

DEBORAH SCHOOL OF DANCE

March 9, 2026

This newsletter will provide you with valuable information to get through the rest of the dance season. **KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER.** The dance recital will be held June 6 and 7. The show will be held at Dinwiddie High School. It is of utmost importance that students be in class every week, as it affects the student and the entire class.

~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

April 10	Deadline for Recital T-shirts
April 10	Deadline to Order Dance Shoes
May 1	Final Tuition Payments Due
May 4-8	Parents' Week
May 9	Recital Pictures
May 9	Recital Ticket Sales Begin
June 2	Group Pictures
June 3-7	Recital Week

TUITION

Tuition charges for the remainder of the season have been posted to your account. This is in case anyone wants to pay it off early. Your account will say you have a large balance but payments are still due the first of each month. Final payments on tuition and fees are due by May 1. Your child will not receive costumes until all tuition and fees are paid in full. If you feel there is a mistake on your statement, please see Deborah or staff immediately.

SHOES

If your child needs any shoes for the recital please complete and return the attached Shoe Order Form by April 10. No late orders will be accepted.

All ballet shoes must be pink and all tap shoes must be tan for the recital. All ballet shoes must be actual leather or leather like ballet shoes and not ballet bedroom slippers. Jazz classes require tan jazz shoes and hip hop classes require all black hip hop sneakers. Hip Hop sneakers may be ordered through us or through Amazon.

PARENTS' WEEK & COSTUME PICKUP

Parents' Week and Costume Pickup will be May 4-8. During this week only, one parent per child will be invited to join the last 15 minutes of each class to watch your child perform and to pick up costumes. This will give you an opportunity to ask questions about the recital and costumes and will provide you with information on what goes where on costumes and when to wear what. Parent attendance for any child under the age of 10 is mandatory in order to receive costumes. If your child's costumes and tuition have not been paid for in full, he/she will not receive them.

If a parent is unable to attend parents' week, please arrange a time with Deborah to pick up your child's costumes.

RECITAL T-SHIRTS

We will have recital t-shirts this year. You can check out a color version of this year's design on the bulletin board. All student names will be printed on the back. T-shirts must be pre-ordered. They will be \$21. Orders will be taken through April 10. T-Shirt can be purchased through the Parent Portal.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES

Individual in-costume dance pictures will be taken on May 9 from 9:30 am-2:00 p.m. at the dance studio. You will need to reserve a time slot for pictures. Reservations must be scheduled no later than Friday, May 8 and time slots are available on a first come, first serve basis. If you plan to take pictures in more than one costume, you must schedule a time slot per costume making sure there is time in between each time slot to change clothes. We also allow families to take family pictures if anyone is interested. These also must be scheduled.

You can schedule a time slot for pictures, by emailing us at DSODinfo@aol.com or going to “Book Private Lesson” in the Parent Portal. Be sure to click on May 9 and the available time slots will come up.

Payment for pictures is due at picture time.

Picture packages include:

Package #1

1	8 x 10	
2	5 x 7	
8	wallets	= \$25.00

Package #2

2	5 x 7	
8	wallets	= \$20.00

GROUP PICTURES

Mandatory Group Pictures will be taken June 2 at the studio. See the attached schedule. We will not be taking group pictures at dress rehearsal like last year. You can purchase a 5 x 7 group picture for \$7.50 each.

RECITAL IN GENERAL

We will have two identical performances of the recital on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. All students will participate in both shows.

Recital week will be an extremely busy week for all of us, so please be patient. Make sure you and your child understand all the rules (included with this newsletter). Do not leave your child unattended at any practice. All rehearsals are closed. Only one adult per family will be allowed in the building.

On Thursday, everyone is required to be at Dinwiddie High School. We will go through the entire show in the order in which it will run on show nights. Friday is full dress rehearsal, and Saturday and Sunday are the shows. See the attached recital week schedule for more details. Remember proper dance attire is required for all rehearsals.

