

Big Show Handbook 2023

- **When: Saturday, May 6th @ 5:00 pm**
- **WHERE: The Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center**, 350 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Norwalk High School
- **PERFORMANCE TIMES/ WHEN TO ARRIVE AT THEATER:** Arrive at the theater no later than 4:30 p.m. with your dancer dressed and ready to go onstage.

In- House Dress Rehearsal-April 17th-April 21st

- **Location- N*DC Studio during your child's regular scheduled class time.**
- **Dress Code- Recital Costume, Hair & Make-up**

THIS IS A MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL DURING REGULAR CLASS TIME. Arrive at your regular class time, dressed in costume and ready to perform. There will be a brief 10 minute meeting at the end of each class for the parents.

Theatre Dress Rehearsal Big Show **ONLY**

Participation in the dress rehearsal is mandatory.

- **When: Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 at your allotted time on the sheet attached**
- **Where: The Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center**, 350 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk High School

Please arrive on time and ready we try to be as timely and organized as possible. Your help with the process will maintain a professional production. Please understand the importance of the dress rehearsal. During dress rehearsal we will coordinate all the NDC students and run through their routines, so they know where to stand on the stage during the recital. Therefore, rehearsal is mandatory! Students should arrive with the following:

Arrive with Costume, Makeup, hair, and dance tights on. Have your dancer put on their dance shoes at the door.

Please Arrive 15 min before your scheduled time. If you are **late** for your scheduled time, we will run through the dance without your child. Please understand this is necessary to keep the rehearsal on schedule. You may leave the dress rehearsal immediately following the completion of your child's rehearsal.

Drop Off: 1. Enter in the **LEFT side of the building of the Performing Arts Center.** **There will be signs to direct you.** 2. After checking in your dancer, please proceed to the theatre. We may run through their dance at least 2 times. You may video tape and take photographs at this time.

Pick Up: Once your child is done performing the entire group will be taken to the lobby.

**** Immediate family **ONLY** at Dress Rehearsal. If your child has multiple changes you must come back and change them yourself. Staff will not change student's costumes.

All students should expect to be at dress rehearsal for about 30 min per class number.

Some classes may need less or more time. Please be patient with us during this important process. See Attached page for your child's dress rehearsal times

Recital Day

Arrive with Costume, Makeup, hair, dance tights and shoes on.

ARRIVE AT THEATER: between 4-4:30 pm Arrive at the theater no later than 4:30 p.m. with your dancer dressed and ready to go onstage, which will be at 5 p.m. Dancers may be dropped off at the left side of the building between 4-4:30, please no later than 4:30.

No early drop off's – doors will NOT be open until 1 hour prior to show time. No admittance into theater without dancer's costume & attendees' tickets in hand! You can buy tickets if available in the lobby before you enter the theater.

Drop Off: Enter in the **Left side of the building of the Performing Arts Center** (same as the rehearsal). You and your dancer will receive matching security stamps then an instructor will escort your child backstage

Pick Up: **You may pick up during intermission or at the end of the show only.** Parents leaving while there are dancers on stage is a huge distraction and takes away from other parents trying to watch their dancers on stage. We will have an end of the show curtain call where each class will come out for a final bow. If your dancer is picked up at intermission they will not be able to return backstage for the curtain call. Once your child has performed, they will be supervised by several N*DC staff members and helpers. You may come back at intermission or the end of the show and check out your child. We request that only 1 parent may enter the pickup area to check out a child and must have the numbered stamp on them. No extended family or friends in the dressing area or hallway leading to the dressing area. This is in order to avoid too many people in one place so that we can best supervise the dancers. If you take your child into the audience after intermission, you must have purchased a seat for them. To pick up your child, go out the theater and turn left, turn left at the 1st hallway and follow the signs.

Costume Care

We recommend that each student's **name be placed in his or her costumes, shoes, accessories, and tights.** Place your child's costume in a garment bag for easy travel. Pack all accessories in a clear plastic bag with your child's name on it. We also recommend packing an extra pair of tights. This offers students and parents an extra sense of security!

Hair, Makeup & Accessories.....The LOOK

We strongly suggest all female dancers wear makeup for the recital. Please see review the checklist below for hair and makeup application. We want the dancers' faces to "pop" with color under the lights. We also respect your right as a parent to choose no make-up for your child. So please put on as much or a little make-up that you are comfortable with.

Long Hair- Bun in center of head.

Not a high bun!

Short Hair- French Braids

1. Dancers with shoulder length hair or longer must have all of their hair pulled back into a bun.

Flyaway pieces & bangs pinned and sprayed back. Dancers with bangs must have them above eyebrow length and sprayed down.

