

CENTERSTAGE NEWS LETTER



You can help the volunteers and show organizers by keeping your child backstage for the full length of time. This is to allow you and your child to have a fun and memorable experience and for dancers to participate in the finale dance. The exception to this is Intro 1 dancers who will be dismissed immediately after they perform. Please note, we try to run on or ahead of schedule (for rehearsals), unfortunately we can not wait for late-comers to arrive for rehearsal or performances. Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated!

TICKET SALES

Tickets go on sale Monday, March 23rd at 12:00pm. Tickets cannot be returned for any reason. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHICH SHOW(S) YOUR CHILD IS IN. Tickets can be purchased at www.cur8.com Tickets are \$18.50 each in advance and \$20 at the door. Purchase early as shows could sell out. Seating is reserved.

INTRO TO DANCE 1

If you have a child in one of the following classes, they will be dismissed from backstage after they dance in the show. You will pick them up at the check in desk. From there, they will be able to sit with you in the audience to enjoy the remainder of the show. The Intro to Dance 1 kids are always placed at the beginning of the show. Your child will sit with you on a lap or you may purchase them a ticket. You will receive a pick up ticket at check in so that you can retrieve them. Classes that will be dismissed immediately after dancing include:

Show 1- No intro to dance 1

Show 2-

Rainbow Connection

Intro to Dance 1 Wednesday

Class Code 311 w/ Liza & 318 w/ Jeni

Show 3 -

Rainbow Connection

Intro to Dance 1 Monday

Class Code 112 w/ Madeline

Show 4 -

I Just Can't Wait to Be King

Intro to Dance 1 Tuesday & Thursday

Class Code 213 Angela, 218, Emily G & 409 Kaitlin

We can hardly believe it's that time of year again, but here it is. Time to get ready for our 17th annual Centerstage Performance! The experience is a celebration of your child's hard work throughout the year. It is such a special time to celebrate all of our dancers from those in their first show to our graduating seniors, celebrating their last.

We hope this guide answers your questions. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to ask. This year we have 4 unique shows that will be held at The Creske Center in Mosinee. All classes participate in one of the shows except: Stretch, Pointe 1, Acro, Tiny Tots and Leaps & Turns. Please look over this entire packet as it has very important information regarding who is in which show, directions for dress rehearsal, and a hair, makeup, tights and shoes reference. In order for things to run smoothly, please follow the directions enclosed. All shows are around 2.5 hours. It is important to plan ahead so that things run smoothly.

SHOW 1 Saturday, April 25th @ 1pm
Thursday Classes (no intro)
as well as ballet 4/5, 6, 7/8 and Pointe

In Studio Rehearsal- Monday, April 20th, 4:00pm-5:50pm at the dance studio. We will email out a more detailed list of times. Your child will wear their costume.

Dress & Technical Rehearsal- Wednesday, April 22nd, Start time 4:30pm. Held at The Creske Center in Mosinee. Arrive in costume with hair pulled back 15 minutes prior to start time. Please be seated in the auditorium by 4:30pm. You are free to leave once your child is done dancing.

Show Day- Saturday, April 25th 1:00pm at The Creske Center. Dancers Level 3 and up, including teen level classes, should arrive at the theater with hair and makeup already done and check in no later than 11:30am. There will be a warm-up on stage from 12:00pm to 12:30pm. Dancers Level 1 & 2 should check in at 12:15pm with their hair and makeup done. Pre-ballet, Tap/Jazz, Intro to Dance 2, and Tiny Hip Hop check in at 12:30pm with their hair and makeup done. Intro to Dance 1 should check in at 12:45pm. Everyone should arrive before your check in time.

PLAN ON HAVING YOUR CHILD STAY FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW UNLESS THEY HAVE A PICK UP TICKET.

SHOW 2 Saturday, April 25th @ 5pm
Wednesday Classes

In Studio Rehearsal- Monday, April 20th, 6:00-8:00pm at the dance studio. We will email out a more detailed list of times. Your child will wear their costume.

Dress & Technical Rehearsal- Wednesday, April 22nd, Start time 6pm. Held at The Creske Center in Mosinee. Arrive in costume with hair pulled back 15 minutes prior to start time. Please be seated in the auditorium by 6pm. You are free to leave once your child is done dancing.

