2016 Dance Recital Letter

Dear Parents & Students:

It’s time once again to prepare for our annual dance recital. You will only receive one packet of information before your actual show for each class your dancer is in. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO KEEP ALL THIS INFORMATION TOGETHER UNTIL THE RECITAL.**

***REMINDER***
The recitals on **Saturday May 21** will be held at **St. Viator High School, 1213 E Oakton St, Arlington Heights, IL 60004**

The recitals on **Sunday May 22** will be held at **Hersey High School, 1900 E Thomas St, Arlington Heights, IL 60004**

**DRESS REHEARSAL/PHOTOGRAPHS**
Each class will have a dress rehearsal at their regularly scheduled class time beginning May 14 through May 20. For the dress rehearsal; students are expected to be on time, dressed in full costume and make-up (if necessary), and ready to dance. Please make sure your child’s name is on their costume and shoes. Several classes will share their dress rehearsal time slot with another class. **ALL DRESS REHEARSALS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ADMINISTRATION CENTER** located at 410 N. Arlington Heights Road. Upon arrival at the Administration Center, please go to the back annex section of the building off Evergreen Street where the dance studio is located. Parking is available in the West Parking Lot. Please bring your picture information envelope with you to the rehearsal. **Please give envelopes to instructors at the rehearsal. There will be extra envelopes at rehearsals if needed. When students are getting their recital pictures, parents are asked to stay in the waiting room.**

**DAY & TIME OF RECITAL SHOW**
At the top of this letter you’ll see your dancer’s recital show day and time; we will also post recital schedules in all three dance studios at a later date. Due to scheduling 10 shows with over 900 participants, we tried our best but it was extremely difficult to accommodate families with multiple participants in multiple classes. The shows are approximately one hour – an hour and a half long.

**NEW TICKET SYSTEM – TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**
Each dancer receives 2 complimentary tickets to each recital show they are performing in. Included in this packet is a sheet labeled **Ticket Sale Info Sheet** please read through this paper carefully to understand fully how the new system works and how you purchase your tickets this year. The first round of tickets sales will be open starting March 9 at 9am, and the second round of open ticket sales will start April 20 at 9am. **Tickets are $6.25 each.**

Children 2 years of age and younger do not need a ticket if they are sitting on an adult’s lap. However, if you want your child to have a seat, you must buy a ticket.

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**Vibe Dance Company** will have a company performance at the Metropolis Performing Art Centre on Saturday, June 4th. Vibe members will receive 2 complimentary tickets to that performance included in their packets. Vibe Performance tickets are **NOT** sold online, you can purchase tickets at the Administration building ONLY starting March 16th. Purchase your tickets fast as seating is limited. Tickets are $5.

**COSTUMES**
Most classes will not receive their dance costumes until mid April to early May. Do not worry. All classes will have their costumes in time for the dress rehearsal. Remember: PLEASE DO NOT WEAR YOUR COSTUME UNTIL THE DRESS REHEARSAL. AHPD is not responsible for lost or damaged costumes.

**VOLUNTEERS**
We are still looking for parent volunteers to help at the recital. Parents who volunteer are with their child’s dance class for the entire recital and will not need a ticket for a seat. Each parent volunteer receives two complementary tickets to the recital which will be given out at a parent volunteer meeting. This only applies for classes with students younger than 8+. If interested, please fill out the parent volunteer forms which are available now at all dance studios. An email will be sent out letting you know if you have been selected as a parent volunteer and will provide more information.

**RECITAL DANCEWEAR**
We will be selling recital t-shirts this year, order forms are included in this packet. Samples of the shirts will be available at the Administration Center Front Desk, as well as the dress rehearsals. The t-shirts are perfect for dance class or just to have as a memory of the recital. T-shirts are $15 each.

**RECITAL DVD FOR SALE**
If you are interested in ordering a DVD of your child’s recital show, please bring your completed order form with payment to dress rehearsal. We will be using the same company as last year. We expect the same high quality and timely manner of distribution again this year. **ONLY CHECKS or CASH will be accepted for DVD order forms.**

**FLOWERS**
Flower bouquets will be available for purchase through CAM Floral LLC. Please see the flyer in the packet for details. **Cash or Check only for flower order forms.**

**PARKING**
Just so you are aware, there may be other activities taking place the same time of the recital at or around the High Schools. Please make sure you allow yourself enough time to park if needed.

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**
- Ticket Information and individual ticket codes
- Dress Rehearsal Schedule for ALL classes
- Instructions for May 21st & 22nd shows & Company Show on June 4th
- Recital Dancewear Order Forms
- Recital DVD Order Form
- Flower Order Form
- Photography Envelope
- Directions to Recital / Dressing Room Information