

Chris Collins Dance Studio

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March/April 2018 NEWSLETTER

REGULAR ATTENDANCE BETWEEN NOW & RECITAL IS IMPERATIVE!

Lack of regular attendance could cause teachers to remove a student from a recital routine. Please notify the office if student will be absent from any classes.

- Closed for Spring Break March 26-31
- Closed Memorial Weekend May 25-28
- Last day of regular classes is Saturday, June 16

All other dates, students should attend regularly and on time.

If your student will be unable to participate in the recital, please let the teacher know immediately so we can plan accordingly.

PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY. ALL RECITAL POLICIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST 42 YEARS FOR GOOD REASONS. PARENTAL SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL! If this is your first recital with our studio, please refer to the recital section of our website and click on "Helpful Hints." It was put together by parents to make the recital experience easier for students and parents.

If you are reading this, but, missed parent week, please get specific information from each teacher.

DANCE PHOTOS

Photos will be taken of all students in full costume and stage makeup at the **dance studio**. They must look exactly as they will look on stage. Teachers will give you specific days and times for your class photos on parent day. **PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST ONE HALF HOUR EARLY TO BE DRESSED AND READY AT THE APPOINTED TIME.** The photographer will photograph all students in class pictures. It does not obligate you to purchase a photo. **PARENTS WHO WISH TO HAVE STUDENTS PHOTOGRAPHED INDIVIDUALLY WILL HAVE TO FILL OUT AN ENVELOPE AND PRE-PAY THE ORDER DIRECTLY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPANY.** There will be a flier with more information coming from Splendid Portraits. If your student will not be at the scheduled photo time, please let the teacher know in advance. Class photos cannot be made up. Individuals can be rescheduled.

DO NOT COME OR GO DRESSED IN COSTUME ON PICTURE DAY, REHEARSAL, OR RECITAL DAYS!

SHOWTIME 2018

**MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSALS AND RECITAL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT SOUTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
8501 SILVERBROOK RD., LORTON, VA**
Directions will be in the June newsletter.

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSALS

STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE AT 3:00 PM.
STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND DRESS REHEARSAL WILL NOT BE IN THE RECITAL.

Please make arrangements to have students at the mandatory dress rehearsals **at 3:00 P.M.** Look for assigned dressing rooms for each class. Each class will be told on parent week which performance they are in. **DRESS REHEARSALS ARE June 20-21-22**

Students should bring all costumes, tights, dance shoes and stage makeup to rehearsals. Dress rehearsal is the time when students will become confident and comfortable before the performance. It is also the only opportunity for students to watch the other performers. There will be food and drink concessions during rehearsals.

DRESS REHEARSALS ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS – NO GUESTS

THREE RECITALS – JUNE 23RD

**MORNING SHOW – 10:30 AM;
AFTERNOON SHOW – 1:00 PM;
EVENING SHOW – 6:00 PM**

Students must report to dressing rooms 45 minutes prior to their performance.

During recital, students remain in the dressing area (under supervision) throughout the performance including intermission. (The 10:30 show will be short with NO intermission.) For the security of your students, No one is allowed in the dressing room area except for designated volunteers. During the performance, all audience members should remain in seats.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW AND GRAND FINALE CURTAIN CALL!!

HAIR, MAKEUP, & ACCESSORIES

All students within a class must look uniform in photos and dress rehearsals and performances. **MAKEUP MUST BE PURCHASED AT THE OFFICE SO ALL STUDENTS ARE ALIKE. STUDENT'S HAIR MUST BE UNIFORM WITHIN CLASS.** Students may not wear nail polish. The only jewelry that can be worn is what goes with costume. Nothing can be in hair except what goes with costumes. Teachers will go over specific jewelry, hairstyle and makeup for each class.

