

TURNING POINTE

school of dance

AUG/SEPT 2019

BACK TO BUSINESS EDITION

A Note from Ms. Tina

I am truly in awe that Turning Pointe is celebrating our 16th year of dancing! The teachers and I are looking forward to sharing with your dancer what the Lord has put in our hearts to teach them this year, and we're looking forward to a wonderful year of worshiping Him with our whole heart! As our studio continues to expand and grow, my prayer is that Turning Pointe would SHINE as a beacon of light for the community in Colorado Springs and beyond. Whether we have 50 students or 500, the heart of Turning Pointe remains the same: to not only to teach dance technique with excellence, but to encourage each dancer to offer the Lord more than beautiful steps to a song. We want to bring Him our whole heart and magnify Him as we dance. Each one of us comes to a "turning point" when we decide who or what we're going to use our talents for...our desire is to guide each dancer to use the gifts and abilities God has given them to celebrate Him and each other and glorify His name! If you are new to the studio or if I have not had the pleasure of meeting you and your dancer yet, please introduce yourself to me when you see me at the studio, at Target, at TCA, or anywhere in between! It is such a joy meeting our families both new and old and I am happy to serve you in any way I can. Make sure you take lots of photos throughout the year and **use the hashtag #turningpointeco or #TPSHINES!** We love to see our dance families having fun! It is a privilege to serve your family and we are looking forward to partnering with you this 2019-20 season!

We will be e-mailing the monthly newsletter to you each month. Please notify us if you have a change in e-mail addresses during the year. You can also view it online at ... turningpointeschoolofdance.com! It is the parent's responsibility to view the newsletter and keep up with events going on at dance.

Start the Year off Right New Parent Meeting

September 7th 11:00am at 5540 Library Lane in the basement



Class Additions and Changes

Class added: Teen/Adult Lifts class Tuesdays 8:30-9:00pm

For anyone wanting to switch/change classes, those requests can be emailed to Jenner at turningpointeoffice@gmail.com or a request can put in at the front desk. Please wait to receive an email confirmation for any class changes as we have to make sure there is an opening and registration requests are still coming in. As a reminder- class withdrawals need to be made by August 20th or you will be responsible for September tuition for that class. Thank you!



Mix It Up Week

This is a special week for our current students to try something new! Students are encouraged to try a class in a different genre this week for free! Please continue to come to your regular classes as well. If you are mixing it up and trying a new a new class genre please sign in at the front desk and get a nametag!

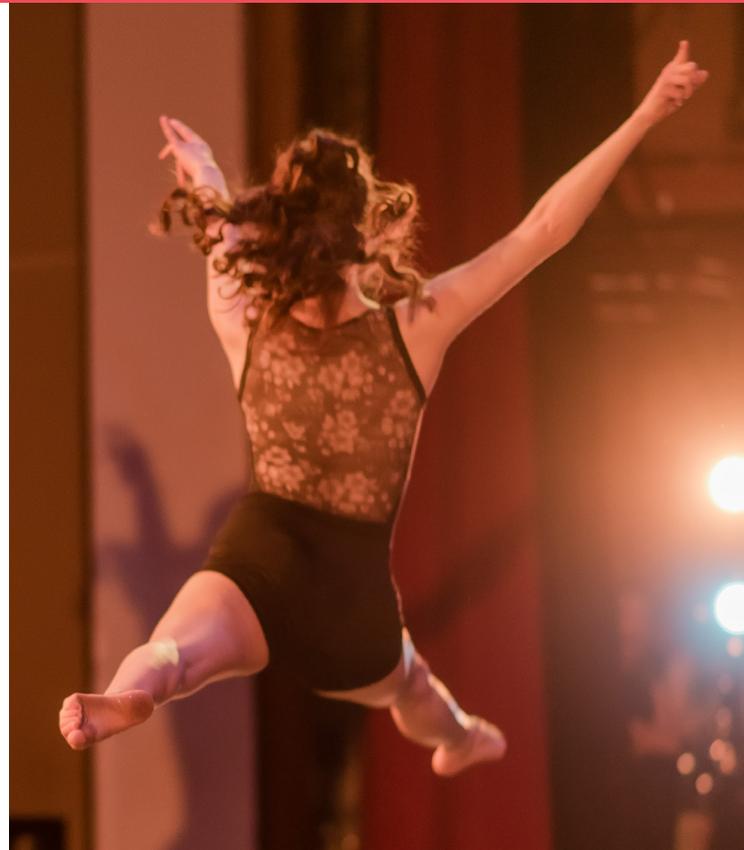
MARK YOUR DANCE CALENDAR!

