

May 2025 Newsletter

CHECKLIST FOR THE SPRING PERFORMANCE:

- ✓ Please be sure that you are up to date on tuition and costumes. Costume balances are due by May 15th. If you need to make special arrangements, please contact the studio at contact@ozarkdance.com or 417-581-7101.
- ✓ Please check the costume book on the table to correct any spelling errors on your child's name. (Be sure that you are listed with each dance that you are in!) We use that information for the program, and we want to be accurate. You will also find information on personal accessories, tights, shoes, hair, and make-up in the costume book.

COSTUME RULES:

1. Please DO NOT wear costumes Except for Picture Day, Dress Rehearsal and Recital.
2. Mark costumes, accessories, shoes, hangers, everything with initials or name. Items left at the theater will be taken to the studio.
3. DO NOT wear costumes in the car.
4. Do not eat or drink anything in costume.
5. Wear a robe, smock, or big shirt that fastens in front (nothing that pulls over the head) so hair and makeup are not messed up when removed.

Costumes cannot be replaced and are fragile and difficult to clean. After the performance they are yours forever, so please be patient.

Recital Pictures: ODA's very own Laura Nowakowski will be taking our recital pictures this year. They will be May 10th at St. Joseph the Worker. Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for your child's picture time. Cash, Check or Venmo for photography purchase only. It will be digital, and will include a group photograph and an individual portrait. An email will be sent, and an announcement will be made on Facebook when they are available to be picked up in the studio.

Recital Flowers:

ODA mom Denise Jameson is organizing our recital flowers. Flowers may be pre-ordered and picked up in the lobby of the Theater the evening of the performance. Pre Order forms will be available at Pictures. There will be limited quantities of Flowers available for purchase at the performance but it is suggested you preorder to ensure you have a bouquet waiting for your dancer. Order form is also available on BAND.

Classes and Rehearsals:

We ask that students follow our Dress Code, listed in the Student Handbook. Summer and warm weather do not affect the discipline of our training. **Tights or leggings are required. Hair is to be pulled back away from the face for all classes and secure against the head for ballet.**

Please make attending your classes a priority. It is so important to have all the dancers present. There will not be time to teach choreography for dances during these rehearsals. The schedule for May 27th - May 31st is attached. As we get closer to the performance, it is important to be in class and at rehearsal. EACH of you are a vital part of a much bigger picture. A stage performance is truly a group project, and when even a small part is missing, everyone is affected.

Miscellaneous Information::

2025 Ozark Dance Academy Recital t-shirts are on order for each student. Additional shirts will be ordered as needed.

We will review the Theater Rules during classes. A copy is attached and will be posted. Please review them with your dancer and know them for yourself.

We do not have reserved or saved seating. If there is someone in your party that has special needs, please let us know so we can arrange seating accommodations.

Any costume alternations are the responsibility of each dancer's parent. While dancers are measured and costumes are order to their specifications, but are made to vary by 3 inches to fit a wider range of dancers. Please use your best judgement when getting costumes altered as we cannot replace or exchange costumes.

Recital Tickets will be available for purchase May 5th at the studio. Preorders are available now through the Google Form link available on BAND. Reminder each dancer gets one complimentary ticket.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and children 3 and under are free.

Rehearsal Information

Studio rehearsals May 27th-29th are Closed rehearsals. Only dancers and stage personnel are permitted in the studio during rehearsal. We will leave time for parent questions and review of the costume book for name spelling and accessories.

Please make sure all dancers are dressed to dance with shoes and bags labeled, labeled water bottle and a small snack. Please no full meals, colored liquids or things that could easily be spilled. Parents will have to sign dancers out at the end of each rehearsal. We will be going over theater etiquette in class and during the first practice but all our Theater Rules are attached below.

ACT I

The below classes are in ACT I. This is not their show order.

- Tuesday 5:30 Ballet II- Gold
- Tuesday/Thursday Ballet III- Dark Blue
- Wednesday 1:30 Homeschool Ballet- Light Green
- Wednesday 2:30 Homeschool Ballet/ Jazz- Gray*
- Wednesday 4:00 Ballet/Tap- Pink
- Wednesday 5:00 Ballet/Tap- Purple
- Wednesday 7:30 Ballet- Yellow
- Thursday 4:45 Ballet I- White
- Wednesday 3:30 Dance with Me and Friday Tiny 10:00am- Dark Green
- Friday 4:45 Beginning Ballet/Tap- Red
- Friday 5:45 Tiny PM Ballet/Tap- Orange
- Friday Ballet I/II - Black
- Saturday Beg/LVL I Ballet- Light Blue*

We ask that all dancers in **ACT I** wear a t-shirt, skirt, or hairpiece in a corresponding color to their class(see above). This helps us identifying dancers in each dance and rehearsals move quickly and efficiently.

***these classes are in both Act I and II**

Act II

The below classes are in ACT II. This is not their show order.

Act II dancers do not have a set rehearsal color.

