

# FINAL RECITAL NOTICE

DEAR PARENTS AND STUDENTS - [This Is Your 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Recital Notice](#)

**Please focus your attention on this document – it is a re-cap of the handbook (which you may refer to for more detailed information) but everything you need to know is here.**

## PICTURE PICK UP DAY

Donner Photographic will be at **OUR STUDIO** on **May 10 & 11 from 4:00 – 8:00pm** with prints of all of the photos that were taken of your child on picture day, available for purchase. There is no obligation to purchase photos. Our website has pictures from previous years.

## PART A: DRESS REHEARSAL - Q & A

**When is the dress rehearsal?**

**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Where is the dress rehearsal?**

**Palmetto Ridge High School** - located at **1655 Victory Lane in Naples**. It is on your right if you are heading west on Oil Well Road.

**Does my child have to go to the dress rehearsal?**

**Yes! Participation in the dress rehearsal is mandatory.** The dress rehearsal is a complete run through of the entire dance recital – it helps dancers become familiar with the auditorium's surroundings, their costume, and performing onstage.

**If your child misses the rehearsal they will not be permitted to perform at the recital.**

**Do parents have to go to the dress rehearsal?**

If your dancer is under 10 years of age – you must remain for the duration of the rehearsal. If your dancer is 10 years of age or older you have the option of dropping them off at 4:30 and returning to pick up by 6:45. **Please be sure to follow all of the other guidelines outlined in this document.**

**How long is the dress rehearsal?**

We will be starting the dress rehearsal promptly at 5:00pm – and will run through the entire show, ending with a quick finale practice. We expect to wrap up between 6:45 - 7:00pm after which the dancers will gather their belongings and be released through the same checkpoint doors they entered through (approximately 10-15 minutes from the time they leave the stage after the finale practice.) **The same procedures will be followed for the dance recital.**

**What time does my child need to arrive to dress rehearsal?**

- If your dancer is **signed up for hair and make-up (Salon) they must arrive by 4:00pm.**
- Dancers who are **not signed up for Salon** are to arrive by **4:30pm.**

**Does my child wear their costume to dress rehearsal?**

**YES!** ALL dancers **MUST** arrive to the **dress rehearsal** and **dance recital** fully dressed in their first costume (**see page 11 of the handbook**) with hair and make-up completely done according to the **guidelines on pages 3-5 of the Recital Handbook** (*unless you have signed up for Salon*).

**IMPORTANT:** There will be no opportunity for you to “finish” getting your dancer ready; it is required that they arrive fully dressed with hair and make-up completely done (unless you have signed up for Salon) or they will not be permitted beyond the checkpoint.

**What about shoes, extra costumes and accessories?**

Dancers arrive both days (rehearsal & recital) in their street shoes with their dance shoes and costume accessories (if any) in a **clear plastic gallon sized zip lock bag with their full name on the outside of the bag - NO DANCE BAGS PLEASE.** Additional costumes (if any) and shoe/accessory bags should be transported to and from the rehearsal & recital on hangers (preferably inside a garment bag or dry cleaning bag.)

**What should my child bring to the dress rehearsal?**

We will be showing age appropriate movies for our youngest dancers and we encourage parents to send children with a deck of cards, book, coloring book and crayons, board game or other activity that will keep them busy while they are waiting to perform. **Please, no markers, pens, glitter or glue!**

Dancers may also bring devices such as Nintendo DS, iPods, or iPads to help pass the time while they wait for their turn onstage.

It is important to label items with your child’s full name and send the items in clear plastic bags with their full name on the outside of the bag in order to ensure the items are returned to you. **We cannot be held responsible for lost belongings.**

**What about food for audience members on rehearsal day?**

Concessions will be sold in the lobby for audience members and dancers (ages 10+) Pizza, (\$2) chips, candy & drinks (\$1) **and may be purchased with cash, check, credit or debit.**

**What about food for dancers on rehearsal day?**

Dancers ages 10+ may come to the lobby to purchase food when time allows between dances. The younger dancers however should arrive fed as they will not have the opportunity to come to the lobby to purchase food nor will parents have the ability to bring food to them.

