

Spring Dance Concert Packet/Information

To: Dance Students and Parents

From: Dance Faculty

Date Issued: March 20, 2023

Costume payments are due April 14th. Assuming all shipments arrive on time, costumes will be distributed the week before the show and will not be released to those who have not paid for their child's costumes or tuition. **The front desk and administration will handle money and checks. The dance faculty cannot take the money or checks.**

- The **Spring Dance Concerts** will be held **Saturday, May 13th at 1:00pm and 7:00 pm** at **Harrisonburg High School**.
- We will have a **full-dress rehearsal** (for the **1:00 pm** show) on **Wednesday, May 10th from 5:30-9:00** and a **full-dress rehearsal** (for the **7:00pm** show) on **Thursday, May 11th from 5:30-9:00** pm. The rehearsals may run slightly under or over time so we ask that all parents be patient and stay until their child has rehearsed. Rehearsals are essential to developing a sense of confidence and satisfaction in performing, as well as ensuring a smooth and positive performance. Dancers who have missed dress rehearsal are not emotionally, mentally, or psychologically prepared to perform. Therefore, **students who miss dress rehearsal will not be permitted to perform in the show**. We want the dance recital to be a positive and successful experience for every student. **Dancers are to dress in costume for the dress rehearsal.**
- **For the dress rehearsals and concerts, please arrive already in costume with proper hair and proper makeup.**
- **Harrisonburg High School location: 1001 Garbers Church Road Harrisonburg, VA 22801**
- **When entering and exiting Harrisonburg High School, please use the North 2 doors.**

Warmup:

- All students must arrive in plenty of time to give themselves a proper warm-up. Dancers cannot perform without a proper warm-up (especially older students). Those who try to dance without warming up run the risk of injury and technical errors. For small children this means a nap, a snack, and a few trips to the bathroom. Bring coloring books and crayons (**not markers**) for young children to occupy their time before their dance.

Costumes: For dress rehearsal and concert performance all dancers should:

- apply lip color, cheek color, and eye color.
- **All dancers must have their hair secured tightly with hair spray within the appropriate style specified by their class necessity list. All dancers received a concert necessity list in February. Please review that for specifics. This list is also posted on the dance table and online. If you need an extra copy, please let your instructor know.**
- All barrettes and hair fasteners should match the dancer's hair not the costume and should not be metallic or sparkling.
- All jewelry must be removed prior to arriving to the dress rehearsal and the performance.

- Please do not wear underwear under the costumes; bunched up underwear under tights is unsightly.
- **Dancers with costume changes are responsible for their costumes; the costume should be labeled with the student's name. Younger children who have costume changes MUST have a parent back stage to help them change costumes.**

Food:

- **No food or drinks are allowed inside Harrisonburg High School's Auditorium.**
- Dancers should not chew gum or have candy at any time during the rehearsal or concert.
- Dancers should leave valuables at home.
- Please make sure that all trash goes into proper receptacles, not under seats.

Parents:

- **Parents will not be allowed backstage during the dress rehearsal or the concert** unless they would like to supervise a group of dancers or are helping a child with a costume change.
- No parent is allowed on stage with his or her child for any reason.
- If your child has stage fright, we will make every effort to encourage them the best we can with the time we have. If you have fear of stage fright happening talk to and encourage your child the best that you can before the show.
- Each class will need at least one to two parent volunteers. **If a class does not have a parent volunteer, then that class will not perform.** If you are interested in volunteering, please sign your full name on the sheet on the dance table and let your instructor know. Volunteers are essential to having a successful and smooth performance.

All students must stay for the entire show and participate in the finale.

Professional Dance Photos: (optional)

- **GITCHELL'S PHOTOGRAPHY** will be at the High School to take pictures on Wednesday, May 10th and Thursday, May 11th from 4:30-7:30 pm. The dance package photo special offered this year will be two 5X7" and four wallet-size for **\$18.00. Photos must be paid for at the time of the sitting.** Other packages and options can be ordered through Gitchell's.
- **Pictures can be picked up two weeks after the concert at Gitchell's downtown store, located at the corner of Market and Federal Streets.**
- Remember, rehearsal will start at 5:30, so **please have pictures taken before your child rehearses or right after** if time is efficient.
- **PLEASE COME PICTURE READY BEFORE YOUR TIME OF SITTING!** Please be dressed in costume, have tights on, and hair make up done before hand. To help with organization, please also have your payment (check, money, or credit card) and order forms filled out ahead of time!

