

To: A.S.B. PARADE DANCERS & PARENTS – Final Details:

2024

1. **MEET** at the ASB Dance Studio on **Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, at 11:30 AM.** **CHECK IN** at the desk or with Miss Kristina when you arrive! **If you are unexpectedly unable to attend on parade day, please CALL THE STUDIO & LEAVE US A MESSAGE!! 978-475-5919** (We probably won't be checking emails that morning – too busy!)

2. **WEAR...**

Dancers in levels PD3, 1, 2, 3, 3+ ... Wear your own Sneakers, Plain Black Pants (unembellished plain black leggings or stretch pants are okay), **and** put your **Andover School of Ballet Sweatshirt** on **TOP** of your other layers of clothing! If the weather is **cold**, wear tights or ski underwear, plus a warm, plain, light-colored shirt or ski undershirt under your A.S.B. sweatshirt. Please, **No Prints/ No dark shirts** under the sweatshirt. Add other layers if needed.

~ **HAIR for girls in the following classes must be tightly held in a Low Pony-tail:**

Jazz & Tap Level 1 (Th. 5:15); **Jazz & Tap Level 2** (S. 11:45); **Ballet Level 2** (Wed. 4:45/ Sat. 10:15); **Jazz & Tap Level 3** (Th. 6:15); **Ballet Levels 3 & 3+** (Mon. 4:30 B3 / Wed. 4:30 B3 / Fri. 5:00 B3+/ Sat. 1:00 B3)

~ **Dance level 4 & up, "Snowflakes" - HAIR & personal costuming:** **Girls must have a high Ballet Bun**, using bobby pins and hair nets as for a performance **and** **Wear** a leotard, ballet pink tights (wear 2 prs. if it's cold) **AND** plain white, low, lace-up sneakers of the Ked's "Champion" style (can be other brands). If you will wear socks, make sure they are low white socks that don't show above your sneakers. Also wear a plain (no patterns) shirt over the leotard and under the ASB sweatshirt.

3. **EAT** before you arrive, please, as no food should be brought to the dance studio! **USE the bathroom at Home** right before you come to the studio!

4. **SPECIAL COSTUMING** will be **LOANED** to each dancer **and Must Be RETURNED** at the end of the parade **when you are checking out.** We have a headband and gloves for every dancer, plus epaulettes and soldier hats for the "soldiers" group, mouse ear headbands for the "mouse" group, tutus and legwarmers for the "snowflakes" group.

> **Please DON'T bring your own hat & gloves into the studio building on Parade Day.** Parents should keep these, because dancers in dance levels 3+ and below will **NOT** return to the studio after the parade. (Note: the older "Snowflake" dancers will return to the studio with Miss Tabitha to return their tutus & leg-warmers).

Once all dancers are dressed in our special costuming, we will walk over to the back of Andover Town Office at around 12:15-12:30 pm. Parade begins at 1:00 PM – it usually runs about 45 minutes. The parade route will be the traditional route of Whittier St. to Elm St. to Main St. to Punchard Ave. to Bartlett St., ending at the front of Andover Town Offices.

5. **PARENT PICK-UP of Dancers** – when our group finishes the parade route, we will stop with our dancers at the half-circle lawn in front of the Andover Town Offices entrance at 36 Bartlet Street. **Note** that our group may be done before the whole parade is finished ... please come and get your dancer as soon as you can.

> **for Students in dance level 3+ or below**, pick them up on **Bartlet Street** in front of the **Andover Town Offices** entrance **as Soon As Possible.** **For SAFETY**, a parent must **Check Out** each student when they are picked up. Please be patient as we check the students out (on paper) for their safety. **Return the borrowed costume items & gloves as you check out, and before you leave, please!!** We will collect these items in bags as you check out.

> **"Snowflake" dancers in level 4 and above** will need to be **Picked Up and Checked Out** at the **Dance Studio** after the parade (pick up as soon as possible).

6. **CANCELLATION** – **If the weather is bad, Check your Emails.** We will also post on Facebook, so follow us there! We will also TRY to put a message on the studio answering machine if the parade is canceled.

~ **If the parade is cancelled on 12/01 due to bad weather, the rain date is Sun. Dec. 8**

~ **If the parade is canceled again on 12/08, and rescheduled, ASB will NOT participate on 12/15**