THIS EMAIL INCLUDES IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT OUR NUTCRACKER REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCES

**CLASS: Wednesday 11:15-12:00**

**YOUR REHEARSAL INFO:**
Your full dress rehearsal is on Friday, December 18 at 6:00PM at WFU Brendle Recital Hall.
The address is 1775 Wake Forest Rd. Winston-Salem, NC
*Doors open at 5:30PM. All dancers must be checked in by 5:55PM.

**PERFORMANCE INFO:**
## All dancers will participate in both performances.

1. Saturday, December 19 at **10:00am** at WFU Brendle Recital Hall.
   Doors open at 9:15am. All dancers must be checked in by 9:45am.
2. Saturday, December 19 at **2:00pm** at WFU Brendle Recital Hall.
   *Doors open at 1:15pm. All dancers must be checked in by 1:45pm.

The address is 1775 Wake Forest Rd. Winston-Salem, NC

Dancers need to arrive ON TIME and dressed in FULL costume for both your rehearsal and recital for your first dance **(see below for more info on what dance you are performing first)**

**When you arrive, please check your dancer in at the dancer check-in table in the lobby**. Your dancer will be escorted by a KDC volunteer/staff member to the backstage area. Please bring your child's costume bag/ garment bag with all of your costume pieces. Your dancer will take these with them. Our volunteers and staff will help any dancers with costume changes at intermission AND throughout the show- leaving parents the opportunity to enjoy the entire show without a worry!

At drop-off, you will receive an identification ticket (one at rehearsal and one at each performance). *Please keep this ticket to check your dancer out at pick-up time.*

At rehearsal, please plan to stay until your dancer practices their last dance**.** *You may leave right after your dancer is finished at the **rehearsal only***. You will pick them up at the lobby check-in table with your ID card.
Note: it will take our staff/volunteers a few minutes to get the classes back out to the pick-up table after they finish their last dance.

***We ask that the audience PLEASE stay for both of the entire performances on Saturday..**
These dancers have worked really hard and we appreciate the audience's support. We will take our final bow as a full cast at the end of each show.

*We will need all dancers to be picked up from our staff/volunteers between performances. You are welcome to stay at the venue between performances, but we will clear the stage and auditorium.

**General Performance Information**
**Rehearsal and performances will start promptly on time. Dancers need to be dressed and ready at drop-off!**

*Make sure your dancers go to the restroom BEFORE you drop them off! Volunteers will be able to help them during the show, if needed.

FLOWERS/TREAT ORDERS:
If you ordered a Sugar Plum SWEET from our Competition Dance Team Fundraiser, they will be available for you to pick up at the rehearsal on Friday, December 18 in the lobby.

If you ordered a Sugar Plum Bloom, you can pick it up at either performance on Saturday, December 19 in the lobby.

***Pre-orders close on Monday, November 24!**

VIDEOS:

Order your video of the performances to help remember the magic forever!

Your purchase will include both performances and the video will be emailed to you within a few days after the performance.

*Please note, this is not being recorded or edited by our normal recital videographer. This will be a high quality video without song names, participant names, or edits. We are using the theatre's equipment to offer this to you.

Orders and payments are due by December 21.

The cost is just $10.00 and you can order through this form:

https://forms.gle/gVxzjaijnY6k673o7

PROGRAM:

A QR code will be posted at the venue with the program information. We will not have printed copies of the program book.

T-SHIRTS:

Order a KDC A Very Merry Nutcracker T-Shirt! Shirts will have our Nutcracker logo on the front! T-shirts are available in youth and adult sizes for just $22.00.

Orders and payments are due by December 5.

Order here: https://forms.gle/gVxzjaijnY6k673o7

PICTURES:
We are excited to have Heather Whicker Photography return to take our photos! She is an amazing local photographer from Kernersville, NC and also an employee at KDC!

Pictures will be taken at the KDC studio on the following date:
Sunday, December 13 from 1-5pm

(Additional time slots may open if we have more interest)

All photo packages include the digital rights of the photos and you can print as many pictures as you'd like. They will be emailed to you within 1-2 weeks. Price includes 2-3 images.

$25.00 per dancer

$15.00 sibling fee for photos taken together

YOU MUST PAY VENMO, CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO HEATHER WHICKER ON THE DAY OF YOUR PICTURES.

**Please sign-up here:**

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CADA72BA7FDCE9-67214541-nutcracker

Please claim one spot for each dancer. This is optional.

