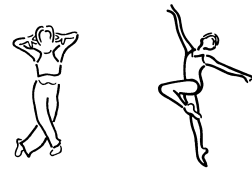


Recital Note #1



The Dance Connection

It's recital time again, and we want to make this year's recital a memorable and fun experience for both parent and child. This recital note will help answer many questions you have regarding the recital. Also, our office staff at our customer service desk is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. to help you. Here are some of the most frequently asked recital questions. Be sure to ask questions as needed, especially for first time recital parents and dancers.

1. *What is a recital?* It's a show that gives the students a chance to experience the performance portion of their dance education. This is their time to showcase their continued efforts in front of a live audience.
2. *When is the recital?* Recital will be on **Saturday, June 5th, 2010**. **There will be dress rehearsals on Thursday, June 3rd and Friday, June 4th**. Each student will attend only one rehearsal.
3. *Where will the recital be?* It will be at **Crown Point High School Auditorium**. Crown Point High School is about twenty minutes southeast of the gym.
4. *How long do recitals last?* Due to large enrollment this year, **we plan on having four recitals**. This will allow the recitals to be much shorter in length. With each show having fewer than 15 numbers, we are striving to keep each recital under 1 hour and 30 minutes.
5. *What costs are involved?* Costumes must be ordered by January 9th at 3:00 p.m. in order to get them in time. **Cost for costumes will be about \$64.20 (\$60+4.20 tax) that includes tights and accessories such as gloves, bows or wings**. Costume fee is due between **Monday, December 14th through Saturday, January 9th**. There can be **absolutely no exceptions**. A special hairpiece that goes around your child's bun will be ordered for each student. **The cost of the hairpiece is \$11.77 (\$11+.77¢ tax)** Also, to help your child's hair bun stay in place a **spray-gel, hairnet and bobby pins package is available for only \$8.56 (\$8+.56¢ tax)**. We also have a **spray on glitter (silver) available for \$4.28 (\$4+.28¢ tax)**. Students may purchase recital pictures and a keepsake DVD at an optional additional cost. **Tickets will be \$14.00 this year**.
6. *Do parents pay for tickets?* Yes, parents pay for tickets. As with any large production, there are numerous costs involved: auditorium rental, custodial fees, crew fees, instructor's fees, scenery, programs, tickets, etc. Ticket sales are common for such events such as recitals, sporting events, theater performances and competitions. Our tickets are more affordable than most area studios.
7. *Is there a rehearsal fee?* Many dance schools charge a rehearsal fee. We do not.
At Patti's All-American Dance Connection we use one class as rehearsal, utilizing your tuition fees instead of a rehearsal fee.

8. *Are there extra rehearsals other than my regular class times?* The **Thursday, June 3rd or Friday, June 4th dress rehearsals** will probably be the only out-of-class rehearsal. If a class needs a little extra time, then we call a Saturday rehearsal in May at the studio. **You are not charged for this rehearsal.** Any parent and tot classes with a dad performing will also have a Saturday rehearsal to attend in May at no additional charge.
9. *How do I know if my dancer is ready?* We are a “recital school”, meaning all of our students are expected to participate in the yearly recital. We believe the recital to be an essential part of the discipline of dance training. Stage time in front of an audience is an enormous part of the overall dance education. We keep recitals fun, exciting, and age appropriate. Costumes, songs and choreography are chosen well in advance with each class skill level taken into consideration. Children gain confidence, responsibility and a greater love for the art of dance with each recital. **Make sure you're at class to measure for costumes on the week of Monday, December 14th - Saturday, December 19th and Monday, January 4th through Saturday, January 9th.**

Any and all questions regarding the recital can be directed to Miss Robin. **Costume fees will be due absolutely no later than the week we return from Christmas Break on Monday, January 4th through Saturday, January 9th.** There can be **no exceptions** to this time frame. If payment is late, there will be a **\$20 late fee assessed**. Costumes will then be ordered. Miss Robin will help you decide what size costume will be needed when measuring. Measurement Week is very important, as **costumes are not refundable or returnable**. Correct sizing is essential.

Thank you!

Important Dates and Reminders

- The week of **December 14th-19th** – All dance students are measured for costumes. **If you miss your dance class the week of December 14th-19th, you must attend your normal dance class for costume measurements during the week of January 4th-9th.**
- The week of **January 4th-9th** – **All costume fees are due in full.**
- Recital tickets go on sale in Mid-May. (A date will be determined later.)
- **Thursday, June 3rd and Friday, June 4th** – Dress rehearsals.
- **Saturday, June 5th** – Dance Recitals.
- A new DVD company will produce our recital this year.
- Pictures will be taken this year at the Dress Rehearsal. ADI Photography is returning with digital imaging. You will view your child's photo on site.



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