

# March

## Important Dates

**March 5th & 19th:**

Character Classes

**March 24th:** Final Day  
before Spring Break

**March 26th-31st:**  
Spring Break

**SAVE THE DATE**

Spring Showcase on  
May 19<sup>th</sup>. Get tickets at  
<https://ticketpeak.com/res/springshowcase2018>

## Ballet Term of the Month



Photo Credit: Kat Steinnon  
Dancer: Lilly, Pre-Pro Division

### **Croise Derriere**

Croise means "crossed," and derriere means "back," so croise derriere is quite literally crossed back. In this position, the dancer is in a tendu, degage, or battement in the back while the same arm as back leg is in fifth position. This position is common in many classical ballets.



Meet the Editor

Cindy is a sophomore at Middleton High School and dances in the Pre-Pro Division



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## Jacob's Memo

I wake up every morning and recited this quote from Bruce Lee: "Art reaches its' greatest peak when devoid of self-consciousness. Freedom discovers man the moment he loses concern over what impression he is making or about to make"  
-Jacob

## Standard Two

With three technique classes, two rehearsals, and a pointe class per week, this division also has opportunities to take our jazz class and our character class. Preparations for the Spring Showcase include experiencing different styles of dance and getting out of their comfort zones, as well as different teachers.

They are performing a pointe piece, and many of them only began pointe this year. For most of them, this is their first time performing en pointe. Dancing during class to hone the technique is much different than dancing for a performance because it requires a lot more fluidity and less time to think about the breaking down the steps. They are also performing a classic jazz piece, which was choreographed by our studio jazz teacher, Michael Knight.

## Meet Some Standard Two's

### **Marishka, age 13**

Marishka's favorite part about Standard Two is how much more challenging it is than Standard One, and there's more responsibility.

She's super excited for the summer intensives because there are multiple classes in one day, with different styles that she doesn't normally get to dance.

### **Ben, age 11**

Ben enjoys how everyone is so nice and accepting in his division. He also loves how all the classes are different and challenging, with different teachers.

He's thrilled for the Spring Showcase because it's going to be a lot of fun, and everyone gets to showcase their abilities!

### **Maddie, age 12**

Maddie loves how she gets to dance with all the different levels in the school, and how she gets to improve every day because of it!

She is looking forward to the Spring Showcase, and can't wait to perform her jazz piece. She's also happy that everyone is getting better each time they rehearse their pieces.