



June Performance Information

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. When and where are the Dress Rehearsals and Performances?

All dress rehearsals and performances will all be held at Dominion High School: **21326 Augusta Drive, Sterling, Virginia 20164**

Directions to Dominion High School from the Ashburn area: From Ashburn Village Blvd-Take a right onto Rte 7 East. Follow 7 for 5.7 miles. Take a left onto Augusta Street. Dominion High School is located on the right hand side of Augusta Street. Total Estimated Distance: 5.7 miles.
THE AUDITORIUM IS LOCATED IN THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

"Just Dance" Contemporary Performance: (Includes Jazz, Lyrical, Tap, Hip-Hop and Musical Theatre classes)

"Just Dance" Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, June 21

*****Please refer to chart in this packet for which part of the dress rehearsal your child needs to attend.**

First Half of Dress Rehearsal:

Arrival time: 4:30 p.m.

Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Second Half of Dress Rehearsal:

Arrival time: 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"Just Dance" Contemporary Performance: Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m.
All students need to arrive by 6:15 p.m.

"Coppelia" Ballet Performance: (Includes all Creative Movement and Ballet classes)

*****Please refer to the chart in this packet for which performance, dress rehearsal and which half of the dress rehearsal your child needs to attend.**

"Coppelia" Dress Rehearsals:

Wednesday, June 22:

First Half of Dress Rehearsal:

Arrival time: 4:30 p.m.

Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Second Half of Dress Rehearsal:

Arrival time: 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 23:

First Half of Dress Rehearsal:

Arrival time: 4:30 p.m.

Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Second Half of Dress Rehearsal:

Arrival time: 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"Coppelia" Performances: Saturday, June 25 12:00 p.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.)
5:00 p.m. (arrive by 4:15 p.m.)

2. Do we need to bring our costumes to the dress rehearsals and wear make-up for the dress rehearsals?

Yes, please treat the dress rehearsal as if it is the performance. Follow the costume guidelines listed later in this packet to assure you have everything your teacher would like for the performance.

General Hair and Make-up Requirements:

Make-up is needed for all ages to make your child's face visible from the audience. Children ages 3-7 should wear pink blush and red lipstick. Children over the age of 8 should wear pink blush, red lipstick, brown eye shadow, and mascara.

**Please do not wear the following on stage for the dress rehearsals or performances:
Nail polish, earrings or any other jewelry or underwear under costumes.**

All ballet students must have their hair in a classical bun. If your child's hair is above shoulder length, please pull it back out of her face half up or in a low ponytail. Please make every effort to get your child's hair in a bun if it is possible.

A classical bun is secured with bobby pins and a hairnet that matches your child's hair color. Bun holders, snoods, scrunchies, and shiny barrettes (other than costume accessories) will not be permitted on stage. Please ask your child's instructor if you have any questions about how to secure your child's hair. Children above the age of 7 with bangs need to gel them back off of their foreheads. This will allow the audience to see their faces. All ballet students need to hairspray and gel their hair back to prevent wisps. This creates a clean, professional and classical appearance.

Please secure any costume headpieces listed below with plenty of bobby pins. Please remember to trim and tuck in strings of ballet shoes.

3. Are students allowed to sit in the audience during their half of the dress rehearsal?

All students are to remain in the cafeteria during their section of the dress rehearsal until they are excused. We do this so that the dress rehearsal will run smoothly and all dancers are ready when they are called to the stage. Students are welcome to watch the section of the dress rehearsal in which they are **not** participating.

4. Are students allowed to sit in the audience during their performance(s)?

Students are not allowed to sit in the audience during their performance. All students are required to stay backstage for the ENTIRE performance. It is distracting and unprofessional for dancers to enter and exit the audience during a performance. Thank you in advance for being courteous to other audience members!

5. Why are students required to stay for the entire performance?

For the safety and security of all of our students, we require **everyone to stay for the entire performance.** This allows parent volunteers to successfully make sure that all students are released to the correct parents. It is also important that all of the students who have worked so hard during the school year have an audience for when they perform. If everyone left when their child was finished the audience would slowly diminish and the distraction of everyone leaving between pieces would create a very unprofessional atmosphere during the performance. Audience members that get up and leave during the performance, end up walking in front of the camera used by the professional videographer. The result is a video filled with heads in front of your child's dance. If you do have to exit during the performance, please wait until the piece on stage is finished.

6. Where are we allowed to have food in the school?

No food or drinks are permitted in the auditorium at anytime. This is a Loudoun County Policy. Food and drinks are permitted in the cafeteria and lobby area. Please bring a button down shirt for your child to wear over their costume to prevent stains on costumes while eating or drinking.

7. Why do dress rehearsals tend to run overtime?

Dress rehearsals are used to prepare for the performance. We ask for your patience when working with the students for dress rehearsal. Many unforeseen events happen during rehearsals which may cause delays. We want all of our students to be successful performing onstage. Some classes and age groups may take longer to work with on stage. Thank you for your understanding and support if rehearsals are delayed.

8. Are we allowed to videotape and photograph the performances?

You are allowed to videotape and take photographs at the dress rehearsals only. A professional videographer videotapes the performance. Order forms are available in the lobby of the high school. For the safety of the dancers, please refrain from using flash photography during the rehearsals.

9. What should I send with my child for the dress rehearsal and performance?

- 1. Costume with all accessories, dance shoes with name inside of both shoes!**
- 2. Make-up**
- 3. Hairspray, extra bobby pins and hairnets for ballet buns**
- 4. Quiet activities for entertainment backstage**
- 5. Snacks that will not stain costumes!**