Each class will be assigned one or two group mothers. These mothers will take the class to the stage doors and get them when coming off stage. **They are the only parents allowed behind stage.**

Dressing areas will be assigned by age and number of routines. They will be posted on dress rehearsal night.

No flash photography is allowed on the nights of the shows.

RECITAL TICKETS

Tickets for the recital will go on sale May 9. The price is \$20. There are separate tickets for Saturday and Sunday performances and seating is general admission. Anyone needing handicapped seating, please see Deborah to reserve your seats. Ticket sales are CASH ONLY this year.

Mothers will receive Mother's Passes. These passes must be worn or you will not be allowed in the auditorium without paying. There will be people at the door checking as you walk through. Only one Mother's Pass is given out per family. Mother's Passes will be given out during the week of recital. If there are any fathers that will be dressing kids, please see Deborah to arrange a separate dressing area.

The Friday Dress Rehearsal is a closed rehearsal, thus the only people allowed to attend are dancers and those who hold Mother's Passes. No one will be allowed in the auditorium on Thursday night unless he/she is a student or wearing a Mother's Pass. We will have people watching the door.

RECITAL VIDEOS

We will have a professional videographer record the show this year. There will be the option to have a DVD or to download online. More information will be coming soon.

RECITAL PUBLICATIONS

Once posted, check the recital line-up on the bulletin board to be sure that there is plenty of time for changes in-between numbers. If you find that numbers are too close, inform Deborah or staff ASAP. Please also check to be sure that your child's name is spelled correctly. If changes need to be made, please cross out the name and write in the correct spelling. **Please write legibly.** Your child's name will be published as it appears on the list unless changes are made. Note that the recital program is manually typed and typos do occur, check for accuracy under each of your child's performances, not just one of them.

A NOTE FROM DEBORAH

Thank you for your cooperation throughout this dance year. Without it, it would be impossible for us to present you, your family and friends with an on-stage show. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

—Deborah

Recital Rules For Deborah School of Dance Students

- No jewelry can be worn (small pose earrings only).
- No colored fingernail or toenail polish.
- No underwear can be worn under costumes, dance tights are lined. (Boys excluded)
- Make-up must be worn for dress rehearsal and both shows. No blue eye shadow. Natural colors are preferred.
- Hair must be worn up, off the neck and face and away from child's face.
- Talk quietly during rehearsals.
- No running up and down the hall, in dressing areas, or in the auditorium at any time.
- No Cell Phones on Stage
- No Talking on Stage
- NO flash photography is allowed on show nights!!! Pictures and videos can be taken during dress rehearsal and practice nights only, Thursday-Friday.
- Mothers must stay with their child at all times.
- Do not go into the auditorium in your costumes during the show nights! If you have your costume on, it must be entirely covered up by a coat, robe, large shirt, etc. Please do not show off costumes before you go on stage!
- Students are only allowed in the auditorium after all their performances are complete. If they only perform in the second Act, they are allowed in the auditorium during the first Act.
- Please keep the dressing area clean at all times. Remember we are guest.
- No one is allowed in the Girls dressing area, except students and mothers. NO MEN, BOYS, GUEST/FRIENDS, ETC.
- No switching dressing areas.
- No one is allowed behind stage except stage workers and group mothers.
- Mothers must wear provided passes in order to get in the dressing room area and the auditorium.
- ***THERE IS TO BE ABSOLUTELY NO EATING OR DRINKING IN THE AUDITORIUM***
- SMILE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Recital Week Schedule

Week of June 2-7

Remember proper dance attire is required.

