

HEART OF THE VALLEY DANCE ACADEMY'S YEAR END RECITAL
FRIDAY, MAY 9TH AT 6:30, SATURDAY, MAY 10TH AT 1:00 AND 6:00 AT KAUKAUNA HIGH SCHOOL

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED SHEET REGARDING THE BACKSTAGE PASS POLICY CAREFULLY!

- 1) Please use your backstage pass to check students into their assigned areas behind the stage **starting 30 minutes** prior the start time and **no later than 6:15 p.m. on Friday, 5:45 Saturday evening and 12:45 pm Saturday afternoon**. We will start to get the opening number together ten minutes prior to curtain time.
- 2) Please come in full costume with make-up applied. Stage lights can really wash out a face, so make-up is important. Be sure to have all costume pieces, headpieces, tights and shoes!
- 3) **Please label all costumes, accessories and shoes** in case anything gets lost at the high school. It is also a good idea to label any games, books, etc. that you bring so we can return them if they are left behind.
- 4) All students will remain in their assigned area throughout the show. We will have student and parent "helpers" again this year to assist with supervising the dancers. We will be streaming the recital, making crafts and doing various other activities to keep the kids busy. Dancers must remain in their backstage classroom until picked up by a parent with a backstage pass. Parents may pick up prior to the end of the show, but we do encourage everyone to stay for the grand finale walkthrough. This is a great time to surprise your dancer with flowers and balloons! **Please note dancers are not allowed in the auditorium in costume to watch the recital.**
- 5) You are welcome to stop backstage at any time, but you must show your backstage pass each time. We do ask, that during the show, due to costume changes taking place, that we limit the number of parents backstage. Please come backstage only if necessary and please send a dance mom if possible.
- 6) Please read the full Backstage Pass Policy for details on our closed-door backstage area.
- 7) We have designated the end of the main hall as our costume changing area. There will be several changing room/pop up tents set up along with racks to hang costumes. Dancers are able to drop off costumes in this area and return here to change. We will have helpers here to assist with changes. Parents are welcome to come backstage to assist with costume changes as well. Please be sure you leave and enter the auditorium between dances- not when a class is performing on stage.
- 8) **NO DANCERS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE AUDITORIUM TO WATCH THE SHOW!!!** All dancers must check in to the backstage area when they arrive – dancers are not allowed to sit in the auditorium in costume prior to or after performing!
- 9) **Please help us keep our show at a professional level. We work hard to put on a fast-moving performance we hope you will enjoy. Our dancers have put in many hours working on routines to keep you entertained. Please enjoy it- Clap and cheer!! But please be courteous to those around you.** We ask parents to refrain from disturbing others by repeatedly getting up frequently to check on your child. If you need to assist your child with a costume change, you are more than welcome to do so; however, we ask that you do your moving in between numbers. You will need to re-enter the auditorium between performances, then wait to be seated until between the next performances. So, it will take you two dances to re-enter the auditorium. We plan for an average of 10 seconds between numbers, and that isn't enough time to have you enter and get seated without disrupting the people around you. We really appreciate your cooperation with this. We are only trying to make the show enjoyable for everyone who paid to see it, as well as for all of you, who have time and money invested in it. **We run a professional show and will enforce these rules to avoid all disruptions.**
- 9) **NO VIDEOTAPING OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE SHOWS.**
- 10) Flowers and Balloons that were pre-ordered can be picked up 30 minutes before the shows and during intermission.
- 11) After the show, **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE YOUR CHILD FROM THE STAGE**. The children will be escorted back to their assigned area and with your backstage pass you can pick your child up there. We will have supervision in the backstage area until all students have left.
- 12) We would appreciate it if you send any food or beverage with your child, please make it a "clean" snack, so not to stain their costume. Please use your discretion as to what you send. If your child's costume gets stained due to food that is sent, they will go on stage that way. **We do recommend sending a water bottle. There are no water fountains/ bubblers backstage.**

Your cooperation in following these guidelines is just one of the things that will make our show one of the finest in the area!

Thank you for your continued support!