Concert Expectations:

- The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department has been striving throughout the year to provide students with the utmost quality in dance education in a nurturing learning environment. Please note the rehearsal and concert schedules on the next few pages and please remember—**do not miss dress rehearsal!** We are looking forward to a successful concert weekend. If everyone works together to keep the above-mentioned guidelines in mind, we will have a smooth, organized, safe, and most important fun performance. There will be no exceptions to the rules. Remember, the instructors have many years of experience in dance concert planning and dance education. Parents and students are expected to abide by the rules and respect the instructors, coordinator, and Parks and Recreation staff's authority.
- **There will be no seat saving.** When sitting in the auditorium please be respectful to those watching. Please avoid getting up in the middle of dances as it is rude towards those trying to watch their dancer perform. As audience members, please keep the noise level down, talking during performances is distracting to the dancers and to the families watching. Please respect the elderly. Please applaud equally for each performance.
- Please note: On dress rehearsal, no one except volunteers, concert workers, and Blue Crew members will be allowed in the auditorium until 5:00pm. **Volunteers for the dress rehearsal must arrive at Harrisonburg High School at 4:45pm.**
- **The day/night of the concert, volunteers must arrive at 11:30am for the Saturday afternoon show and 5:30pm for the Saturday evening show.**
- On the day of the concert the doors to the auditorium will open at 12:00noon for the afternoon performance and 6:00pm for the evening performance. Both at the dress rehearsal and concert, all volunteers and workers will be asked to sign in and wear a tag stating their name and which classes they are supervising then report to assigned rooms.

Lastly:

- We want to thank all parents and all who will volunteer their time in this experience. We realize the dance concert and dress rehearsals take a lot of patience and time. A dance concert, just like any school play or sports event, requires a lot of preparation and planning (such as the concert order, choreographing the dances, selecting music, organizing volunteers and concert expectations, dancing with and encouraging the students in the wings backstage during the show, booking Harrisonburg High School's auditorium, pictures, ordering and selecting costumes, printing programs, and training curtain, music and light technicians). Every attempt will be made to keep the show and rehearsal at a reasonable length. Please keep in mind that technical glitches are always bound to occur, and your patience and understanding is appreciated. Without your help and support, this fun opportunity would not be possible. Your generosity, patience, and help are greatly appreciated.

Rehearsal and Concert Schedule for the Afternoon Performance:

Wednesday, May 10th: Dress Rehearsal

4:30 pm Pictures (optional)

5:30pm **REHEARSAL BEGINS! (DO NOT BE LATE)**

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- Please sit with groups at appropriate signs in the auditorium. Signs will be posted along the sides of the rows. Each class will rehearse their dance two times.
- After rehearsing you are free to go; however, please remember that during the concert, dancers will not be allowed to watch the show. Please feel free to use the rehearsal as an opportunity for students to watch other dancers perform if time is efficient.

Saturday, May 13th: Dance Concert

12:15pm **DANCERS ARRIVE!**

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- Dancers sit with their class and their volunteer back stage in assigned classrooms or halls at appropriate signs (Do not be late). There will be someone out in the lobby and signs directing parents/students to the appropriate rooms. Parents then need to leave and take their seats in the auditorium.
- **THERE SHOULD BE NO DANCERS IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE SHOW! DANCERS NEED TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW AND MAY NOT LEAVE EARLY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE!**

1:00pm **Concert Begins!**

- Dancers will perform then sit with their class backstage in the assigned rooms. Classes will then line up backstage for the Finale in which they will be led out onto the stage for a final curtsy/bow.
- After each class has taken their bow, classes will be instructed to back up and sit on stage with the volunteer and will stay seated until a parent has picked them up.
- Please make verbal contact with your child's stage volunteer before picking your child up from the stage or backstage.

Rehearsal and Concert Schedule for the Evening Performance:

Thursday, May 11th: Dress Rehearsal

4:30 pm Pictures (optional)

5:30pm REHEARSAL BEGINS! (DO NOT BE LATE)

Dancers with costume changes are responsible for their costumes; the costume should be labeled with the student's name. Younger children who have costume changes MUST have a parent back stage to help them change costumes.