2. Dancers with shorter hair must have hair in two side French braids if possible.



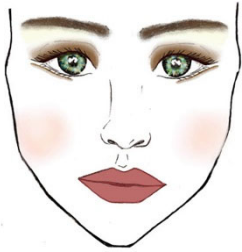
Hair Accessories: Bun: Hair ribbon that came with the costume will be tied around the bun, knotted at the top, and let the strands hang down, bobby pinned also. For 2 French Braids: Cut ribbon in 2 and tie around end of braids, bobby pinned also.

Hats: All Hats must be bobby pinned many times to head. The best way for hats to stay on is to criss cross the bobby pin like an X.

Our staff will not do hair but may add more hairspray to fly aways or bobby pin stray hairs.

Please let us know that day if you don't want their hair sprayed for any reason.

Makeup:



NO Makeup for Boys

1. Brown Eye Shadow- apply along the lash line, gradually fading up to highlight the brow bone. You can apply the shadow LIGHTLY under the lower lashes from the middle of the lash line out to the

corner of the eye. Do NOT LINE out past the corner of the eye and do NOT line from the inner corner of eye out.

2. Thin line of Black Eye Liner. NO WINGS!

3. Black Mascara(lots) you can also use fake eyelashes

4. Pink Cheeks- brushed across cheek bone. Start light and add more as needed. Avoid clown circles on cheeks. Do NOT let cheek color drop below lip line.

5. Pink lips – not HOT PINK. More of a dark pink. Try to find a long-lasting lipstick. Example Revlon Colorstay Ultimate Liquid Lip color in Miracle Mauve or Covergirl Outlast All Day Lip color in Blushed Mauve. This lipstick will go on and stay without having to worry about reapplying or getting all over the place.

Tights/Shoes: Only Girls Need Tights
Ballet-Pink Footed Tights & Pink Ballet Shoes

Jazz-Tan Footed Tights & Tan Jazz Shoes
Tap-Tan Footed Tights & Black Tap Shoes
Acro-Tan Tights & White Acro Shoes
Hip Hop-Tan Tights & Black Tennis Shoes

- NDC has tights available for purchase at the front desk. We will NOT have tights for sale at the recital.
- We strongly suggest you purchase 2 pairs, in case one snags before show time
- If your child has 2 dance numbers that require tights, please layer the tights in the order they perform. Example ballet is first, tap is 2nd so you would put on tan tights and then pink tights on top.
- If the costume has pants you are not required to have tights.

Shoe Ribbons:

If your costume came with more than one matching ribbon they are for the dancer's shoes. Simply tie the ribbon in a bow around the elastic of the shoes.



Jewelry

No jewelry is permitted during dress rehearsal or recital.

Alterations on Costumes:

NDC will offer alterations for costumes for a \$5.00 fee. Fee must be paid when we send it out to seamstress. We send the costumes to our seamstress and return them to you before the recital.

Miscellaneous Important Information

Dressing Room Etiquette

Students must respect other students' space and property in the dressing rooms. The students will spend more time in the dressing rooms than onstage or in the auditorium, so please do your best to keep them organized and clean.

1. No food is allowed in the dressing rooms.

Water Only – (NO NO NO Gum)

2. LABEL EVERYTHING

3. No electronic devices. There are too many small hands in the waiting area. We are not responsible for items that are lost, damaged, or stolen.

Theatre Etiquette

It is important that dancers and guests follow the rules and etiquette of being in a theatre.

-No talking while dancers are on stage

-No running up and down the aisles

-Do not yell names of children while they are on stage. Especially young dancers – they are easily distracted.

-Stay seated while dancers are performing

If you must leave the auditorium for any other time beside intermission, please do so between numbers. Walking in aisles, opening the doors or standing in the middle of the dance is a distraction to the dancers on stage and blocks and distracts parents watching their dancers.

-NO cell phones-NO Cameras-NO video cameras

Please turn ringers OFF!! No talking on cell phones in auditorium, especially during the recital. Talking on the phone causes distractions to the dancers and to the people around you. If you MUST use your phone, please do so in the lobby.

Once dancers are backstage or in the dressing room areas there is NO running, yelling, or leaving the backstage area.

Backstage

Family members and friends do not belong backstage or in the dressing rooms during rehearsals or the recital. The same applies during intermission and after the show. There is a lot of backstage activity in a limited space, and dressing rooms are a private area. This is for security purpose too. No one will be permitted backstage without a stamp. Please remind your family and guests to be respectful of these areas. Those who wish to greet a performer after the show or present flowers should do so in the lobby areas.

Tickets

Tickets- Sold Online & In Studio: Tickets are assigned seating only

Tickets can be purchased Online at: www.northstardancecenter.com

Tickets sales start on Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 a.m. online, and at the studio at 4:00 p.m.

Ticket prices range from:

\$12-\$16 + tax + handling fee

Children 2 & under are free if seated on a parent's lap.

