

October 2019



Dear Parents and Students,

Our yearly recital preparation has begun. It is the culmination of this year's training and is an exciting event, which is met with enthusiasm by the dancers, instructors and audience. You'll see smiles gleaming and confidence beaming as the dancers take the stage. It's truly a fun and rewarding experience that you don't want to miss. (Although it is not a requirement, we strongly suggest that each student take part in our annual recital.)

The recital will be **Friday, June 19 at 7PM** and **Saturday, June 20 at 1PM at Milford High School Auditorium**. This will be a new venue for us. We previously had our recitals at King Philip but unfortunately they lost their theatre staff and have not found replacements. Until they fill the positions, they are putting all rentals on hold. We scrambled to find a new venue and are happy to be going to Milford High that has an auditorium big enough for our estimated guests. There will be an admittance charge for all attending the recital. This cost is necessary for the rental of the auditorium, changing areas, lighting and other essential expenses. Ticket information will be given at a later date. Since most dances are done in formation with partners, etc., **it is ESSENTIAL that students appear in BOTH performances with the exception of our Toddler Time and Pre Ballet classes**. Toddler Time and Pre Ballet will appear in the Saturday matinee show only. All students must agree to stay backstage during the entire show and can watch the show as it's happening on the television in the cafeteria. The dancers can also see the show from the audience at Dress Rehearsal. All participants must attend **Dress Rehearsal** that will be **Monday, June 15 at 5 PM**.

Each class will perform one dance and will need one costume. The Wednesday & Saturday beginner ballet, tap & jazz classes will perform 2 routines and therefore need 2 costumes. The costumes will cost approximately \$65; some may be slightly higher (usually the older dancers). The exact cost of each costume is not known at this time however, **a \$65 non-refundable deposit per costume is due by November 7**. Costumes will **not** be ordered unless deposits are received. Late costume orders can be placed however, the costume companies charge around \$20 for a "single order fee" and that would be an additional cost to you per costume. If you do NOT plan on being in the recital, we must know by November 1. Dancers not participating can still remain in class and learn the dance but would be placed in a spot that wouldn't affect the look of the choreography. After the holiday break, you will receive a statement with costume balances (if any) & tight costs (if any). Your costume balance will be due by February 1, 2020.

All students will be measured for costumes during class and sized according to the costume distributors' guidelines. Costumes used in the show are ready-made which the manufacturers make to order. It takes approximately 14 weeks to receive the costumes, which is why we will order the costumes before Thanksgiving. Since costumes are made to order, we must pay for them when ordered. The manufacturers will not accept any returns or cancellations. Therefore, **all sales (deposits and balances) are final (No refunds or credits) and we cannot cancel any orders once they are made. Upon receipt of your deposit we will consider you committed to doing BOTH recital days** (except for the Toddler Time & Pre Ballet classes who will do only one). Any early withdrawals will be subject to our early withdrawal fee. Dates are subject to change as we are at the mercy of the school system.

**Just a few reminders:**

- \* The studio will be **OPEN** on November 11, Veterans Day.
- \* Observation week is November 18 - 23.
- \* The studio will be closed for the Thanksgiving Break from Wednesday, November 27 – Sunday, December 1.
- \* The studio will be closed for the Holiday Break from December 22 – January 5. Classes will resume Monday, January 6, 2020.
- \* **Inclement Weather:** In the case of inclement weather, please call the studio 1 hour prior to your class to see if your class will be held. If classes are cancelled the outgoing message will state that. Also, like us on FaceBook to get updates.

If you have any questions please **call** the studio at 508-533-1953.

Dancingly yours,  
Miss Cheryl, Miss Heather R, Miss Heather Z., Miss Jennifer & Mr. David