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Important Recital Information and Upcoming "2026" Dates

Costumes: Costumes will be handed out and tried on during class **Monday, May 4 – Saturday, May 9**. *Miss Chase's Monday (Hip Hop 5, Contemporary 2) and Thursday (Hip Hop 3 & 4) classes will have their costume days on May 11 & 14.*

We suggest that every student brings his or her parent/guardian or someone capable of writing down specific instructions pertaining to each dance costume. Some costumes may need straps sewn or tutu's tacked (very limited sewing). Your class instructor will also be discussing recital and dress rehearsal procedures, hair and make-up, and will let you know which side of the auditorium to buy your tickets. Students will also perform their dance in costume. **Costumes can only be taken home when account balances are paid in full. This includes the last payment for May.**

Tickets: All students **must** appear in both the Saturday and Sunday afternoon shows as stated in the October costume information letter. The Recital tickets will go on sale **Saturday, May 16 from 2:45 PM to 5 PM** at the studio, and thereafter at the studio during Office Hours:

Monday 4:00 - 8:30pm

Tuesday 6:00 - 8:30pm

Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30pm

Thursday 6:00 - 8:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 2:00pm

We recommend getting tickets during ticket day or the first week of sales. For the first two weeks of sales, each family will be allowed a total of 7 tickets between both shows. This includes the 2 tickets in the recital bundle, that are already paid for, **but you still need to select your seats during the ticket sale time.** If you would like more than 7 tickets, they can be purchased after May 31 upon availability.

After May 31 we can only guarantee the two tickets included in the bundle and the day would depend upon availability. If the shows do not sell out, tickets will also be sold at the door on the day of the recital. All tickets are for **reserved seating** and are \$25 each/ \$30 at the door. **Credit cards cannot be used for ticket sales & all sales after May 26 will be cash only.** Tickets will be registered in each student's name.

To make the selling easier on May 16, we will have two selling lines. One line will be for tickets on the **right** and the other for the **left** of the auditorium. **Please Do NOT hold places in line for others or buy tickets for others on May 16.** It is not fair since tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis and upon availability. All tickets must be paid for when you get them. Please do not buy tickets you do not need. **Returns and exchanges will NOT be accepted. All ticket sales are final and no credits.**

Please do not buy tickets for students appearing in the show, dancing dads or monitors assisting backstage. All students and monitors will be able to watch the show during Dress Rehearsal, but will **NOT be permitted to watch the recital in the auditorium on the day of the recital.** It is very distracting to the audience when students are walking up and down the aisles trying to find seats and it is not fair to the performers. This rule will be strictly enforced.

May 22-25: No Classes in observation of Memorial Day Weekend.

Picture Day: Pictures will be taken by Gary Antle Photography, at the studio, on **Saturday, May 30 & Sunday, May 31.** Both group and individual pictures will be taken during the assigned times. Please see the attached Picture Day Schedule for photo times. Photo price lists and package information is also attached. You can view pictures online and order your favorites but individual photos will only be taken if an order form is given. Gary Antle's portfolio is wonderful and he touches up all pictures. Pictures will be mailed directly to your home.

June 11: Last day of classes.

Registration for Fall '26: Registration is recommended to assure that your place, day, and time will be reserved for the fall. **Online registration will open on Monday, June 1.** If you register for fall classes on or before June 16, you will **NOT** have to pay a registration fee. If you have another member of your family who would like to begin lessons in the fall, they can also register without paying the registration fee. **First month's tuition is required to register and confirm your place in class. Tuition is not refundable and no credits as this holds one's place in the class.**

June 23: Deadline to register for **summer classes and workshops.**

Dress Rehearsal: **Bellingham High School Auditorium on Friday, June 12**

- Dancers in the Toddler Time (Sat. 9:15), Preschool Ballet (Thurs. 4:15 & Sat. 10:00), and Combo (Thurs. 5:00 & Sat. 10:45) should arrive and be ready to dance by 5:00 PM.
- Dancers in all other classes should arrive ready to dance by 5:15pm.

When you arrive, please go directly into the auditorium and sit with your class (signs will be hung on each row to designate where each class will sit). We will start at 5:00pm with the Toddler Time, Preschool Ballet, and Combo routines followed by a run through of the finale. Dancers in those classes can leave after the finale run through.

We will then do a full run through of the show, including the finale for a second time. We are going to try to run the rehearsal without stopping. The dress rehearsal should be over by 9 PM. The young children may leave after they perform their dance routine. We ask that older students stay through the end so there are students present to run the finale for the second time.

