## Premier Dance Academy, 2025 Spring Showcase "May I Have Your Autograph?" May 17, 6:00 pm Memorial High School Auditorium

Our recital will be held at Memorial High School on Saturday, May 17 at 6:00 pm. You can plan on the recital lasting about 90 minutes, including intermission. Tickets will be available **ONLINE** beginning April 17. The recital has RESERVED SEATING.

# In-Studio Rehearsal FRIDAY, MAY 16, 5:00-7:00 pm at Premier Dance Academy.

This rehearsal is REQUIRED for all dancers. We will not be wearing costumes for this rehearsal.

**Arrival Time:** Between 4:30 and 4:45 Pm - Dancers should arrive at the studio *dressed in dance clothes*.

Dismissal Time: when your dancer has performed all of their dances they will be excused.

**Parents of our PreBallet (3-4 year olds)** should plan to stay. I am guessing that your child will be done dancing by about 5:15 pm.

Parents of our 4-6 year old PreDance students are welcome to stay, however, it will be crowded. If you do not feel that your child will need you to be there, please consider leaving. All of our teachers will be at the studio to help with shoe changing and to keep an eye on everyone. You can leave your phone number with me and I will text or call you if you are needed. Dancers will not be allowed to run around while they are at the studio.

I will send an automated text message via the Parent Portal as we begin the second half of our dance. Please be sure that your phone number is in the "Mobile Phone" field in the parent portal to receive a text message (it's a separate field from "emergency contact") The order of the recital will be online (on the Showcase Information page of our website), so you will be able to have an idea of when your dancer will be done. A good general measure of time is to allow for 5 minutes for each dance at rehearsal (time for their dance and any instructions from their teacher), so if your dancer's class is the 10th dance in the show you can guess that she'll be done around 5:50 or so. It's not a perfect calculation, but it is a pretty close estimation.

#### **Dress Rehearsal**

DRESS REHEARSAL: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm at Memorial High School's Auditorium.

This Dress Rehearsal is REQUIRED for all dancers. Parents are invited to stay and watch. *However, if possible, please limit it to one person per family attending the dress rehearsal.* 

**Arrival Time:** 11:30 am - Dancers should arrive at the PAC dressed in their first costume.

Announcements in the Auditorium: 11:45 am

Rehearsal Begins: 12:00 pm

**Dismissal Time:** If your dancer has performed all of their dances *and* practiced the finale, they will be excused. We will run through our recital, in order, with the exception of practicing the Finale between the first and second half (rather than at the end of the entire show)

#### Other Important Details:

- No underwear under costumes (females)! This is dance performance etiquette. All over the
  world, dancers wear costumes, with tights, and no underwear. Our dance tights serve the
  purpose of underwear. Our online store has nude camisole leotards (to wear under costumes
  for modesty) for our Premier Prep and Premier level dancers. You can also find nude leotards on
  Amazon or online at Discount Dance Supply.
- No gum.
- No food or drink in your costume or in the dressing room. If you spill on your costume, or anyone else's costume, we will not be able to replace it.
- All dancers need to wear makeup. The stage lights are very bright and makeup is needed so
  we can see the details of their face a little blush, a little eye shadow (preferably pinks or
  browns), mascara and lipstick (it does not need to be red, please choose a color that looks good
  on you).
- Please no glitter makeup or tattoos.
- Hair -
  - PreDance and Primary Dancers can wear their hair however you choose. Our only request is that it is neatly done and we can see their beautiful faces!
  - Prep and Premier Level Dancers should have a neat ballet bun for ballet/pointe dances.
     For Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop and Contemporary dances their hair can be worn however they like as long as it is away from their face and done neatly. Dancers might want to ask their teacher if they have a preference for their hair.
  - Please no extra hair pieces (bows, headbands, etc). Dancers should only wear what came with their costume.
- No jewelry this includes earrings, string bracelets/anklets, etc...

#### Recital

Saturday, May 11, 6:00 pm at Middleton High School's PAC

Warm up for Premier level dancers: 4:30 pm ON STAGE.

All Other Dancers' Arrival Time: 5:00 - 5:15 pm

Auditorium Doors Open: 5:30 pm

**Recital:** 6:00 pm - two halves, 10 minute intermission.

The show should last about 1.75 hour (including the intermission and finale).

If you need to help your dancer with costume changes, please exit the auditorium between dances. Please try to stay to the end so you see all of our dancers perform and you see our finale!

Please invite friends, neighbors and family to our recital. Tickets are only \$5.00 so that you feel comfortable asking people to purchase a ticket. Our dancers will love having a large crowd to cheer for them!

### **Pro Tips:**

- Dancers love getting flowers and having their picture taken before/after the performance!
- "Break a leg" is *not* what we say to a dancer before a dance performance! No dancer wants to break a leg!! The real expression said to dancers (world-wide) for good luck is "merde!" pronounced [maird]. It's French, and you can look it up if you want, but you will probably be more confused when you see its meaning! You don't need to tell your dancer what it means. Sometimes it's better that way! :-)
- **Tell your dancer you are proud of them.** No matter what happens, make them feel special. It's not easy to get up on stage and you should be proud of them!
- You will see MANY dancers and families out for ice cream after the performance! You might want to add that to your schedule too!