Despite arriving fed; the dancers (who cannot come to the concession stand) will undoubtedly get hungry being backstage for 3 hours - **So Please Send Your Child(ren) With A Few Snacks.** The best kind of snacks to send are **colorless, non-sticky "neat" snacks;** such as crackers, string cheese, pretzels, goldfish, simple sandwiches, or anything else that will cause the littlest amount of mess and cleanup. **Please do not send any foods that will make fingers sticky or orange or turn tongues blue!**

**Please do not send any drinks – We need to keep the costumes clean ☺ Bottled water will be provided both days for all dancers and backstage personnel.**

**\*Important\*: Concessions will not be available for dancers of any age on recital day.**

**Who can attend the dress rehearsal?**

**NOTE: THE DRESS REHEARSAL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.** Only **ONE** parent/guardian per family is permitted to attend. We ask that you **do not bring siblings** (young or old) to the dress rehearsal; you may however if it is absolutely necessary – but they must remain **quietly seated** in the auditorium and **carefully supervised** at all times.

**Can parents videotape during the dress rehearsal?**

**YES!** You may videotape and take photos (preferably no flash) during the dress rehearsal.

**Videotaping And Flash Photography Is Not Permitted During The Dance Recital.**

**Is it too late to sign up for Salon?**

**No, it's not too late!** Simply **call** the studio (239-261-2606), submit the **recital order form** (found on page 12 of the Recital Handbook or sign up online at: **www.avemariadance.com**)

**Where do I bring my child once we arrive at the high school?**

**The address is: 1655 Victory Lane, Naples 34120.** Enter the Palmetto Ridge High School parking lot from Oil Well Road by turning at the only light near the H.S. (**Victory Lane.**) The Auditorium is the tallest building on the grounds and can be found **on the left side** of the school (the side you're coming in on) if you look carefully **you will see the word 'Auditorium' on the building slightly hidden between two tall palm trees.**

**To the right of the 'Auditorium' lettering** on the building you will see a set of archways and **double tan doors underneath a green roof**; we will have a table set up there. **This is the checkpoint where all dancers, class mothers, and backstage volunteers will enter and exit on both rehearsal and recital day.**

**NOTE:** Please remember that no one other than dancers, class mothers, and backstage personnel will be permitted backstage at the dress rehearsal or dance recital. **If you feel you need to be backstage with your child, you must volunteer by calling us: 239-261-2606 or by filling out the recital volunteer form on our website or at the studio.**

**Where do parents/guardians park and enter after dropping off their child at the checkpoint?**

After dropping your child off at the checkpoint table; parents will come in through the main entrance of the auditorium through the **main doors** which are located around the corner from the checkpoint (**to the left of the 'Auditorium' lettering on the building.**)

**Where do I pick up my dancer after their rehearsal?**

We expect to wrap up the rehearsal between 6:45 and 7pm after which the dancers will be taken backstage to gather their belongings and then be released through the checkpoint doors (approximately 10-15 minutes from the time they leave the stage) **The same exact dismissal procedures will be followed after the Dance Recital.**

## **PART B: DANCE RECITAL - Q & A**

### **When is the dance recital?**

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

### **What time does the dance recital start?**

**1:00pm (doors open at noon)**

### **How long is the dance recital?**

Approximately 2 hours from start to finish.

### **Where do I bring my dancer on the day of the dance recital?**

Bring your child to the same checkpoint table you brought them to for dress rehearsal.

### **What time should my dancer arrive?**

Dancers who are **NOT signed up for 'Salon'** and are fully dressed in their first costume (**according to the line-up on page 11 of the handbook**) with hair and make-up completely done may **begin checking in at 12:15pm** but must check in **no later than 12:30pm.**

### **What time should my dancer arrive if they are signed up for salon?**

If you have signed up for 'Salon' you may **begin arriving at 11:30am** but you must arrive no later than **11:45am.**

### **Does my child arrive in their costume on recital day?**

**YES!** ALL dancers **MUST** arrive to the **Dance Recital** fully dressed in their first costume (**according to the line-up on page 11 of the handbook**) with hair and make-up completely done (**unless you have signed up for salon**) There will be no opportunity for you to "finish" getting your dancer ready; it is required that dancers arrive fully dressed with hair and make-up completely done or they will not be permitted beyond the checkpoint.