Competition-Addams
Monday Contemporary I/II
Monday Hip Hop I/II
Monday Hip Hop III/IV
Monday Contemporary I4+
Tuesday Jazz II
Wednesday Musical Theater
Wednesday 2:30 Homeschool Ballet/Jazz
Thursday BEGINNING Hip Hop
Thursday Contemporary
Friday Jazz/Tap
Saturday Choreography Workshop
Saturday Acro
Saturday Ballet/Tap/Acro
Senior Solos

Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesday, May 27th @Studio

ACT I ONLY

(No Tiny AM or Wed Dance Me)

Closed Rehearsal (**No Costumes**):

- 5:30-6:00 Warm-up (Caroline) Competition and Level II through IV Ballet dancers
- 6:00-8:00 Act I Rehearsal
- 8:00-8:30 Finale Competition TBD

Wednesday, May 28th @ Studio

ACT II ONLY

(Closed Rehearsal, **No Costumes**)

- 5:30-6:00 Warm-up (Laura) Competition and Level II and up dancers
- 6:00-8:00 Act II Rehearsal
- 8:00-8:30 Finale Competition, Choreography & Seniors TBD

Thursday, May 29th @ Studio

Tech Rehearsal

(NO COSTUMES except Tiny, Beginning Ballet/Tap)

(No Dance with Me or Tiny am at this practice)

- 5:00-5:30 Warm-up (Taylor) Competition and Level II and up dancers
- 5:30-7:00 **Act I Rehearsal**
- 7:15-8:30 **Act II Rehearsal**
- 8:30-9:00- Finale Competition, Choreography & Seniors TBD

Friday, May 30th @ Ozark High School

Technical and Dress Rehearsal

(Full HAIR & MAKEUP Bring Costume)

(Tiny AM and Wednesday Dance with Me at this Practice)

- 3:00-3:30 Warm-Up (Caroline) Competition and Level II and up dancers.
 - (Dancers please do not arrive before 2:45)
- 4:00-6:00 Tech Rehearsal **NO** Costumes
 - **Act I (4:00-5:00)** and **Act II & Finale (5:00-6:00)**
- 6:00-6:30 eat and change into costumes
- 6:45-8:45 Dress Rehearsal (**No Tiny or Dance with Me**)

Saturday, May 31st @ Ozark High School

RECITAL DAY!

(COSTUMES, HAIR & MAKEUP)

- 4:30-5:00 Warm-Up (Laura) Competition and Level II and up dancers.
 - (Dancers please do not arrive before 4:15)
- 5:30 All **Act I** dancers checked in
- 6:00 All **Act II** dancers checked in

- 6:31-**Performance begins**

THEATER RULES

SMILE

SMILE HAVE FUN. THIS IS “WHY” WE TAKE DANCE LESSONS!!

ON STAGE:

- EYES OUT TO THE AUDIENCE
- SMILE
- LISTEN CAREFULLY TO YOUR MUSIC
- LOOK FOR YOUR STAGE CLUES AND STAY IN THE LIGHTS
- Do not itch

THEATER:

- EAT AND DRINK IN THE LOBBY OR HALL. PLEASE NOT IN THE AUDITORIUM
- WE ARE GUESTS IN THE SCHOOL. BE RESPECTFUL OF THEIR SPACE AND CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF

COSTUMES:

- DO NOT WEAR YOUR COSTUME IN THE CAR
- ONLY WEAR YOUR COSTUME IN THE THEATER
- NO EATING OR DRINKING IN YOUR COSTUME
- NO GUM IN COSTUME
- BRING A HANGER FOR EACH COSTUME
- DO NOT TAKE ANOTHER PERSON’S COSTUME
- PUT YOUR NAME IN YOUR COSTUME AND ALL ACCESSORIES
- YOUR TIGHTS ARE YOUR PANTIES.

MAKE-UP AND HAIR:

- Bring YOUR OWN MAKE-UP AND HAIR SUPPLIES
- NO GLITTER HAIRSPRAY
- NO GLITTER BODY SPRAY
- NO NAIL POLISH, NO TOENAIL POLISH
- SMALL POST EARRINGS ARE PERMITTED

BACK STAGE:

- CHECK-IN (Teachers & Helpers too)
- ENTER THROUGH THE STAGE DOOR
- NO LOUD VOICES
- DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU
- IF YOU CAN SEE THE AUDIENCE, THE AUDIENCE CAN SEE YOU
- LISTEN TO YOUR BACKSTAGE HELPERS
- DO NOT PEEK OUT THE CURTAIN OR TOUCH WINGS
- TAP STUDENTS, BRING SOCKS TO WEAR OVER TAP SHOES

DANCERS ARE NICE TO EACH OTHER, NO PUSHING OR SHOVING, SHARE THE BATHROOM and LET A HELPER KNOW IF THE RESTROOM NEEDS ATTENTION.

2025 Recital Picture Line Up			
Saturday May 10th at St. Francis the Worker			
9:00-10:00	Set Up Photography Stuff		
10:00-10:30	Friday Tiny Twirl AM	Wednesday Dance with Me	
10:30-11:00	Wednesday Beg Ballet/Tap	Thursday Beginning Hip Hop	Homeschool Ballet/Jazz
11:00-11:30	Wednesday Ballet 12+	Friday Level I Jazz/Tap	Wednesday Musical Theater
11:30-12:00	Saturday Ballet/Tap/ACRO	Friday Beginning Ballet/Tap	Friday Tiny Twirl PM
12:00-12:30	Friday Ballet I/II	Monday Hip Hop II	
12:30-1:00	Wednesday Tiny Twirl PM	Saturday Acro	
Lunch Break 1:00-1:30			
1:30-2:00	Choreography Workshop	Villians	
2:00-2:30	Monday Contemporary II	Thursday Contemporary II/III	
2:30-3:00	Tuesday Ballet II	Thursday Ballet I	
3:00-3:30	Tues/Thurs Ballet III-III/IV	Tuesday Jazz II	
3:30-4:00	Smooth Criminal	ADDAMS	
4:00-4:30	Pink	Contemporary III/IV	
4:30-5:00	Soy yo	Hip Hop III	
5:00-5:30	Competition Solo	Senior Solo	

1. Dancers can wear their hair anyway they would like for pictures.
2. We will have assigned dressing rooms based on class.
3. Makeup is optional for pictures for all dancers except out competition team dances.