Student Spotlight

For ages 13+- each teacher nominate a few students each month who really demonstrate what TP is all about. Ms. Tina will choose 4-5. Those students will get a paper to fill out at front desk and will need to email a photo to turningpointedance@gmail.com.

Free Trial/Bring a Friend Week

We welcome and encourage new students to come and try a class for free or current students to bring a friend during our specified trial class weeks (Oct 14-19, Dec 16-20, and Jan 6-11)! Leave us a message at 719.445.9497 or email us at turningpointeoffice@gmail.com and let us know what class you'd like to come and try. Note: class must be an open class...trial classes may not be scheduled in a closed or full class, but friends can visit any class). This is a great way for you to get a feel for the studio, meet the teacher, and see what a great experience dancers will have with us! We're excited for friends to join us and see what makes our studio unique!



Policy Change- Recital/Production Fee

Please note that there will be NO recital/production fee this year for our May recitals. So your costs will be the recital costumes and purchasing tickets!minutes of class to observe.

Tickets

For ages 5-10, tickets are given out at the end of each class for good behavior, being properly dressed, being on time, and following our 5 dance positions. Once your dancer has saved 10 tickets, they can turn them in to the front desk for a sweet treat. They can also save 100 tickets for a bigger prize...tickets from last year can be used. It is each dancer's responsibility to keep track of their tickets. Younger students (ages 2-5) will receive stickers or candy for a great job each class (no tickets).

You Shine Cards

For ages 7+ teachers will be looking to give out You Shine cards to students who are shining in their dancing or character. This will just be when they "catch" dancers shining!

Medical/Behavioral Concerns

If your child has a medical concern or learning/behavioral issues, please notify the teacher or Ms. Tina as soon as possible or when classes begin. Because we are in a classroom setting, this information helps us be aware, make accommodations as needed, and also helps us make it a positive and uplifting experience! We love partnering with you and the more information we have, the better teachers we can be!

Observation During Class

We do have viewing windows and the curtains to the viewing windows are open or closed at the teacher's discretion. In our years of experience (with younger students in particular), we can really maximize our time and keep their focus when distractions are limited! If there is a situation where a grandparent is visiting from out of town or a family member specifically came to see your dancer, just let the teacher know in advance if possible and we will make sure they get to see some of the class from the viewing windows, but they may not come in the classroom unless it is a designated peek week. We do want you to see what they are learning and usually open the curtains for a portion of the class time. We have dedicated Peek Week in the fall, Christmas, and spring!

Fall Peek Week

October 7-12, parents are invited to come and take a peek at what your dancers have been learning! Twirl classes will be doing a program dance and all other classes will be informal observation style. Please feel free to bring your cameras and video cameras, and teachers will invite you in the last 10-15 minutes of class to observe.



Recital Costume Fee

May Recital costume fees will be due December 1st. Any costumes ordered after December 20th will have a \$10 late fee. The teachers are still in the process of deciding on costumes for each class, so we will post the exact costume fees for each class by mid October. Please make sure you plan ahead for this cost!

5 DANCE POSITIONS

We have 5 basic rules that we'd like for everyone to follow:

First Position: Attend class properly dressed and on time.

