

Recital 2020 ~ "15 Year Celebration"

Recital time has arrived! This final newsletter should answer most of the questions or concerns that you may have. I understand recital time can be overwhelming and confusing. **I ask everyone to Please Refer To You Newsletter Prior To Emailing Me With Questions That You May Have.**



PARENTS YOU MUST CHECK THE SPELLING OF YOUR CHILD'S NAME FOR THE PROGRAM BY APRIL 1st, 2020. & THE AMOUNT OF YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN DANCING AT ANISSA'S DANCE ACADEMY BY APRIL 1st, 2020.

There is a clipboard located in the lobby by my desk. Please check the spelling of your child's name for the recital program and the number of years they have been dancing at the studio. I will be going by this list for 5 & 10 year awards and will be placing the order for awards after April 1st. Please initial if correct and make any changes if needed in the space provided. Thank you.



LATE PAYMENTS. CASH, VENMO OR CREDIT ONLY

CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN MAY OR JUNE FOR ANY LATE TUITION PAYMENTS OR LATE COSTUME BALANCES. ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO PERFORM IN THE RECITAL.

RECITAL DAY VOLUNTEERS

Female Volunteers are needed for Mon 4:00, Mon 4:45, Mon 5:30, Thur 4:00, Sat 10:00 & Sat 10:45. Volunteers will be required to stay with the class during recital day in the gymnasium. Volunteers will help with lining up the class for their dance and assisting with helping the dancers back into the gymnasium after they have performed. Volunteers will help with bathroom breaks if needed. Volunteers need to be familiar with the dancers and parents within the class they are volunteering for. Volunteers should not have additional friends or family members backstage with them while volunteering. Volunteers will assist on dress rehearsal day with the class you are volunteering for. Volunteers do not assist with costume changes. Volunteers do not need to purchase a recital ticket. Volunteers will still be able to watch their child perform from the side wings of the stage! Please see Miss Anissa or your child's instructor to volunteer.

RECITAL 2020 T SHIRTS - Youth Sizes XS - XL \$25.00 - Adult Sizes S - 1XL \$30.00 - Adult Sizes 2XL - 4XL \$35.00

To purchase a recital t shirt please submit payment by cash, check or Venmo and sign the Master Order List Located In The Lobby On The Clipboard by April 1st, 2020. Recital shirts are white short sleeve shirts with the recital name and studio name on front and cast list on back. Cast list will be dancers first name and last initial only.

MANDATORY REHEARSAL - THURSDAY MAY 14th - MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL

The dress rehearsal is Thursday May 14th, 2020 at Millbury High School. This is the only time for dancers to rehearse their routines on stage; therefore the dress rehearsal is a closed rehearsal. **Friends, siblings, grandparents, boyfriends and other relatives are NOT ALLOWED.** I ask that one FEMALE parent/guardian accompany their child to the dress rehearsal. The auditorium needs to remain quiet so the dancers can hear their music and receive corrections and feedback from their instructors.

Dancers are asked to arrive 10 minutes before their stage rehearsal time, and are asked to sit with their class/level. Please arrive on time, in costume, with hair and make up done. I will adhere to the dress rehearsal schedule therefore any students arriving late may miss their scheduled rehearsal time. Please use the appropriate color tights for your dances. No nail or toe polish, no jewelry; watches, rings, bracelets etc. Please, no underpants underneath tights and bra straps should be hidden. Dancers are free to leave after they have rehearsed their dance.

RECITAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DANCE STUDIO ON THE DATES LISTED BELOW. ALL SALES ARE CASH ONLY. ALL SALES ARE FINAL AND NON TRANSFERABLE AND NON REFUNDABLE. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD TO ANYONE WITH AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE.

Ticket Sale Days & Times:

Monday April 27th 6:15 - 7:45, Tuesday April 28th 5:00 - 8:00 & Thursday May 7th 5:15 - 7:15.

Individual tickets will be sold for the each 11:00 & 4:00 recitals. Please be aware of the number of tickets you will need for each recital. Tickets cannot be exchanged or transferred.

~ Adults - 8 yrs \$15.00 in advance/\$20.00 on recital day

~ Child 7 - 3 yrs \$10.00 in advance/\$15.00 on recital day

~ 2 yrs - under Free admittance if sitting on parent's lap. Ticket is still required for entry.

~ Mom Tickets \$25.00

Mom tickets are available to mothers who need to attend both shows to assist their child/children with costume changes. Mom tickets are \$25.00 and grant entry into both shows. Mom tickets should be kept with you for entrance into both shows.

RECITAL DAY - SATURDAY MAY 16th & RECITAL DAY SEATING

All dancers are asked to arrive by 10:30 for the 11:00 recital and 3:30 for the 4:00 recital. The doors to the auditorium will open approximately 1/2 hour before show time. Seating is on a first come first serve basis. Reserving seats between performances is not permitted. All dancers should arrive with hair and make up done, tights on, and no jewelry. The recital should run approximately 2.5 hours.