## RECITAL ETIQUETTE AND AUDIENCE RULES

**Why do we have rules? For everyone's safety and so everyone has a great experience. These rules apply to EVERYONE.**

*No flash photography or videos are permitted at the rehearsal or recital. You may take PHOTOS, just do not use flash!
*Our recital is being recorded. Please do not hold your phone up above the audience to take a picture. It will interfere with the professional video and other people's view.
*You may not stand on the side or aisles of the auditorium during the show.
*You may only enter and exit the auditorium in between dances.
*Be kind to our staff members and volunteers.
*Children are asked to stay in their seats during the show. Please do not let them run through the aisles. You are welcome to take them to the lobby to walk around if they need a break from sitting! There is a TV monitor to view out there as well.

## HANDICAPPED AND RESERVED SEATING:

Brendle Recital Hall has handicapped seating available at the top of the auditorium. PLEASE DO NOT sit in this area unless you are needing a handicapped seat.
KDC does not allow you to reserve seats.This includes between shows as well. We will clear the auditorium between every show.
Seating is first come-first served.There isn't a bad seat in the house!!
**You must present your ticket at entry.**

## COSTUME INFORMATION

Your dancer is performing in the "Party Scene" in the first act along with their class' special part. We ask that you wear a dress you already own for this dance. Please don't feel obligated to purchase anything special for this performance. Just wear something you already have if possible. (Think Christmas Party/Fancy Church attire)
We ask that you wear a leotard and pink tights under the dress if needed so you can dance confidently on stage.

The costume you receive from us is for your class' special role. You will find more information below on this.

**Tights are not included with your Nutcracker costume.** We ask that everyone wear pink tights with their costume. We have these available at the studio for $8.00/pair. You can also purchase them somewhere else.

*Taking Care of your Costume*

Please take excellent care of all of your costume pieces. Lost or damaged pieces cannot be replaced!
*Do not eat or drink while wearing your costume.
*Do not use an iron on any of your costume pieces. It will melt the satin and sequins.
*Do not wash your costume. If needed, spot clean carefully with water.
*Hang your costume pieces in a safe place to help release any wrinkles.
*To help release wrinkles, we suggest hanging your costume in the bathroom while your shower is running. The steam will help tremendously.

*Hair and Make-Up*
**We are requesting that all dancers performing in our Nutcracker performance wear a traditional ballet bun.**
*Make sure your hair is secured off of your face and eyes so you can see!
*Use bobby pins, hair spray, or gel to help keep hair secured as well.

Make-up is optional but recommended. Stage lights can be bright, so follow these tips:
*Subtle eye-shadow, mascara, and a soft pink lipstick will really look nice with your costume!
*Again, use your best judgment on your dancer's make-up!

Other Reminders
*Please do not wear any jewelry including necklaces, dangling earrings, bracelets, etc.
*Remember to take off watches and hair ties from your wrist.
*Please TUCK IN your ballet strings on your shoes

When do I wear my costume?
1. Pictures (optional)
2. Dress Rehearsal
3. Both Performances

Practicing at Home
We are excited to be able to provide all of our classes with your music and your class's choreography videos. We are continuing to upload things as we finish choreography in class, so if you do not see your video yet, I promise it's coming!
How to access these files:
1. Please log on to your parent portal: https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/kernersvilledancecompanyregistration
2. On the left toolbar click "files"
3. The videos are located under "class files" and the music is located under "class music"

Feel free to ask questions! We want everyone to know what to expect, where to be, and feel prepared! We are so excited about A Very Merry Nutcracker!

**Your Rehearsal and Performance Information**

*Your dancer will need to come dressed in their PARTY SCENE outfit: fancy dress of your own, pink footed tights, ballet shoes*

1st Dance Party Scene "March" Act 1: #3

*Our volunteers will help them get ready for their second dance which is SPANISH/HOT CHOCOLATE: red costume, pinned in gold hairpiece, pink footed tights, ballet shoes*

2nd Dance Land of the Sweets "Spanish/Hot Chocolate" Act 2: #2

**PICKING UP YOUR DANCERS AFTER THE SHOW:**

**Rehearsal**: Immediately following your dancer's last dance, please pick up your dancer from the dancer drop-off location in the lobby.. You will need to present your identification ticket to pick-up your child. You may leave as soon as your dancer is finished with their last dance at the rehearsal.

**Performances**: We ask that everyone stay for the entire show. These kids have worked hard and it is distracting if you leave early. They will also miss out on our final bow as a full cast. We will be dismissing classes by class time! When you hear your dancer's class time called, please send ONE parent with the identification card to the dancer drop-off location in the lobby. Your dancer will not be able to be dismissed until their class time is called to help with the flow of traffic.

If you have any questions, please let us know!
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-Lauren Reel