

Spring Dance Concert Information

Costume Payments Due	April 5
Afternoon Dance Concert Dress Rehearsal	May 8 at 5:30
Evening Dance Concert Dress Rehearsal	May 9 at 5:30
Afternoon Dance Concert	May 11 at 1:00
Evening Dance Concert	May 11 at 7:00

- The Dance Concerts and Dress Rehearsals will be held Saturday, May 11 at 1:00pm and 7:00 pm at Harrisonburg High School (1001 Garbers Church Road Harrisonburg, VA 22801). When entering and exiting Harrisonburg High School, please use the North 2 doors.
- We will have a dress rehearsal for the Afternoon Dance Concert on Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30-9:00 and a dress rehearsal for the Evening Dance Concert on Thursday, May 9 from 5:30-9:00 pm. The rehearsals may run slightly under or over time so we ask that all parents be patient and stay until their child has rehearsed. Rehearsals are essential to developing a sense of confidence as well as ensuring a smooth performance. Dancers who have missed dress rehearsal are not emotionally, mentally, or psychologically prepared to perform. Students who miss dress rehearsal will not be allowed to perform in the performance. We want the dance concert to be a successful experience for every student. Dancers must wear their costume for the dress rehearsal.
- On the day of the performances, the dancers should arrive and check in at Harrisonburg High School at the following times:
 - 12:15pm for the Afternoon Dance Concert
 - 6:15pm for the Evening Dance Concert
- Costume payments are due April 5. Assuming all shipments arrive on time, costumes will be distributed the week before the performance and will not be released to anyone who have not paid for their costumes. The front desk and administration will handle money and checks. The dance faculty cannot take the money or checks.

I. The Dance Concerts

The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department strives throughout the year to provide students with the utmost quality in dance education. Please note the rehearsal and concert schedules on the next few pages and please remember not to miss dress rehearsal. We are looking forward to a successful dance concert. If everyone follows the rules, we will have a smooth, organized, safe, and fun performance. There will be no exceptions to the rules. Parents and students are expected to abide by the rules and respect the instructors', the coordinator's, and the Parks and Recreation staff's authority.

We know the dance concert and dress rehearsals require patience and time. A dance concert, similar to school plays or sports events, requires preparation and planning (such as the concert order, choreographing the dances, selecting music, organizing volunteers, dancing with and encouraging the students, booking Harrisonburg High School's auditorium, pictures, ordering costumes, printing programs, and training stage technicians). Every attempt will be made to keep the concerts and rehearsals at reasonable lengths. Technical glitches are bound to occur, and your patience and understanding is appreciated. Without your support, this opportunity would be impossible.

II. The Dress Rehearsal

For the dress rehearsals and concerts, please arrive already in costume with proper hair and proper makeup.

III. Costumes and Makeup

For dress rehearsal and concert performance all dancers should:

- apply lipstick, blush, and eye shadow.
- have their hair secured tightly with hair spray in the style specified on the class necessity list. All dancers received a concert necessity list in February. Please review that document for specifics. This list is also posted on the dance table and online. If you need an extra copy, then let your instructor know.
- match all barrettes and hair fasteners to the dancer's hair, not the costume.
- remove all jewelry prior to arriving to the dress rehearsal and the performance.
- not wear underwear under the costumes; bunched up underwear under tights is unsightly.
- Dancers with costume changes are responsible for their costumes; the costume should be labeled with the student's name. Younger children who have costume changes *must* have a parent backstage to help them change costumes.

IV. Rules

1. All students must stay for the entire performance and participate in the finale.
2. No food or drinks are allowed inside Harrisonburg High School's Auditorium.
3. Dancers should not chew gum or have candy at any time during the rehearsal or concert.
4. Please make sure that all trash goes into the proper receptacles, not under the seats.
5. Parents will not be allowed backstage during the dress rehearsal or the concert unless they would like to supervise a group of dancers or are helping a child with a costume change.
6. No parent is allowed on stage with his or her child for any reason.
7. If your child has stage fright, we will encourage them the best we can with the time we have.
8. Each class will need one or two parent volunteers. If a class does not have a parent volunteer, then that class will not perform. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign your full name on the sign-up sheet on the dance table. Volunteers are essential to having a successful and smooth performance.
9. There will be no seat saving. When sitting in the auditorium please be respectful to those watching. Please avoid getting up in the middle of dances as it is rude towards those trying to watch their dancer perform. As audience members, please keep the noise level low because talking during performances is distracting to the dancers and to the families watching.
10. On dress rehearsal, no one except volunteers, concert workers, and Blue Crew members will be allowed in the auditorium until 5:00pm. Volunteers for the dress rehearsal must arrive at Harrisonburg High School at 4:45pm.
11. The day/night of the concert, volunteers must arrive at 11:30am for the Saturday afternoon show and 5:30pm for the Saturday evening show.
12. On the day of the concert the doors to the auditorium will open at 12:00noon for the afternoon performance and 6:00pm for the evening performance. Both at the dress rehearsal and concert, all volunteers and workers will be asked to sign in and wear a

tag stating their name and which class they are supervising then report to assigned classrooms.