Most classes received new performance tights with their costumes. Check the size before opening packages. **Tights can only be exchanged before opening.** Extra tights are also available. Uniformity within each class is imperative. All dance shoes must be clean. Strings on ballet slippers must be tucked in for photos and performances. Students should also have extra bobby pins and safety pins at all times. If you have specific questions about costumes or accessories, please see the teacher of the class.

- **BE SURE TO HAVE ALL ACCESSORIES PRIOR TO PICTURE DAY!**
- **BE SURE STUDENT'S NAME IS IN ALL PARTS TO ALL COSTUMES AND ALSO IN SHOES.**
- **LAST DAY TO ORDER NEW SHOES THROUGH THE STUDIO IS MAY 5th.**

RECITAL PROGRAM ADS

There is a separate flier with information regarding advertising in the recital program. This is a great memory book! You may choose to have student photos or a message to your student in the souvenir program. They can be sponsored by local businesses or friends and relatives. Group photos may be submitted and can be sponsored by parents or businesses. **Please use one form per ad submitted.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOS, ADS, OR MESSAGES FOR THE PROGRAM BOOK IS SATURDAY, APRIL 28

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

are needed to make Showtime 2018 a success. We need **CLASS MOTHERS** to supervise students at rehearsal and throughout the performance in dressing rooms; enforce safety rules, keep all students from class together and ready to perform. This is one of the most important jobs!!

SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS

to commemorate Showtime 2018 can be ordered now. There is an order form attached. All orders must be turned in to the office no later than May 5th. Do not be left out. Order your shirt today. There will be no additional shirts on sale at the recital.

RECITAL TICKETS

ALL PEOPLE OCCUPYING A SEAT MUST HAVE A TICKET.

Students may attend the performance that they are NOT in at no charge, but they will need a student ticket. During recital, students remain in their dressing rooms throughout the performance. On recital day, ticket holders will be admitted one half hour prior to show time.

FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE TWO TICKETS PER PRE-PAID RECITAL FEE. These tickets will NOT be available at the door on the day of the show. They must be picked up at the studio in June.

RECITAL TICKETS WILL BE \$20.00 EACH. They may be purchased at the dance studio June 4-16 by credit card or cash. They will also be available during rehearsals and recitals at the high school but must be paid by cash only.

RECITAL VIDEOS

NO CAMERAS, CELL PHONES, IPADS, OR OTHER VIDEO EQUIPMENT ARE PERMITTED DURING THE ACTUAL RECITAL!!

Parents may record videos and/or take photos during dress rehearsal only!! During the performances, it is extremely distracting and disrespectful to performers and audience members to have cameras in the auditorium. It is also for SECURITY REASONS. You do not know where a video or picture of your child could show up unauthorized if it is randomly taken by someone else. **Please cooperate!** The performances will be professionally recorded. You can order Dvd's or blue rays of each performance. More Details will be coming from the videographer.

SHOWTIME 2018

We sincerely hope you enjoy the students in Showtime 2018. Please invite your friends to come and enjoy our production. If you know any alumni students or any interested prospective students, please let them know the dates of our show. If you have any questions about rehearsal and recital week, do not hesitate to ask. We would like everything clear in advance so there is no confusion during recital week. Additional information will be on bulletin boards and our website.

You are reminded that **dress rehearsal is mandatory!** It is the time for students to gain confidence and parents to take photos. It may seem a little crazy if this is your first long rehearsal, but, we trust you will enjoy the final production. Parents are reminded of good theater etiquette that they can observe and pass on to their children. Remain quietly seated while any performers are on stage. Have the same respect for each performer as you would like others to have for your student. We would like this to be a memorable event for all!

SUMMER CLASSES

Dance Classes will be offered for new and continuing students June 26-August 9. Register online or in person. No registration fee. Please tell your friends about our summer classes. If you have any questions about summer or fall classes, email chris@chriscollinsdance.com

At Chris Collins Dance Studio, we are Proud of our Past; Excited for our Future!

If you have any questions after reading the newsletter, please email chris@chriscollinsdance.com