

It's almost recital time. The dance recital will be June 9th and 10th at Virginia State University. This newsletter will provide you with valuable information to get through the rest of the dance season. **KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER.** It is of utmost importance that students be in class every week, as it affects the student and the entire class.

~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

April 28 Deadline to Order Dance Shoes
..... Deadline for Recital T-shirt Orders
..... Deadline for Recital Bundle Orders
May 1 Final Tuition Payments Due
May 8-12 Parents' Week
May 13 Recital Pictures
May 13 Recital Ticket Sales Begin
June 5-10 Recital Week

TUITION

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 28. No late orders will be accepted.

Remember 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.

PARENTS' WEEK & COSTUME PICKUP

Parents' Week and Costume Pickup will be May 8-12. 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.

Group pictures may be taken in class during Parents' Week.

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 \$18. Orders will be taken through April 28. Also, check out our recital bundles. T-shirts and bundles can also be ordered on the Parent Portal.

PICTURES

Individual in-costume dance pictures will be taken on May 13 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 12 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. Group pictures will not be taken.

This year we are allowing family photos to be taken 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 13 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

A digital photo is available as an add-on to any package for \$5.

RECITAL IN GENERAL

We will have two identical performances of the recital, Friday evening and Saturday Matinee. 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.

During the week of June 5-10 there will be practices everyday. Expect to spend at least four nights of that week at practices. On Monday and Tuesday, there will be individual class rehearsals **at the studio**. On Wednesday, everyone is required to be at VSU. We will go through the entire show in the order in which it will run on show nights. Thursday is full dress rehearsal, and Friday and Saturday 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 13. The price is \$18. There are separate tickets for Friday and Saturday performances and seating is general admission. Anyone needing handicapped seating, please see Deborah to reserve your seats.

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 and entry.

The Thursday 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 do plan to have the recital recorded; however, at the moment we are looking for a new videographer. Once we have secured a company we will post forms for ordering.

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.
- 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 Behind Stage
- No Talking Behind Stage
- NO flash photography is allowed on show nights!!! Pictures and videos can be taken during dress rehearsal and practice nights only, Monday-Thursday.
- 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 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 5-10

Remember proper dance attire is required.
Please pay close attention to the location of practices.

Monday, June 5 – At the Studio

Room A		Room B	
<u>Practice Time</u>	<u>Normal Class Time</u>	<u>Practice Time</u>	<u>Normal Class Time</u>
5:30-6:00	Ballet/Tap Grade K-1	5:30-6:00	Kinderdance (Thursday)
6:00-6:15	Jazz Beginner	6:00-6:30	Ballet/Tap Age 4-5
6:15-6:30	Jazz Grade 8+	6:00-6:15	Student Clogging
6:30-6:45	Lyrical Grade 8+	6:15-6:45	Adult Clogging
6:45-7:00	Tap Grade 8+		
7:00-7:15	Ballet Grade 8+		
7:15-7:30	Pointe		

Tuesday, June 6 – At the Studio

Room A		Room B	
<u>Practice Time</u>	<u>Normal Class Time</u>	<u>Practice Time</u>	<u>Normal Class Time</u>
5:15-5:30	Ballet Grade 2-4	5:00-5:15	Mommy & Me
5:30-5:45	Tap Grade 2-4, 5-7	5:15-5:45	Kinderdance (Monday)
5:45-6:00	Ballet Grade 5-8	5:45-6:00	--
6:00-6:15	Baton	6:00-6:15	Acro 2
6:15-6:30	Hip Hop Level 2	6:15-6:30	Acro 1 (Monday)
6:30-6:45	Opening	6:30-6:45	Acro 1 (Tuesday)
6:45-7:00	Finale		

Wednesday, June 7 – At VSU

5:30 p.m. Warm-up

6:00-til Important Recital Announcements

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

Thursday, June 8 – At VSU Dress Rehearsal

Be at VSU 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.***

Friday, June 9 – At VSU Showtime!

Be at VSU no later than 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. ***Please do not arrive early as you will be unable to get into the building.***

Saturday, June 10 – At VSU Showtime!

Be at VSU 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.***

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 28.

Student's Name _____

Street Shoe Size: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Shoes | Color: Tan, Black | All sizes | \$28.00 |
| | Size: _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ballet | Size: _____ | Child Sizes | \$16.00 |
| | | Adult Sizes | \$18.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tap | Size: _____ | Teen Buckle Taps | \$45.00 |
| | | Student Taps | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lyrical Turners | Size: _____ | All Sizes | \$17.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hip Hop Shoes | Size: _____ | All Sizes | \$35.00 |

Total _____

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

Recital T-Shirts and Tickets

Items are optional and can be purchased as a bundle or individually. **The Bundle is only available through April 28.** All items below can be ordered through the Parent Portal.

<p>Recital Bundle</p> <p>Includes: 1 Recital T-shirt 2 Recital Tickets</p> <p>\$50 (save \$4)</p>
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If purchased individually:

T-shirt \$18 ea, Last day to order t-shirts is April 28.

Tickets \$18 each. Physical tickets will not be available until May 13.

Order Form

Child's Name(s): _____

Description	Price	Qty	Total
Bundle #1	\$50		\$
T-shirt	\$18		\$
Tickets	\$18		\$
Total			\$

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	

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