

DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL CHECKLIST

- GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP-** PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT APPEARING ON STAGE IN A RECITAL, BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE, IS QUITE AN EXPERIENCE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT DANCERS ARE WELL RESTED AND RELAXED FOR THE REHEARSAL AND BOTH PERFORMANCES.
- LABEL EVERYTHING** WITH YOUR DANCER'S NAME- AND I MEAN EVERYTHING! (SHOES, TIGHTS, HAIRBRUSHES, ETC.)
- CHECK THAT YOU HAVE ALL COSTUME PIECES AND ACCESSORIES-** DANCERS MUST BE FULLY DRESSED IN THE REQUIRED ATTIRE TO PERFORM ON STAGE. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING!
- PACK A SUITCASE-** ITEMS OF NECESSITY: BOBBY PINS, SAFETY PINS, HAIRBRUSH AND A WATER BOTTLE (NO JUICE- WE DON'T WANT TO STAIN THE COSTUMES). OTHER POSSIBLE ITEMS: MAKE-UP, CURLING IRON, HAIRSPRAY, RADIO W/ DANCE MUSIC (TO PRACTICE BACKSTAGE), GAMES/BOOKS (FOR THE LITTLE ONES TO PASS THE TIME), A CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR AFTER THE PERFORMANCE, AND A HANGER FOR THE COSTUME ON THE RIDE HOME.
- HAIR-** PLEASE REFER TO YOUR COSTUME DIRECTION SHEET (HANDLED OUT WHEN COSTUMES WERE GIVEN) FOR SPECIFIC HAIR DIRECTIONS.
- MAKE-UP-** ALL DANCERS **MUST** WEAR MAKE-UP TO AVOID LOOKING WASHED OUT UNDER THE POWERFUL, BRIGHT STAGE LIGHTS.
 - LIPSTICK- DISTINCT RED (NOT PINK, ORANGE, OR BROWN)
 - BLUSH- PINK OR ROSE
 - EYE SHADOW- BLUE OR BROWN (YOUR COSTUME DIRECTIONS INDICATE COLOR)
 - EYELINER- APPLY TO UPPER & LOWER LIDS (UNNECESSARY FOR YOUNG DANCERS)
 - MASCARA- BLACK
- PUT ON COSTUME-** COME DRESSED IN THE COSTUME THAT YOU WILL PERFORM IN FIRST.
DO NOT WEAR PANTIES!!!!!!!
- ARRIVE PLENTY EARLY!** - THIS MEANS AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE SHOW BEGINS. I START AT EXACTLY 6:00 DRESS REHEARSAL NIGHT AND PROMPTLY AT 7:00 RECITAL NIGHT. (THE PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE BEGINS AT 5:30) WE WILL NOT WAIT FOR LATE DANCERS.
BE PLENTY EARLY!!!!!!
- LOCATE DRESSING ROOM-** ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE POSTED IN THE ENTRANCE WAY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL. PARK IN THE BACK & ENTER THROUGH THE BACK ENTRANCE. **DO NOT USE SIDE DOORS!!** THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE. SIGNS WILL DIRECT YOU WHEN YOU GET TO THE HIGH SCHOOL. PARENTS, PLEASE ESCORT YOUR CHILD TO HIS OR HER DESIGNATED DRESSING ROOM. HELP THEM FIND A PLACE TO PUT THEIR COSTUMES AND OTHER BELONGINGS. THERE WILL BE DRESSING ROOM MOMS IN EACH CLASSROOM WITH NAME BADGES IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES. PLEASE MAKE YOUR "DROP-OFF" QUICK. THE DRESSING ROOMS ARE SMALL AND WE DO NOT HAVE A LOT OF SPACE FOR EXTRA BODIES. IF YOU ARE NOT SIGNED UP AS A BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEER YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.
- PICK YOUR CHILD UP AFTER THE FINALE- DO NOT PICK UP YOUR CHILD EARLY!** THE DANCERS MUST STAY IN THEIR DRESSING ROOMS UNTIL THE FINALE WHERE THEY WILL ALL RETURN TO THE STAGE FOR ONE LAST SONG. AFTER THE FINALE, CHILDREN MAY BE PICKED UP FROM THE DRESSING ROOMS. DANCERS SHOULD BE PICKED-UP BY FEMALES ONLY. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BOY'S DRESSING ROOM, ALL DRESSING ROOMS ARE FEMALE ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW DADS, BROTHERS, OR MALE FRIENDS/RELATIVES TO BE IN THE DRESSING ROOM HALLWAY AT THE END OF THE SHOW.

READ CAREFULLY

Dress Rehearsal- May 19th 6:00pm

Milan High School Auditorium

Recital- May 21st & 22nd

5:30 Showcase Performance

Featuring our talented soloists & duet dancers

(All ticket sales from the showcase performance benefit the American Cancer Society)

7:00 Annual Recital- featuring group performers

Dress Rehearsal

Dress rehearsal is an important evening. The **ONLY** purpose of dress rehearsal is to prepare students for the recital with as little confusion as possible. The dancers will need to get used to their costumes, the stage, and the tempo of the recital music. They all want to do their very best on recital night. Only one parent or guardian per student will be permitted to stay in the auditorium on dress rehearsal night. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!** Students have been given one dress rehearsal pass for their parent or guardian (enclosed). Videotaping and flash photography **will be permitted during dress rehearsal only. Flash photography and videotaping will not be permitted during the recital.** All parents and guardians, (those with a guest pass) must sit in the upper section or the side section of the auditorium. The lower, center section of the auditorium will be reserved for students and backstage parents only. In between numbers, students may quietly watch others perform. It is my goal to have little distraction from the audience during dress rehearsal.

Professional Dance Photographs

Group dance photos **WILL NOT** be taken during dress rehearsal this year. **Individual & Group photos will be taken at the studio on Saturday, April 17th & Sunday, April 18th**; your child's dance class will have a specific time to meet at the studio for the group photo. Please make every effort to come for the group photos. A composite of all classes will hang in the studio, and it is important to all of us that your child be a part of the recital memory. Please see the lobby poster for specific group times. Combo classes with multiple costumes will have two separate photo times. Individual photos will be taken immediately following the group photo. Order forms will be available at the studio in advance & on the day of photos.