- Any extra unsold tickets will also be available for purchase on the day of the show. Day of tickets will be \$18.00 cash. There will be NO admittance into theatre unless you have a ticket in hand.
- Handicap seating is available at the office for purchase
- NDC Students will be sitting backstage with their class while not performing. If you wish for your child to sit with you, you **must** purchase a ticket for them. Students can only be picked up during intermission.

Tickets will be for sale at front desk or by phone during regular class hours until May 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Pictures

Pictures will be taken by Tubbs Photography at the NORWALK studio on Sunday April 30, Monday May 1st and Tuesday May 2nd. Please see the attached scheduled time for your class. During this time the dancer should arrive in their costume with hair pulled up in a neat bun 10 minutes before your dancers time . Light make-up is optional. Everyone will be in the group picture even if you are NOT buying one. Individual pictures will be available after their group picture. **THERE WILL BE NO PICTURE RETAKES, SO IF YOU ARE LATE YOU WILL NOT BE IN THE GROUP PICTURES.** There will be a separate handout on how to order your pictures. A link will be set up and you will have a special password to see, view, and purchase your pictures. **Pictures are OPTIONAL; however, we would like all students to be photographed in the group pictures.**

Concessions

We will have a concession stand in the lobby. However, per Ernsthausen all food and drinks must be kept in the lobby. Absolutely NO FOOD OR DRINK allowed in the theatre!

Video and Photography

New this year! Each family will have an \$18 media fee added to their accounts on April 1. A professional videographer will record and edit the recital. A digital copy will be shared with all family's via dropbox. You cannot opt out of this fee. We have shared this information throughout the year so that it is not a surprise. It can be found on our website, in our online waiver when you signed up, and communicated several times through email.

We at N*DC understand precisely how important it is for each family to preserve their dancer's recital memories via video and still photos. We do NOT allow video cameras or personal cameras into the theater during the actual performance for the following reasons:

1. To protect the privacy of our dancers from people who post pictures and videos on the Internet.
2. Flashes from cameras are distracting and dangerous to the dancers on stage. Remember, dancers are staring into a dark space and flashes from the audience can temporarily blind them resulting in collisions on stage and or falling off the front of the stage. This is not an issue at dress rehearsal because the house lights are on while they are performing.
3. People taking video or taking pictures of their child on stage block the view of and distract audience members seated behind them and to the sides of them.
4. A video taken from the audience with a non-professional camera rarely turns out to look very good due to the challenging lighting, shakiness, and heads of audience members that block the view of the camera.

*NOTE: N*DC does not prohibit video cameras and cameras so that we can earn extra money selling DVD's. We prohibit these items exclusively for the reasons listed above. In fact, we don't make any money on DVD's. Since we prohibit them, we have provided a solution for each dancer's family to preserve their memories on video. They are truly precious keepsakes for the years to come.*

Over-due Tuition Payments

No student will be allowed to perform in our spring recital if monthly tuition is overdue.

Other Questions

*If you are unsure at any time after reading this entire document, about when, how, where or why; please don't hesitate to ask us. We are here to help you understand the process, as well as ensure that you are properly informed. Please email questions to: info@norwalkdancecenter.com

Or Call 419-663-3036

Recital practice Wednesday May 3rd, 2023 Big Show ONLY
Recital practice times at The Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center, 350 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Norwalk High School. Please be there 15 minutes before your assigned time as we will be on a strict time line. If you do not arrive on time, we will start without you. We want to make this as fast as possible so you can enjoy your evening. This is NOT the order the recital will be in.