Tuesday, June 2 – Mandatory Group Pictures - At the Studio

Picture Time	Class Name		
5:30	Kinderdance Thur	Kinderdance Fri	
5:40	Age 4-5 Ballet	Grade K Ballet	
5:50	Age 4-5 Tap	Grade K Tap	
6:00	Grade 1 Ballet	Jazz Beg	
6:10	Grade 1 Tap	Hip Hop Level 1	
6:20	Acro A	Acro B	
6:30	Opening Routine		
6:40	Acro C	Adult Tap/Jazz	
6:50	Grade 2-4 Ballet	Hip Hop Level 2	
7:00	Grade 2-4 Tap	Adult Ballet	Jazz Grade 8+
7:10	Grade 5-7 Ballet	Baton	Lyrical Grade 8+
7:20	Ballet Grade 8+	Lyrical Grade 2-6	
7:30	Pointe Grade 8+		

Wednesday, June 3 – No Rehearsals

Thursday, June 4 – At Dinwiddie High School

5:30 p.m.Warm-up

6:00-tilImportant Recital Announcements

Practice begins. Everyone in practice dance attire, not costumes. We will go through the entire show.

Friday, June 5 – Dress Rehearsal - At Dinwiddie High School

Be at Dinwiddie High School no later than 6 p.m. Everybody must come in costume and make-up ready for their first routine in the show. Dressing rooms will be assigned. ***Please do not arrive early as you will be unable to get in the building.***

Saturday, June 6 – Showtime - At Dinwiddie High School

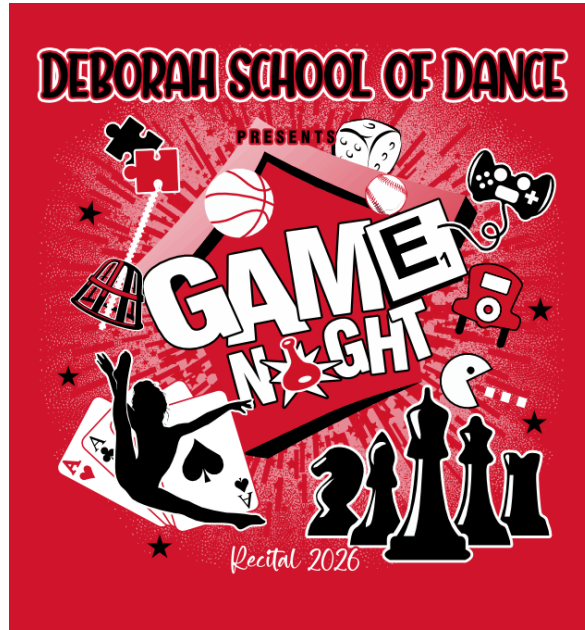
Be at Dinwiddie High School no later than 1 p.m. Show starts at 2 p.m. ***Please do not arrive early as you will be unable to get into the building.***

Sunday, June 7 – Showtime - At Dinwiddie High School

Be at Dinwiddie High School no later than 1 p.m. Show starts at 2 p.m. ***Please do not arrive early as you will be unable to get into the building.***

Address: Dinwiddie High School, 11501 Boisseau Road, Dinwiddie, VA 23841. Go through the main entrance and auditorium is directly in front of you.

Recital T-Shirt Order Form



Child's Name(s): _____

Price: \$21.00

Size	Qty
Youth XSm (2-4)	
Youth Sm (6-8)	
Youth Med (10-12)	
Youth Lg (14-16)	
Adult Sm	
Adult Med	
Adult Lg	
Adult XLg	
Adult XXLg ADD \$2	
Adult XXXLg ADD \$4	
Total # T-Shirts	
Amount	\$

Paid: Cash Check CC

Dance Shoe Order Form

Do not fill in sizes. Your child will be measured in class.
All Money and Order Forms are Due by April 10.

Student's Name _____

Street Shoe Size: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Shoes | Color: Tan | All sizes | \$28.00 |
| | Size: _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ballet | Size: _____ | Child Sizes (5C-3C) | \$16.00 |
| | | Adult Sizes (5A+) | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tap | Size: _____ | Student Taps | \$21.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lyrical Turners | Size: _____ | All Sizes | \$17.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Hip Hop
Shoes | Size: _____ | All Sizes | \$40.00 |

Total _____

Paid via: **Cash** **Check #** _____ **Credit Card**