Show Day- Saturday, April 26th 5:00 pm at The Creske Center. Dancers Level 3 and up, including teen level classes, should arrive at the theater with hair and makeup already done no later than 4:00pm. There will be a warm-up on stage from 4:00pm to 4:30pm. Dancers Level 1 & 2 should check in at 4:15pm with their hair and makeup done. Pre-ballet, Tap/Jazz, Intro to Dance 2, and Tiny Hip Hop check in at 4:30pm with their hair and makeup done. Intro to Dance 1 should check in at 4:45pm. Everyone should arrive before your check in time.

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SHOW 3 Sunday, April 26th @ 12pm
Monday Classes

In Studio Rehearsal - Tuesday, April 21st 4:00pm-5:30pm at the dance studio. We will email out a more detailed list of times. Your child will wear their costume.

Dress & Technical Rehearsal- Thursday, April 23rd at The Creske Center in Mosinee. Start time 4:30pm. Arrive in costume, hair pulled back 15 minutes prior to start time. Please be seated in the auditorium by 4:30pm. You are free to leave once your child is done dancing.

Show Day- Sunday, April 26th 12:00pm at The Creske Center. Dancers Level 3 and up, including teen level classes, should arrive at the theater with hair and makeup already done no later than 10:30am. There will be a warm-up on stage from 11:00am to 11:30am. Dancers Level 1 & 2 should check in at 11:15am with their hair and makeup done. Pre- ballet, Tap/Jazz, Intro to Dance 2, and Tiny Hip Hop check in at 11:30am with their hair and makeup done. Intro to Dance 1 should check in at 11:45am. Everyone should arrive before your check in time.

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SHOW 4 Sunday, April 26th @ 4p,
Tuesday classes [& Thursday Intro 1]

In Studio Rehearsal- Tuesday, April 21st 5:45 pm-7:00 pm at the dance studio. We will email out a more detailed list of times. Your child will wear their costume.

Dress Rehearsal- Thursday, April 23rd at The Creske Center in Mosinee. Start time 6pm pm. Arrive in costume, hair pulled back 15 minutes prior to start time. Please be seated in the auditorium by 6pm. You are free to leave once your child is done dancing.

Show Day- Sunday, April 26th 4:00pm at The Creske Center. Dancers Level 3 and up, including teen level classes, should arrive at the theater with hair and makeup already done no later than 3:00pm. There will be a warm-up on stage from 3:00pm to 3:30pm. Dancers Level 1 & 2 should check in at 3:15pm with their hair and makeup done. Pre- ballet, Tap/Jazz, Intro to Dance 2, and Tiny Hip Hop arrive at 3:30pm with their hair and makeup done. Intro to Dance 1 should check in at 3:45pm. Everyone should arrive before your check in time.

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Competition Team Schedule:

Studio Rehearsal- None **Tech Rehearsal-** Casts in Act 1 will rehearse with Show 1 only. Casts in Act 2 rehearse Wednesday, April 23rd at The Creske Center. Start time 7pm. Arrive in costume & hair 15 minutes prior to start time.

Show Day- All competition team dances are in all four shows :-)

Makeup:

In order to keep the children looking uniform on stage we would like you to go to a Youtube tutorial on how to do your child's performance makeup. Please go to our website and under Handouts & Parent Info you'll find links to the tutorials. My advice for young dancers and new dance parents, this should be fun. If wearing makeup (especially mascara) causes anxiety and tears, don't do it. The purpose of wearing stage makeup is to allow the audience to better see the faces of the performers. Stage lighting washes out facial features, the goal of stage makeup is to accentuate these features tastefully. Links are also found on our website under the event & show info tab.

Accounts:

Please check to make sure your account is current. Spring is quickly approaching and students will not be allowed to perform if you have a delinquent account. Your timeliness is appreciated. For your convenience we accept Visa, Mastercard and Discover cards as well as checks and cash. Visit our website www.wausauacademyofdance.com to view your account and make online payments.

Hair, Tights, Shoes & Makeup:

A catalog of what kind, color, etc. of the aforementioned items is available within the resources tab in the Parent Portal. All tights & shoes must be purchased from the dance studio to ensure that all of the children have the same color tights & shoes. This is a must, no exceptions.