Time	Song	Class
445	Little House On The Prairie	Beginner Rec Lyrical Tue 6:45
453	Happy Days	Acro 1 Thursday 7:30
501	Fresh Prince	Tap 3 Tue 5:00
509	Kim Possible	Acro 4 Wed 7:15
517	KC Undercover	Acro ¾ Wed 7:15
525	Time Of Our Lives	Acro 6 Mon 6:15
533	The Addams Family	Tap 1 Tues 6:15
541	Stanger Things Remix	Hip Hop 9+ Wed 7:30
549	Austin and Ally	Acro 2 Thur 6:45
557	Friends	Lyrical 3 Wed 5:30
605	Phineas and Ferb	Acro 1 Wed 5:45
613	Hannah Montana	Tap 2 Tue 5:45
621	Stuck In The Middle	Acro 1 Thur 6:00
629	Big Time Rush	Hip Hop 6-8 Thur 6:30
637	Best Friends Whenever	Acro 5 Wed 6:30
645	Saved By The Bell	Acro 7 Mon 5:15
653	Suite Life On Deck	Acro 3 Tue 6:15
701	ANT Farm	Jazz 2 Mon 5:45
709	ICarly	Acro 2/3 Fri 4:30
717	Stranger Things	Acro 8 & 9 Monday 4:15, 7:15
725	Shake It Up	Cheer 6+ Tue 5:30
733	Secret	Lyrical 4 & 5
741	Bonanza	Jazz 1 Tue 5:30
749	Liv & Maddie	Acro 1 Tue 7:00
757	Golden Girls	Rec Lyrical 2 Tue 7:15
805	The Muppets	Acro 1 Tue 4:45
813	Stars & Stripes	All Ballet 1-5
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Big Show Pictures	Sunday, April 30th, 2023	
<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Song/Big Show</u>
5:00	Acro 1 Tuesday 4:45	The Muppets
5:10	Acro 1 Tuesday 7:00	Liv & Maddie
5:20	Acro 1 Wednesday 5:45	Phineas & Ferb
5:30	Acro 1 Thursday 6:00	Stuck in the Middle
5:40	Acro 1 Thursday 7:30	Happy Days
5:50	Ballet 1 Tuesday 4:45	Stars & Stripes
6:00	Tap 1 Tuesday 6:15	The Addams Family
6:10	Jazz 1 Tuesday 5:30	Bonanza
6:20	Cheer 6+ Tuesday 5:30	Shake It Up
6:30	Beginner Rec Tuesday 6:45	Little House on the Prairie
6:40	Hip Hop 6-8 Thursday 6:30	Big Time Rush

Big Show Pictues Monday May 1st, 2023

<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Song/Big Show</u>
5:00	Ballet 2 Monday 5:00	Stars & Stripes
5:10	Tap 2 Tuesday 5:45	Hannah Montana
5:20	Rec Lyr 2 Tuesday 7:15	Golden Girls
5:30	Acro 2 Thursday 7:15	Austin & Ally
5:40	Jazz 2 Monday 5:45	A.N.T Farm
5:50	Acro 2/3 Friday 4:30	Icarly
6:00	Lyrical 3 Wednesday 5:30	Friends
6:10	Acro 3/4 Wednesday 7:15	KC Undercover
6:20	Ballet 3 Monday 6:30	Stars & Stripes
6:30	Hip Hop 9+ Wednesday 7:30	Stranger Things
6:40	Acro 3 Tuesday 6:15	Suite Life On Deck
6:50	Acro 4 Wednesday 5:00	Kim Possible
7:00	Tap 3 Tuesday 5:00	Fresh Prince
7:10	Acro 5 Wednesday 6:30	Best Friends Forever
7:20	Acro 6 Monday 6:15	Time of Our Lives
7:30	Ballet 4 Wednesday 8:00	Stars & Stripes
7:40	Acro 7 Monday 7:15	Saved by the Bell
7:50	Ballet 5 Tuesday 7:15	Stars & Stripes
8:00	Acro 8 & 9 Monday	Stranger Things
8:10	Lyrical 4/5 Tuesday 6:15	Pretty Little Liars

Pre-K Pictures	Tuesday May 2, 2023	
<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Song/Show</u>
4:50	Tumblerina 2 Wednesday 4:00 w/ Ms. Megan	Just Sing - Show B
5:00	Tumblerina 2 Wednesday 4:00 w/ Ms. Jackie	True Colors - Show B
5:10	Tumblerina 2 Thursday 4:45	True Colors - Show A
5:20	Tumblerina 3 Monday 4:30 w/Ms. Jackie	Sunshine All the Time - Show A
5:30	Tumblerina 3 Wednesday 4:30 w/Ms. Megan	Shine Bright - Show A
5:40	Tumblerina 3 Thursday 5:15 w/Ms. Victoria	Perfect for Me - Show B
5:50	Taperina 3 Friday 4:30	I'm Coming Out -Show A
6:00	Tumblerina 3 Friday 5:45	Happily Ever After - Show B
6:10	Taperina 4 & 5 Wednesday 5:15	I'm Coming Out -Show B
6:20	Tumblerina 4 Wednesday 6:45	Trolls Just Wanna Have Fun - Show A
6:30	Hip Hop 4-6 Thursday 6:00	Hair Up -Show A
6:40	Hip Hop 4-6 Thursday 4:15	Hair In The Air - Show B
6:50	Pre Ballet/Jazz Monday 4:15	They Don't Know - A
7:00	Pre Ballet/Jazz Wednesday 3:45	Rock N Roll Rules - Show A
7:10	Pre Ballet/Jazz Wednesday 6:00	Don't Slack - Show B
7:20	PK Acro 4-5 Thursday 4:30	Best Day Ever - Show A
7:30	PK Acro 4-5 Thursday 5:00	Get Back Up - Show A
7:40	PK Acro 4-5 Thursday 5:30	Get Back Up - Show B
7:50	PK Acro 4-5 Friday 5:15	Crazy Train - Show B