- **Please sit with groups at appropriate signs in the auditorium. Signs will be posted along the sides of the rows. Each class will rehearse their dance two times.**
- **After rehearsing you are free to go; however, please remember that during the concert, dancers will not be allowed to watch the show. Please feel free to use the rehearsal as an opportunity for students to watch other dancers perform if time is efficient.**

Saturday, May 13th: Dance Concert

6:15pm DANCERS ARRIVE!

Dancers with costume changes are responsible for their costumes; the costume should be labeled with the student's name. Younger children who have costume changes MUST have a parent back stage to help them change costumes.

- **Dancers sit with their class and their volunteer back stage in assigned classrooms or halls at appropriate signs (Do not be late).**
- **There will be someone out in the lobby and signs directing parents/students to the appropriate rooms.**
- **Parents then need to leave and take their seats in the auditorium.**
- **THERE SHOULD BE NO DANCERS IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE SHOW! DANCERS NEED TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW AND MAY NOT LEAVE EARLY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE!**

7:00pm Concert Begins!

- **Dancers will perform then sit with their class backstage in the assigned rooms. Classes will then line up backstage for the Finale in which they will be led out onto the stage for a final curtsy/bow.**
- **After each class has taken their bow classes will be instructed to back up and sit on stage with the volunteer and will stay seated until a parent has picked them up.**
- **Please make verbal contact with your child's stage volunteer before picking your child up from the stage or backstage.**

Concert Order:

Concert Theme: Celestial Navigation

Saturday Afternoon 1:00 Show

1. BLUE CREW DANCE Cindy's Piece
2. Music & Movement (Mon.) Cynthia
3. Senior Piece (Duet)
4. Music & Movement (Wed) Cynthia
5. Adv. Youth Ballet (Thurs.) Cynthia
6. Music & Movement (Fri.) Cynthia
7. Adv. Jazz III/IV (Tues.) Jimmy
8. Music & Movement (Sat.) Zilda
9. Teen Tap/Musical Stage (Wed.) Cynthia
10. Pre-Ballet & Creative Movement (Mon.) Cynthia
11. Adv. Ballet & Pointe (Thurs.) Cynthia
12. Pre-Ballet & Creative Movement (Sat.) Zilda
13. Senior Piece (Trio)
14. Adv. Jazz I/II (Tues.) Jimmy
15. Adv. Modern (Thurs.) Zilda
16. Pre-Ballet & Creative Movement (Fri.) Cynthia
17. BLUE CREW DANCE COMPANY Jimmy's piece

*******Finale*******

Saturday Evening 7:00 Show

1. BLUE CREW DANCE Cindy's Piece
2. Ballet/Tap III/IV (Wed.) Jimmy/Cindy
3. Senior Piece (Duet)
4. Adv. Youth Ballet (Thurs.) Cynthia
5. Jazz I/II (Tues.) Cynthia
6. Adv. Jazz III/IV (Tues.) Jimmy
7. Youth Modern (Mon.) Zilda
8. Teen Tap/Musical Stage (Wed.) Cynthia
9. Ballet/Tap I/II (Sat) Zilda
10. Adv. Ballet & Pointe (Thurs.) Cynthia
11. Ballet/Tap I/II (Thurs.) Jimmy/Cindy
12. Senior Piece (Trio)
13. Adv. Jazz I/II (Tues.) Jimmy
14. Adv. Modern (Thurs.) Zilda
15. Int. Jazz (Mon.) Zilda
16. BLUE CREW DANCE COMPANY Jimmy's piece

*******Finale*******

Assigned Classrooms for Saturday's 1:00 Dance Concert:

Dressing Room 1: (Blue Crew #1, #3, #7, #11, #13, #15, #17)

Hall: #5, #9, #14 (hall dancers must be quiet!)

Room 2: dance #2

Room 3: dance # 4

Room 4: dance # 6

Room 5: dance # 8

Room 6: dance # 10

Room 7: dance # 12

Room 8: dance #16

Room 9: extra

Assigned Classrooms for Saturday's 7:00 Dance Concert:

Dressing Room 1: (Blue Crew #1, #3, #6, #10, #12, #14, #16)

Hall: #4, #7, #8, #13 (hall dancers must be quiet!)

Room 2: dance #2

Room 3: dance # 5

Room 4: dance # 9

Room 5: dance # 11

Room 6: dance # 15

Please sit with groups at appropriate signs in the classrooms. Signs will be posted outside of the classroom doors or along the hallway backstage.