



2019 RECITAL HANDBOOK

Instructions for Child Arrival & Important Information for Dress Rehearsal and Performance day!

Arriving at pictures/dress rehearsal and recital can seem a bit hectic and overwhelming for dancers and parents.

We have listed a few points to help you be informed and know what to expect.

PICTURES/DRESS REHEARSAL – Dancers will arrive at the college outside of the theatre doors by the box office at their arrival time (can be found on costume info sheet). Dancers will then be taken into the theatre by a parent volunteer and proceed to the designated picture area. Both class and individual pictures will be taken at this time. After pictures are taken, students will be escorted to the stage where they will have a 15-minute time slot to practice their dance on stage. Dress rehearsal is a full stage rehearsal. It runs just like a show. **ONLY DANCERS AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE THEATRE DURING PICTURES/DRESS REHEARSAL.**

Dancers will be brought to foyer after they are finished and you can then take your child home. **D208 can be used for changing costumes during this time. Parents are to assist the dancers changing during Dress Rehearsal/Pictures**

RECITAL

1. Please arrive **45 minutes before show time**. Please **do not arrive more than one hour prior** to your show time. Students will not be allowed backstage before parent volunteers are all present. Parents will be expected to stay with their dancer until the class volunteer has arrived.
2. Park near and enter through entrance labeled “**theatre**” doors (North End of College); the hallway to the left is where dancers are dropped off. There will be a drop off table and sign in sheet here. Guests remain in the lobby, one parent and the dancer should proceed to the hallway sign in table, for check in to D208. **CLEAN SNACKS ONLY**. We cannot risk our dancer’s costumes getting stained from food and drinks. Please pack snacks that will not cause stains. Water **ONLY** to drink. Clean snacks ie. Grapes, carrots, gold fish.
3. Each dancer will need to be signed in by 1 parent. Please know the name of your child’s dance; the dancer will sign in with a parent volunteer. The volunteer will be holding a clip board with the name of your child’s dance. No one will be admitted behind the check-in table unless they are a dancer in costume or a parent volunteer.
4. Your child will be signed in with a parent volunteer. The parent volunteer will be with the child’s class for the entire time they are back stage! If your child performs after intermission, please sign your child in at intermission. Once you have signed your child in you may take your seat in the theater. If your child has difficulty being separated from you, you are more than welcome to volunteer to be a backstage helper. We can always use additional volunteers!

5. Please arrive in costume, with make-up on. There are no extra rooms for you to change or apply make up backstage, however, extra make-up, hairspray, etc., will be available for touch-ups in D208 where the children will stay before and after performing. Each costume will come with an instruction sheet. Please ensure your child has the correct hairstyle, correct colour of tights, correct shoes and correct make up.
6. **LABEL EVERYTHING** – tights, shoes, costumes, hair pieces, boots, coats. **If you bring it backstage, please put your name on it. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.**
7. **If your child is in 2 or more dances.** Please bring all costume pieces hung on a labeled hanger. (First and Last Name) Please label all costume pieces with the dancer's name. The costume will be given to the parent volunteer. The costume will be kept in the quick change area, and there will be volunteers to help your dancer get changed and to help change hair styles for their next dance.
8. **We ask you to please remain in your seats for the duration of the show. Dancers can be picked up after the show. Dancers are welcome to watch the half of the show that they do not perform in but must have a purchased ticket.**
Please pick your child up at the same place you dropped them off. **Parents will not be allowed into D208.** Please respect our safety procedures! After you have been signed out, by the parent volunteer, your child will be released to you. In order to avoid confusion and chaos and to keep everyone safe, you will not be allowed into D208.
9. Your child may bring toys/games or other games to keep them entertained. Please label anything you bring back stage with your dancers first and last name. Please bring all personal belongings in an identifiable personal bag. DO not bring valuable back stage. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. There will be Disney movie, and cartoons playing backstage as well as, colouring books and crafts for children to take part in. They will all be having fun!
10. We request no flash photography during the performance for the safety of the dancers. It is blinding to the eyes of dancers and distracting to the audience. You are welcome to take flash photography before or after the show. Please refrain from yelling or cheering during the dances –it is appropriate to show your appreciation at the end of each number.
11. The entire performance will be filmed by a professional videographer. Order forms are available in the lobby and will be available the day of the performance. DVD's can be ordered.
12. **HAVE A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE! Your enjoyment, the student's safety and happiness are our primary concerns. Please ask questions to clarify any of our requests.**

Please note during the performance the house lights go to black in between dances. Be mindful of the fact that it would be helpful to have a small flashlight to read your program or keep a young child from being afraid in the dark.

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