### **Besides costumes/accessories, what else should my dancer bring recital day?**

Dancers should arrive to the dance recital well fed; we don't want to make things more stressful for them with unnecessary hunger or fatigue. **The dancers will be backstage for 3 hours and they WILL get hungry so please be sure to send your child with plenty of snacks following the same guidelines and suggestions as the dress rehearsal. Remember not to send any foods that will make fingers sticky or orange or turn tongues blue! Concessions will not be available for dancers of any age on recital day. Please do not send any drinks at all - we will provide bottled water.**

### **What will my child do backstage during the dance recital?**

We will be showing age appropriate movies for our youngest dancers and as we mentioned in the dress rehearsal section, your dancer is encouraged to bring their own activities but **please do not send markers, pens, glitter, or glue.** Older dancers may bring a deck of cards, a book, Nintendo DS, iPods, or iPads to help pass the time while they wait for their turn onstage. **Please label everything! We are not responsible for lost items.**

### **Does my child need to stay through to the end of the show?**

**YES.** The finale is one of the highlights of the show for the dancers and is a very memorable part of the performance. Every student is in the finale. Each class comes out onto the stage for a final bow and will remain on stage for closing remarks, trophy distribution and a cast picture.

### **Where do I pick my dancer up after the show?**

**When the finale is over** dancers will return backstage to pack up their belongings after which **they will exit through the checkpoint doors where you dropped them off.** This process will take approximately 10-15 minutes; during that time parents may pick up pre-ordered balloons/flowers or purchase them if you have not pre-ordered them and then head over on foot to greet and congratulate the dancers! 😊

## **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

### **What if I have not yet purchased or I need more recital tickets?**

There are still about 50 tickets available, if someone still needs a ticket – please call the studio – 261-2606. **Audience members without a ticket will not be permitted into the auditorium – even if they are going to sit or stand in the back they will still need to pay.**

### **Is it too late to purchase flowers or balloons for my dancer?**

We will be taking pre-orders for recital flowers and balloons **until May 9.**

### **Is it too late to sign up for Salon?**

No, you can still sign up until May 11 – **by calling the studio: 239-261-2606**

### **Where do volunteers enter the H.S.?**

All volunteers will enter the High School at the **same checkpoint doors as the dancers.**

### **Where do audience members enter the auditorium on recital day?**

Audience members enter through the **main entrance, doors open at noon.**

### **Will The Dance Recital Be Videotaped?**

Yes, our recital will be professionally videotaped by **Hughes Video Productions** and copies (\$30) will be available for pre-order. **DVD order forms** will be located at the concession stand during both the rehearsal and recital. **Recital DVD's will be available for pick up at the studio by June 1.**

### **Can I Videotape The Show?**

**Absolutely no personal flash cameras or video cameras may be used during the show itself, the flashes are distracting and dangerous for the performers, and videotaping is distracting to the entire audience.** You are however, welcome to videotape at the dress rehearsal.

**PLEASE RESPECT THIS UNIVERSAL THEATRE RULE!**

If you find you still have questions or concerns, call us! 261-2606.

Thank you in advance to all of our wonderful parents for all of your hard work and commitment to make this event happen for your children.

We are confident the Dance Recital will be a great experience for all!

## **DANCE RECITAL CHECKLIST**

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Dress Rehearsal

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Dance Recital

- If signed up for Dress Rehearsal ‘Salon’ – arrive at 4:00pm – all others 4:30
- If signed up for Dance Recital ‘Salon’ – arrive at 11:45am – all others 12:30
- Have dancer fully dressed in their first costume with hair and makeup completely done (**unless signed up for Salon.**) (pg. 4)
- Bring dancer to checkpoint table at high school. (pg. 4)
- No Jewelry (besides stud earrings), nail polish, or additional hair accessories.
- All costumes and accessories shoes, hair pieces, tights (if in multiple classes, etc.) must be labeled with name of dancer and placed in a **Clear Ziploc Bag** also labeled with name of dancer on bag. **DANCE BAGS ARE NOT PERMITTED!**
- Have hair in ballet bun with all hair and bangs pinned and sprayed back. **Carefully follow all of the hair and makeup guidelines on pages 3-5 of the Handbook.**
- Bring activities to keep children busy while others perform.
- Send snacks! (“neat” snacks) but not drinks** - water will be provided.
- Call in (or order online: [www.avemariadance.com](http://www.avemariadance.com)) pre-orders for **flowers, balloons**, Recital DVD, extra tights etc. **no later than May 9** - 239-261-2606
- After the dress rehearsal and dance recital ends dancers will gather their belongings and exit through the checkpoint doors (approximately 10-15 minutes) - parents head over there on foot to greet and receive them.
- Parents are welcome to videotape and photograph the dress rehearsal, but ***absolutely no personal flash cameras or video cameras may be used during the show.***