

Emma Rose

THERE'S NO PLACE
LIKE PRES



Emma Rose is a current junior at Presentation. When she's not in school, she devotes much of her time to a unique and demanding extracurricular activity. While students are walking across the street to the Arts & Athletic Center for practice after school, Emma Rose is walking to her dance studio downtown. In addition to being a student at Pres, Emma Rose is a committed ballet student at the Louisville Ballet School.

At Emma Rose's level of pointe technique, she must sacrifice much of her free time for dance. While such a sacrifice can be very difficult for a high school student, it is a testament to her dedication and love for ballet. When school breaks for summer, Emma Rose increases her time commitment to dance at summer intensive camps. This summer, Emma Rose spent five weeks at a summer intensive camp away from home, a fulltime commitment to ballet for those weeks.

On an average week, Emma Rose balances ballet with schoolwork, dedicating around 20 hours to dancing. On Saturdays, Emma Rose spends six hours practicing her technique. With all of the distractions in the world, it's hard to imagine having such a deep commitment at such a young age, but Emma Rose has it, and is happy to feed her passion for dance.

"Emma Rose does a great job balancing schoolwork with the many hours she dedicates to the Louisville Ballet School," Principal Barbara Wine noted.

Currently, Emma Rose is in her second year of Intermediate III pointe technique, and will move on

to Advanced pointe technique in her senior year. This spring, Emma Rose looks forward to performing one of the lead roles in her spring showcase. Daylena Ruiz Garcia is one of Emma Rose's ballet instructors and has watched her level of skill improve since she began teaching her in 2012:

"She has always been a very diligent young woman. Emma Rose is a great dance student. Her dedication and commitment show me her dance love. She is very respectful and a motivated dance student. I am glad to work with her and proud about her achievements in my classes."

Emma Rose's diligence also translates into the classroom. She understands that her grades are the fruits of her efforts, teacher Ms. Laura Ayotte noted. The classes Emma Rose enjoys most at Pres are science classes because she enjoys learning about the environment. That love of science will likely guide her in the future. If she does not study dance in college, she said she would like to study Physical Therapy because of her great desire to help people, especially the elderly. Emma Rose enjoys working with older generations. "I love hearing their stories," she said.

Emma Rose's study of ballet is one of her iconic qualities, and since her pointe shoes make her magical on her feet, portraying *The Wizard of Oz's* Dorothy Gale seemed like the perfect iconic image for her. Though she may continue dancing down her yellow brick road in the future, she is also iconic for her desire to stop and help people along the way.

