents arrive at 5:45 each day to record choreography. Friday 9 AM – 2 PM with lunch break. Choreography ONLY. Parents arrive at 1:45 to record routine.
- Most of our choreography will be done this week and the following week.

Fall Requirements

- November 17th, 2024 “Next Step” Dance Convention – St Charles Convention Center 9 am -3 pm For the Junior, Teen & Senior Teams ONLY

Spring Requirements 2025

- January/February: Concert/Team Photo Dress Rehearsal
- February, March, April, May: One Competition each month
- June: Recital
- NO NATIONALS IN 2025

Please attend the meeting for more information. Turn in the pink form included with your Recital Packet and return the Pink Form to the SPAD Office by May 29th if you are interested in participating in any of these Teams.