VI. Professional Dance Photos

Gitchell's Photography will be at the High School to take pictures on Wednesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 9 from 4:30-7:30 pm. The dance package photo special offered this year will be two 5X7" and four wallet-size for \$18.00. Photos must be paid for at the time of the sitting. Other packages and options can be ordered through Gitchell's.

- Pictures can be picked up two weeks after the concert at Gitchell's downtown store, located at the corner of Market and Federal Streets.
- Remember, rehearsal will start at 5:30, so please have pictures taken before your child rehearses or right after if time is efficient.
- Please come picture ready before your sitting. Please be dressed in costume, have tights on, and hair make up completed before hand. To help with organization, please also have your payment (check, money, or credit card) and order forms filled out ahead of time.

Afternoon Dance Concert Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 8

Pictures Begin 4:30 pm

Rehearsal Begins; Do Not Be Late 5:30 pm

- Students should sit in a row with their class. Signs will be posted along the sides of the rows. Each class will rehearse its dance twice.
- After rehearsing you are free to go; however, please remember that during the concert, dancers will not be allowed to watch the performance. Please use the rehearsal as an opportunity for students to watch other dancers perform.

Dance Concert: Saturday, May 11

Dancers Arrive 12:15 pm

Concert Begins 1:00 pm

- Dancers sit with their class and their volunteer back stage in assigned classrooms or halls at appropriate signs. Parks and Recreation Staff and signs will direct parents/students to the appropriate locations. Parents then need to leave and take their seats in the auditorium.
- No dancers are allowed in the auditorium during the performance. Dancers need to stay for the entire performance and may not leave early under any circumstance.
- Dancers will perform then sit with their class backstage in the assigned locations. Classes will then line up backstage for the Finale in which they will be led out onto the stage for a final curtsey/bow.
- After each class has taken its bow, classes will be instructed to back up and sit on stage with the volunteer and will stay seated until a parent is present.
- Please make verbal contact with your child's stage volunteer before picking up your child from the stage or backstage.

Evening Dance Concert Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, May 9

Pictures Begin 4:30 pm

Rehearsal Begins; Do Not Be Late 5:30 pm

- Students should sit in a row with their class. Signs will be posted along the sides of the rows. Each class will rehearse its dance twice.
- After rehearsing you are free to go; however, please remember that during the concert, dancers will not be allowed to watch the performance. Please use the rehearsal as an opportunity for students to watch other dancers perform.

Dance Concert: Saturday, May 11

Dancers Arrive 6:15 pm

Concert Begins 7:00 pm

- Dancers sit with their class and their volunteer back stage in assigned classrooms or halls at appropriate signs. Parks and Recreation Staff and signs will direct parents/students to the appropriate locations. Parents then need to leave and take their seats in the auditorium.
- No dancers are allowed in the auditorium during the performance. Dancers need to stay for the entire performance and may not leave early under any circumstance.
- Dancers will perform then sit with their class backstage in the assigned locations. Classes will then line up backstage for the Finale in which they will be led out onto the stage for a final curtsey/bow.
- After each class has taken its bow, classes will be instructed to back up and sit on stage with the volunteer and will stay seated until a parent is present.
- Please make verbal contact with your child's stage volunteer before picking up your child from the stage or backstage.

Concert Order:

Concert Theme: Turn Around, Turn Around

Saturday Afternoon 1:00 Performance

1. Adv. Jazz (Tues.) Jimmy
2. Music and Movement (Fri.) Cynthia/Delaney
3. Adv. Ballet (Wed.) Jimmy/Cynthia
4. Music and Movement (Mon.) Cynthia/Delaney
5. Adv. Modern (Thurs.) Cynthia
6. Music and Movement (Sat.) Cynthia
7. Teen Tap/Musical Stage (Wed.) Cynthia
8. Pre-Ballet & Creative Movement (Fri.) Cynthia
9. BLUE CREW DANCE Cynthia's Piece
10. Pre-Ballet & Creative Movement (Mon.) Cynthia/Mary/Delaney
11. Adv. Ballet & Pointe (Thurs.) Cynthia
12. Pre Ballet & Creative Movement (Sat.) Cynthia
13. Pre-Ballet & Creative Movement (Wed) Cynthia/Delaney
14. BLUE CREW DANCE Jimmy's piece

*****Finale*****

Saturday Evening 7:00 Performance

1. Adv. Jazz (Tues.) Jimmy
2. Ballet/Tap I/II (Thurs.) Jimmy/Cynthia
3. Adv. Ballet (Wed.) Jimmy/Cynthia
4. Jazz II/III (Tues.) Cynthia/Mary
5. Adv. Modern (Thurs.) Cynthia
6. Youth Modern (Mon.) Delaney/Cynthia
7. Teen Tap/Musical Stage (Wed.) Cynthia
8. Ballet/ Tap III/IV (Thurs.) Jimmy/Cynthia
9. BLUE CREW DANCE Cynthia's Piece
10. Adv./Int. Jazz (Tues.) Cynthia/Mary
11. Adv. Ballet & Pointe (Thurs.) Cynthia
12. Ballet/Tap I/II (Mon.) Delaney/Mary
13. Adv./Int. Ballet (Wed.) Jimmy/Cynthia
14. BLUE CREW DANCE Jimmy's piece

*****Finale*****