

# FINAL NOTES

We are heading into our final REGULAR week of dance classes for the season! Here is all the information you'll need for dress rehearsals and recital week!

First of all :

- 1) ALL costume pieces and shoes must have their name inside!
- 2) All dancers 1st -12th should come with their black tank and spandex already on. We'll let them know when they've arrived which costume piece(s) to layer on.
- 3) Bring costumes in a small plastic tote with lid (tutu on a hanger). This system works SO WELL for dancers with multiple costume pieces, and it helps them stay organized backstage! (Preschool & kindergarten dancers will be in their costume the whole time and do not need a tote).
- 4) Hair should be pulled back in a bun IF POSSIBLE. If hair is too short, a ponytail is sufficient.

## **Dress rehearsal #1 - Tuesday, 5/22 - AT THE STUDIO**

All dancers arrive at 5:15 at the dance studio in Edgewood. Dancing begins at 5:30pm. ALL dancers should plan to stay until rehearsal is over at 6:45. The rehearsal is closed to observers, and parents can pick up dancers at 6:45.

(However, parents of the Preschool/Kindergarten classes are welcome to stay, and they can leave once they are done dancing.

This will be the last day to buy or pick up tickets at PRE-SALE prices. But don't worry - there will be tickets available at the door as well!

## **Dress rehearsal #2 - Thursday, 5/24 - HANSON AUDITORIUM**

All dancers arrive at 5:30 at Hanson Auditorium in Manchester. Dancing begins at 6pm. ALL dancers should plan to stay until rehearsal is over at 7:30. (Again, Preschool/Kindergarten classes can leave once they are done dancing). Parents will not be allowed inside the auditorium but are welcome to wait in the lobby during rehearsal.

Starting with dress rehearsal, we will have a check in / check out process, which we'll also use at recital. Please check your dancer in with the volunteer at the table on the way backstage. Then, please check them out at the door before you leave. We want to ensure the safety of our dancers and make sure they leave with the person they are supposed to go with and at the appropriate time.

Recital T-Shirts will be available for pick-up in the lobby anytime during rehearsal.

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## **Recital-**

Dancers should arrive by 6:30 on Friday, and should arrive by 2pm on Saturday. On Friday, recital will be over around 8pm. On Saturday, recital will be over around 3:30pm.

Remind your dancers they must be SILENT in the wings. Dancers who are disruptive will be removed to the hallway and will not perform. Performance etiquette is SO important for them to learn; if we want people to be respectful while we are performing, we must be respectful during others' performances. They also must be respectful toward our parent volunteers.

Dancers will stay backstage through the entire performance this year (\*\*SEE EXCEPTION BELOW). We are running without an intermission, and the show is just over an hour. You should plan to stay through the entire performance, including the solos and small groups. It's a fantastic show, and ALL of the dancers have worked hard. Thank you for supporting them!

\*\*Quick note for the preschool/kindergarten parents - your kiddos will be DISMISSED to sit with you in the auditorium once they are done dancing. We will provide these instructions in the auditorium at dress rehearsal. They enjoy getting to sit with you and watching the dancers!

**ABOVE ALL —** Each of these dancers is special to me and to our performance — I am PROUD of them and their accomplishments already. More than anything, I want them to have FUN and ENJOY their performances! I hope you all enjoy the performance!

**Thank you!!!**  
**Miranda**