

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. 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) For dancers 1st-12th, hair should be pulled back in a low-pony-tail, just under the right ear, if possible. If hair is too short, just a low ponytail is sufficient. For preschool/ kindergarten, hair should be pulled off the face, but there is no required style.

Dress rehearsal #1 - Tuesday, 4/30 - AT THE STUDIO

All dancers arrive at 5:00 at the dance studio in Edgewood. We will take the full studio picture at approximately 5:15; Dancing begins at 5:30pm. ALL 1st-12th 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. Soloists and small groups should plan to be at rehearsal until about 7:15.

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

PICTURES - Wednesday, 5/1 - AT THE STUDIO

The picture schedule was sent out in the April newsletter, so make sure to check that for times! Pictures move relatively quickly, so please plan to stay for your dancer's entire picture time, and they are free to leave once their pictures are done. Jeff Barker from the Starmont area has taken our pictures for the past several years and does a great job. He only charges \$5 per dancer, and then we are free to download and print whatever and however much we'd like! **All dancers must bring \$5 for pictures.**

**This is also the last day to get presale tickets!! All presale tickets must be paid for and picked up that day; anything left for will-call will be at-the door prices.

Dress rehearsal #2 - Thursday, 5/2 - Ed-Co High School

All dancers arrive at 5pm at Ed-Co High School in Edgewood. Dancing begins at 5:30pm. 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 of the 1st-12th graders will not be allowed inside the rehearsal unless they are signed up to help.

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.

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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 backstage. Dancers who are disruptive backstage 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!!!

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