Volunteers Needed:

Each year we have amazing help from volunteer parents who help facilitate a safe and smooth running show. There are a variety of tasks for which we need assistance, including dress rehearsal, pre-show, backstage, intermission, ushering and post show activities. If you do not want to volunteer during your child's performance please consider volunteering for another show. We need volunteers for all of the classes. If you are interested in helping with a show, please fill out the Google Form link sent in your email.

Quick Changes:

If your child has 4 or fewer dances between a costume change that is considered a "quick change". Make sure your child's outfit is left on the quick change rack with a label at the check in desk. They should practice changing in the quick change area during dress rehearsal.

Other Important Info

Studio Rehearsal: Held at our Rib Mountain location. During this rehearsal we run the recital in order at the studio, run through the finale dance. The In Studio Rehearsal runs a few hours, however, your dancer will only need to be there for part of that if they are in one class. We will post the In Studio Rehearsal schedule at the studio and will email it out. Your child will wear their costume, tights and appropriate shoes. Once your child has danced you are free to leave the rehearsal.

Dress and Tech Rehearsal: Held at The Creske Center Theater in Mosinee. Please check-in your child when you arrive. Costume and hair are required for rehearsal. One parent should stay with your child. This is a closed rehearsal, meaning extra guests are not allowed. You may video your child's dance only during dress rehearsal. Flash photography is not allowed as it can be blinding to the dancers. We have a professional videographer videoing each recital. These are wonderful keepsakes. Once your child has danced you are free to leave the rehearsal.

Day of the Show: Every dancer should check-in upon arrival. Your child will then be escorted to the appropriate room. When you check your child in, you will receive a ticket with your child's name on it if they are Level 1 and under. You must bring the ticket with you in order to retrieve your child. This is a safety measure so that your child does not go with someone they should not (including other family members). We welcome parent helpers! Please let us know if you are interested in staying with your child's class during the show by filling out a volunteer form. Dancers will remain in their assigned performer area for the entire show, including intermission, except for the Intro to Dance 1 classes. See the "Intro to Dance 1" section for further information. For the safety of the dancers, absolutely NO one is allowed backstage that isn't a volunteer or dancer unless you have a backstage pass or permission from Ms. Bekki. There will be monitors at the doors and hallways. This is for the safety of everyone's children and to ensure a professional atmosphere. Once the show is finished, dancers in level 2 and up are free to find their parents immediately after the show. Dancers in Level 1, Tiny Hip Hop, Pre-ballet, Tap/Jazz and Intro to Dance 2 will be kept on stage and will be excused when a parent collects them.

Things to Remember:

No one is allowed backstage unless you have a pass issued by Ms. Bekki. This is for the safety of the dancers. This includes intermission. If you need a backstage pass please send an email to bekki@wausauacademyofdance.com.

- All shows are around 2.5 hours. It is important to plan ahead so that things run smoothly. You can help the volunteers and show organizers by keeping your child backstage for the full length of time.
- There is absolutely no videotaping or photography during the recital. This is for the safety of our dancers. Champion Video will be recording all shows and DVD/Blu-rays will be available for purchase.
- Doors to the house will open 30 minutes prior to show time.
- Be on time, be prepared. Sometimes recital and rehearsal time involves "hurry up and wait" timing. This is just part of the process. If your child is late for the show they may miss their performance.
- Have fun! You and your child have been working hard for 8 months. If you are prepared, this should be a stress free time. Performing is such a special moment, try to soak it all in.
- We will be selling flowers at the venue the day of the show(s). All proceeds from the flower sale go toward scholarships for Wausau Academy of Dance students. Psst...Dancers love flowers!
- PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS ☺. We will always make time to answer any questions you have. There are a million details involved in putting together a show like this, questions are normal.
- Dancers are not allowed to wear underwear with their costumes. There is a gusset in the tights for this reason. Underwear poking out of costumes is very unsightly and draws attention away from what is important, your child's performance.
- No cell phones are allowed backstage with the dancers. This is for the safety and privacy of the dancers. Cell phones can be left at the check-in desk and can be picked up by the dancer.

Please note the week of April 13th-17th we invite parents into the classroom with us.

Thank you for all of your support! We could not do it without amazing families like you!