Second Position: No eating or chewing gum while class is being conducted... no gum in the studio or waiting rooms please! Only water bottles are allowed in the studios.

Third Position: Students are expected to behave with politeness, respect, and courtesy to teachers and peers in class and in the lobby.

Fourth Position: Parents are responsible for supervising students (and siblings) prior to and after class. Children under 11 may not be left unsupervised in the building when not in class. Students may enter the dance room 5 minutes before class begins...we are not student supervision before that time! Studio closes 5-10 minutes after the last classes are over. Please make sure you pick up your student on time so teachers can clean up and go home to their families. A fee of \$1 per minute will be assessed for chronic late pick up. Thanks!

Fifth Position: Everyone is responsible for keeping the facility clean and cleaning up after themselves.

MATTHEW 18

We want to encourage everyone to follow the Biblical principles of Matthew 18 for dealing with conflict. If you have a concern or problem with your child's teacher or a concern about the class, **please go directly to the teacher first** to work it out (you can email teacher.turningpointedance@gmail.com to set up a meeting or phone conference). If you still cannot come to an agreement or solution, then Ms. Tina will get involved. We also encourage our students advocate for themselves and to speak directly with their teacher about concerns. You can trust that your teachers are your biggest cheerleaders and want the very best for you!

Turning Pointe T shirts/Logowear/Dancewear

Are available to order! You can pay with cash, check (to Turning Pointe), or credit/debit at the front desk. Our next **Dancewear/Shoe order will be August 15th and September 15th. Our next logowear order will be September 15th!** For logowear, we do have minimums that we have to meet to be able to place the orders.

Birthday Parties and Girl Scout Badge Parties

We love to host birthday parties and Girl Scout dance badge parties and have many themes available! To schedule, please fill out the form on the website at <https://turningpointeschoolofdance.com/birthday-parties/>



Office Hours!

Monday 9:30am-12:00pm and 4-7:30pm

Tuesday 9:30am-12:00pm and 4-7:30pm

Wednesday 1-3pm and 4-7:30pm

Thursday 9:30am-12:00pm and 4-7:30pm

Friday 9:30am-12:00pm and 4-7:30pm

Saturday 9:00am-noon.

If you need to have an extended discussion with a teacher, please make an appointment with them at teacher.turningpointedance@gmail.com

Parking Lot and Pick Up

No student of any age should hang out in the parking lot without a parent present. ALL students must wait INSIDE the building to be picked up by a parent. Students may not wait outside.

Attention Business Owners:

If you would like to advertise your business in our program for Out of Egypt presented by our very own Fidele Youth Dance Company, please visit our form here for more details: <https://form.jotform.com/71504654462152>

This is a great way to support the arts and help us share the message and hope of Jesus in our community. Thanks for considering!

Dancer's Outlet
(formerly Assemble Dancewear)
discount days are August 28-30...
Turning Pointe customers
get 20% off!

Colorado Ballet Don Quixote Student Matinee

October 3rd at 10:30am at Ellie Caulkins Opera House in Denver. We have a certain amount of seats available and you can purchase your seats online for \$18 each. Dana Benton-Robertson (principal dancer with CB) has also offered to give our group a backstage tour after the show, so I will be in touch with those that purchase seats with the details on that. Please note that there are no physical tickets- the ushers will tell us the section that our group sits in when we arrive on the 3rd. Run time is 2.5 hours. **Note that you must reserve your seats online by September 3rd!!**

<https://turningpointeschoolofdance.com/student-matinee-colorado-ballet>



2020 Seniors!

If you have a dancer that will be graduating high school in May 2020, please email Tina at turningpointedance@gmail.com to get on the senior email list!

SENIOR BREAKFAST! You and 1 parent/guardian are invited to our very special **Senior Breakfast on September 7th from 9:30am-10:30am** at the studio! I can't wait to spend time with you, talk through senior recital info, and I have a special gift for you! Please RSVP to Tina by Sept 1st.