When the dancers are not changing or performing, all are welcome to watch the dress rehearsal from the audience in the row designated for their group. Please do not bring guests to the dress rehearsal. The auditorium is only big enough to accommodate the students and one parent. All parents of younger dancers (ages 11 & under) must sit with their child's class when they are not helping their child change into or out of costume(s). Female dancers can change in the cafeteria, and male dancers can change the bathroom.

- Please arrive by your designated time and be ready to dance in FULL COSTUME. Full costume includes hair done as discussed costume week, hats and/or headpieces fully secured on head, costume with straps etc. sewn, correct color tights and shoes. It is very important that costume, shoes, tights and accessories are worn for Dress Rehearsal.
- No make-up (we want your costumes nice and clean for the shows) please do appropriate hairstyles and make sure hats and headpieces are securely attached.

- Each class will have a designated row to sit. When you arrive, look for the row marked for your class. Please stay together as a group.
- Each younger aged class will have a monitor.
- Do **not** leave your area without informing your monitor. If you are in more than one dance, sit with your finale group but have the costume on for your first dance. After you do the finale, please sit with the class that you dance with first. After you perform your first dance, tell your monitor you are going to join your next group. Please let the monitor of your second group know that you will be coming late because you dance with a previous group.
- You should be backstage three full numbers before your dance is to begin. Our backstage coordinator, Miss Bree, will get you.
- Be ready to perform and change costumes quickly. Parents should help their child change during dress rehearsal. We will not stop the run-through of the show because someone is missing. When we arranged the order of the show, we gave everyone ample time to change costumes, etc.
- After performing, please return to your row so that the back stage coordinator can find you to line up for the finale.
- No eating or drinking in the theatre or backstage. This is a High School rule. They are VERY STRICT about this matter. Water will be permitted backstage and in the dressing/class rooms, but NO FOOD ALLOWED. SNACKS will be allowed in the cafeteria ONLY but NO NUTS (for allergy reasons).
- Smile and have fun!

RECITAL: Bellingham High School Auditorium. Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14 – at 1 PM both days.

Dancers need to be backstage at 12 PM on both Saturday and Sunday. Dancers who only perform in Act II can arrive ½ hour before the start of the show. All dancers need to perform in BOTH recitals as explained in the costume information letter emailed in the fall. An absent dancer can really “mess up” a routine making it unfair to the rest of the class and teacher. Commitment was explained before costumes were ordered.

Please go directly to your changing areas. (Signs will be posted telling where each group should go.) **Only monitors (who have wrist bands) and dancers will be permitted backstage. The same holds true at intermission.** Also, all younger students will need to be dropped off and picked up by the SAME parent or guardian. We are doing a strict check-in and checkout procedure to help keep the dancers safe. If anyone needs to get backstage during the show, please make prior arrangements (before June 1) with the studio so that our door monitors will allow you into the area. This is for the safety of all the students! (For the Toddler Time Class one parent can go backstage with their little one and watch them dance from the side of the stage.) The Toddler Time class can leave after they perform and will not return to the stage for the finale.

Please remember the following:

- All students must stay backstage, in their dressing rooms during the entire performance. NO students will be permitted into the auditorium!
- All students, with the exception of the Toddler Time Class, need to stay for the entire show and participate in the finale.
- Young students should come fully dressed and made-up.
- Please wear a robe, jacket or T-shirt over your costume when you arrive. We don't want to let the audience see our costumes before we perform and we want to keep them nice and clean.
- Make-up: all students will need to wear a base make-up, blush high on the cheeks, eye shadow, eyeliner, mascara, and Red lipstick. Daytime make-up is inadequate and will result in a total washout of your features. Please apply make-up heavily. Make-up is not necessary for the boys.

- Hair should be worn as instructed. Please slick back bangs, for they cover the eyes and create shadows.
- Please do not wear any jewelry other than that which is part of your costume.
- Please do not wear nail polish other than clear.
- Please do not wear any underclothes other than tights or nude camisole leotards.
- Each class (younger students) will be supervised with a monitor or two.
- Please bring a book, crayons and paper, or something small to take up the idle time before and after you perform.
- **Please label EVERYTHING!**
- Snacks will be permitted in the cafeteria ONLY.

Smile and have fun! Everyone worked hard all year! This is your opportunity to show the audience how much you love to dance!

Directions: please seek best route to Bellingham High School, 60 Blackstone Street, Bellingham, MA 02019

Cameras: **NO** video or Flash cameras will be allowed into the auditorium. The reasons are many, but the most important is the distraction to the performers and the audience.