DANCE MOMS - ENTERING & EXITING BETWEEN DANCES

Dance Moms, if you are exiting and entering the auditorium to help your child change you must sit in the designated Mom area. The up and down has become very disruptive to the other attendees at recital. If you prefer to sit with your family and friends then I ask that you choose a seat(s) towards the rear of the auditorium that will be less disruptive to the people around you. Thank you!

DANCERS ON RECITAL DAY

All dancers will remain backstage in the gymnasium during recital day. Dancers will not be allowed to sit in the audience or with their families. For everyone's safety dancers are to remain in the gymnasium until the end of the recital. Dancers will be dismissed from the stage at the conclusion of the recital.

COSTUMES

Costumes will be sent home with students before April vacation providing all accounts are paid in full. Students should not "play" in their dance costumes until after the recital is over. Please keep track of all accessories that are included with your child's costume. If any costumes need altering, please do so before the dress rehearsal. Straps should be sewn on and pants hemmed if needed. Please make sure alterations are secure.

PICTURES & VIDEO

Pictures and video are allowed at the dress rehearsal but not on recital day. Videos are not allowed on recital day, it is fire hazard to have multiple video cameras in the aisle and also a distraction to our dancers. KPS Video Productions will be filming our 2020 recital. The order form is attached.

SHOES & TIGHTS

Shoes and tights are available at WOW Dancewear, 771 Southbridge St Auburn, 508-8320-7600. Please follow the attached shoe and tight list for your class. Please be aware it is recital season for all dance studios in the area, I strongly advise everyone to purchase shoes and tights early to ensure students have what they need by dress rehearsal.

HAIR FOR DRESS REHEARSAL & RECITAL DAY/PERFORMANCE EARRINGS

All students excluding Saturday morning classes are required to have their hair in a bun with bangs pulled back. No part in the hair and bun should be placed on the back of the head in the middle. The bun should not be sitting on top on the dancer's head. Classes not wearing a bun must have their hair neat and away from their face. Garnet, Ruby, Jade, Emerald, Sapphire & Diamond Level dancers will be required to wear performance earrings. Performance earrings are available at the studio for \$10.00; pierced and clip on are available.

MAKE UP

Performance make up is very important for a dancer. It should be applied heavily so the dancer does not look washed out on stage under the bright lights. Eye shadow in browns, berries, mauves, or cranberries are to be worn with a white eye shadow to highlight under the eye brow. Brown or black eye liner, mascara, blush and lipstick. Nail or toe polish is not allowed. Saturday classes are welcome to wear minimal make up; blush, eye shadow, lip stick.

COSTUME CHANGES

If your child is under 10 years and needs assistance with costume changes please enter and exit the auditorium quietly at the end of a dance. If you are assisting your child with more than one costume change please sit in the designated Mom Section of the auditorium so you are not a disruption to the other attendees at the recital. Backstage volunteers are not required to change students in and out of their costumes. Timely costume changes are important, we cannot stop/pause the show for extended periods of time. Costume changes will take place in the gym or bathrooms. Males Are Not Allowed Backstage.

GYMNASIUM/BACKSTAGE AREA

All female dancers will be changing in the gym. Signs will be posted for all classes. Family members, friends, any recital attendees are not allowed backstage to visit the dancer they are there to see this only creates additional stress, chaos, and foot traffic to the already busy area. Most importantly this is for everyone's safety and privacy. **MALES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE GYMNASIUM.** Please be sure to pick up your trash in the gymnasium; food, water bottles, juice boxes. Excessive amounts of trash left behind only requires the janitor to stay longer to clean which will only drive ticket costs up in the future. Please be respectful and courteous and dispose of all trash.

RECITAL NECESSITIES

Parents of younger dancers are asked to pack a bag for recital day. Please pack a water bottle, no fruit punch or soda. A snack, goldfish, pretzels or crackers; please nothing that may stain costumes. A barbie doll, puzzle, book etc to keep the dancers occupied while they are waiting to perform. Please label all items. Additional recital day necessities; hairspray, makeup, bobby pins, safety pins, scissors, hair elastics.

RECITAL DAY TRANSACTIONS

A reminder any transactions on recital day ex: fundraisers, beverages if applicable, or Anissa's Dance Academy apparel will be Cash Only.

FINAL BOW

Each dancer will wait backstage after they performed their dance. Parents please Do Not come back stage to retrieve your child. The reason being, it is best to keep all dancers back stage and accounted for. All dancers will take part in the final bow and will be dismissed from the stage. We ask that ONE PARENT come to the edge of the stage and we will dismiss each dancer individually to their parent.

JUNE SUMMER CLASSES

Make sure to pick our Summer Brochure and enroll in summer classes!

FINAL NOTE

Thank you to my talented and dedicated staff for another successful year of dance! Together with our talents we make it great! So thankful for all of you! Thank you to the parents and the students for being a part of Anissa's Dance Academy. Your children have worked very hard throughout the dance year and now you can sit back and enjoy the show!