

# Welcome Petites

Hi my name is Missy (Nink) Stortz and I am the Head Instructor for Petite Combo, Junior Kix and Junior HipHop. I have been dancing with Streater JFK since 2005 and coaching since 2010. I can't say enough about all the great things this program has taught me, both as a dancer and as a person. I love sharing those same life lessons with our little ladies! In addition, I am a full-time school psychologist at Marseilles Elementary School, and a Travel Agent specializing in Disney World and Universal Studios! In my free time (haha) I like to hangout with my hubby Sam and sons Scotty and Baby Seth, and we love spending time visiting our favorite place - Walt Disney World.

Hi, my name is Alyssa Bush and I am Co-Teaching the Petite Wednesday classes with Miss Addi this year. I started dancing with JFK in 2005 and have been hooked ever since. I am so excited to be back teaching this year and sharing my love of dance with all my littles. I work at Vissering Construction for my "Big Girl" job and I have the most handsome son Declin who is in 6th grade and I am expecting a little girl at the end of December. She will most definitely be a dancing queen.

Hi, I am Addi Ramon and I will be Co-Teaching with Ms. Alyssa on Wednesdays. I started dancing at JFK at the age of 3 and my first dance was to Strawberry Shortcake. I am currently working at St. Michael's school and finishing up my teaching degree this Spring. I can't wait to see all my former dancers and meet some new friends this season too.

We couldn't be more excited to meet all our new and returning petite dancers. It's going to be an exciting year of learning and performing. We are confident you will LOVE our program and if you find something you don't, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns that we need to address.

## Important things to help you get ready for dance:

**-When does dance start?** Our Petite Tuesday classes will start **9/3/23** and Petite Wednesday classes will start **9/4/24**. Our dance location is at 701 S. Sterling St. Streater. We hold classes in the gymnasium. Please drop your dancer at the door and pick her up at the end of class time.

**-What should we wear?** Petite's dress code will be very similar to the tiny dress code: black leotard (it can have an attached skirt), and jazz shoes. Optional additional dress includes white, pink, or nude tights, and jazz/booty shorts, fitted cami or tank top. Hair must be pulled up in a bun or pony with all bangs pinned back. Clean tennis shoes can be worn until jazz shoes arrive.

[Click here for dress code examples](#)

**-When do I need to order the costume?** Deadline to order costumes is **September 22nd**. This allows time for production which can take up to 8 weeks. Costumes are not sitting on a shelf, they are being made per order. When your costume arrives it will be sent home with your dancer. You can order your jazz shoes now!

**-How do I return a costume/shoes?** Please fill out the packing slip that is included in your costume package. You need to include the RMA number and then send it back to class with your dancer. It is much quicker to request a refund and reorder what you need. We only send back full boxes of returns so it could take a couple weeks before you see the refund on your account.

**-What size should I order?** If you danced last year, size up from that item. if you are ordering for the first time, you would order 1 size up from your shirt size (example, dancer is in a size 4 - order a size 6). Jazz shoes sometimes run small and we suggest that you order 2 sizes from your street shoe size. Dance shoes are to fit like a glove, so even though we like room to grow, make sure the shoes are tight to your dancer's foot. The shoes will stretch and form to the foot overtime. Also, all costumes and shoes can be returned for a full refund as long as they have not been worn, do not have an odor, and are in the same condition as you received them. Also, we take care of all returns and exchanges of uniform/shoes/tights (note: tights cannot be returned if the package is opened).

**-Can I order my shoes/tights off Amazon?** No. All shoes and tights should be ordered from the options on your account. Colors of shoes and tights vary, and we want ours to match. If you want to have extra tights or jazz shoes ONLY to wear to class, ordering those off of Amazon would be fine.

**-What if I want to change the class we signed up for?** You can switch classes if there is space. If you ordered that costume it can be returned. Make sure to check on the other class you are hoping to switch to before you drop, however. It may be full!!

**-Can we stay and watch class?** No, sorry! Dancers are easily distracted and we find that they learn much better when they cannot see or hear mom/dad/siblings etc. Unfortunately there is not really a waiting area so your class teacher will meet you at the door for drop off and pickup.

**-How should I expect to hear from you, or contact you if I have questions?** We will be sending all information out through our BAND communication app, so please make sure you have joined and turned on notifications. If you need to speak to any of us you may send a private message on the BAND app.

**PLEASE** refrain from asking questions that need detailed answers between classes. With our classes being back to back instructors must focus solely on the class. . If you have an important question that needs answered, please utilize the contact information at the end of this welcome letter.

**-Class Fees and Payments-** Class fees are due the 1st of each month. We highly recommend you sign up for **AUTO PAY**. It is easy and convenient and can be done right at your dance account. JFK policy requires that all class fees are paid in full in order for dancers to participate in class, shows, competitions and performances. We do not accept dance fees paid to us at class. All fees must be paid online or directly to the home office.

**Contact Information:** Please refrain from messaging us on any social media!

If you have more program-related questions, our director, Lori Cinnamon can help you. She is available during the daytime hours and you can contact her [streator.il@justforkix.com](mailto:streator.il@justforkix.com), call 815-674-9487 or message on the BAND app.

~See everyone on September 3rd & 4th ~

Important..... Please join the BAND groups below to ensure you are updated on all the happenings. This is also where you will message staff with questions and concerns. Please do not text our personal phones. Thank you!

BAND GROUPS- When joining please put your full name/ dancers name

[CLICK HERE to join our program](#) (everyone joins this)

[CLICK HERE FOR Petite Combo](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR Petite Wednesday](#)

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Petite Classes will enter in the front of the building by the JFK sign. If you are coming into the building to retrieve your dance please do not block the doorway as we have dancers coming in for class.

**Who am I?**

**Our names are fun but can get confusing.**

Petite Kix Combo - 5:45-6:30

Petite Hip Hop Combo- 6:30-7:00

Petite Kix Wednesday- 4:15-5:00

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