



**March 2022**

**Dear Parents,**

It is time to start preparing for our Spring Dance Recital

**WHEN: Saturday, May 21st 2022**

**TIME: 10:30am and 2:30pm**

**WHERE: Grafton High School Auditorium in Grafton, MA**

The following information has been compiled to help you get your child ready for the performance. Please pay close attention to the details; our goal is to provide an exceptional performance experience for everyone!

**Pictures with Shiers Photography will be held on Tuesday, May 17 from 3-5pm at GHS.**

Please sign up on our website [www.danceitup.com/recital](http://www.danceitup.com/recital)

## **DRESS REHEARSAL INFORMATION**

**WHEN: TUESDAY, May 17** (Intro, Ballet/Tap I & II, Fund I/II, Fund III Ballet/Jazz, Hip Hop & Handstands, Hip Hop 8-11, Acro 6-12, ALL Irish Step, Dance Jam)

**FRIDAY, May 20** ALL Fundamentals IV, Dance Prep, Senior Prep, Senior Classes, Latin, Hip Hop 12+, Acro 13+, Repertory

**WHERE: Grafton High School Auditorium  
24 Providence Road  
Grafton, MA**

**TIME: Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your dancer's class time. The dress rehearsal schedule is on our website [www.danceitup.com/recital](http://www.danceitup.com/recital)**

**DRESS REHEARSAL IS CLOSED TO EVERYONE EXCEPT DANCERS AND ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN ONLY.**

**NO SIBLINGS!!! Please plan ahead!** This is for the benefit and safety of the children dancing. Dress rehearsal is the teachers' time to help the dancers get acclimated to the theater. It is impossible for them to accomplish this without total cooperation from everyone.

## **DRESS REHEARSAL and PERFORMANCE Costume/Appearance Instructions:**

**Hair:** Bun, centered at the back of the head, please use a hairnet and hairpins to secure. If a head piece is included as part of your costume, please secure it to the left side of the dancer's bun. Please do hair at home prior to arrival. Bun making kits are available for purchase in Sugarplums.

**Makeup:** Neutral color eyeshadows, light blush - please apply makeup at home.

**Shoes:** Please clean all shoes (ballet, tap, hip hop, jazz boots, and Irish Step shoes) with a damp cloth to remove any marks. Laces should be tied and (for ballet slippers) tucked.

**Costumes:** Please write the dancer's initials on the costume tag and keep the costume(s) hung in the garment bag. Do not wear jewelry, underpants, or nail polish. We will distribute performance tights at departure from dress rehearsal. If a dancer is in more than once dance, they must wear a skin-colored camisole leotard so that they are covered while changing. Camisole leotards are available for purchase in Sugarplums.

### **DRESS REHEARSAL PROCEDURE:**

**ARRIVAL:** At your designated arrival time, enter GHS at the main doors where you will find our check-in desk directly inside the lobby. You will be directed by our staff to the designated dressing area for your child's class. **Please arrive promptly at the designated time. The rehearsal order shown does not reflect the actual order the dancers will be rehearsing.**

1. **Remember where your dressing area is. You will go to the same space on the day of the recital (May 21st)!**
2. ONE accompanying parent is welcome enter the auditorium to watch the rehearsal.
3. Video and flash photography **ARE ALLOWED AT DRESS REHEARSAL ONLY.**

**VIDEO and FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE RECITAL!** We contract with a professional videographer who films the entire show. A link to download a digital copy will be sent to you mid summer.

# SPRING DANCE RECITAL INFORMATION

Each year as part of their dance program, the students of Dance It Up! participate in the Spring Dance Recital. We believe this presentation helps our students develop poise, self-confidence, and a sense of achievement. **Regular class attendance is very important to ensure that dancers are confident in their performance. Thank you to the parents for making this recital possible!**

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## RECITAL ARRIVAL PROCEDURE:

- Dancers should arrive in costume and full make-up **NO LATER** than 9:30am for the 10:30am show and 1:30pm for the 2:30pm show. **FOR DANCERS IN BOTH SHOWS, we kindly ask that dancers arrive at 9:00am.**
- **Arrival:** Enter through the main doors of GHS and proceed past the auditorium on the right, where you will see the check in desk. Dancers should go directly to their designated dressing areas to check in with chaperones. **PARENTS** are requested to quickly settle children with their group and return to the **front lobby**. The auditorium doors will open approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of the show.

## DURING THE RECITAL:

- Children **must** stay in their assigned room with their class and chaperones throughout the show.
- **Parents are asked not to go backstage after dropping off their dancer and especially once the show has begun. This is out of respect for those in the audience and the dancers performing.**
- **The recital is approximately 2 hours long; there is no intermission.**

## For students performing in both shows:

- Lunches prepared by Bushel and Peck of Grafton are available for pre-purchase through Dance It Up! ([www.danceitup.com/recital](http://www.danceitup.com/recital)); DIU staff will deliver the pre-purchased lunches to the dancers.
- You may bring a bag lunch from home, just be sure the food is not messy or could easily be spilled on a costume. Please **do not bring nut products**. We have students with severe allergies.
- Dancers should bring a large button up shirt or Dance It Up! jacket to cover their costume while eating lunch between shows.

## DISMISSAL PROCEDURE:

- *Intro to Dance, Ballet/Tap I and II, and, Hip Hop and Handstands* classes will be **dismissed from the stage following the Grand Finale. ONE parent/guardian** will be asked to come to the front of the stage to greet your child.
- *Fundamentals I/II, III/IV, Hip Hop 8-11 and 12+, Irish Step, Acro, Latin, Contemporary, Dance Jam, Dance Prep, Senior Prep and Seniors* will go back to their dressing areas to gather their belongings and then will be brought out to the lobby by teachers/chaperones to meet with parents.

**Sugarplums - Specially selected merchandise will be available at our  
Performance Pop-Up Shop!**

**You may also shop early in-store and online at Sugarplums. We will  
beautifully wrap your gifts to pick-up on the day of the show!**

**You may pre-purchase FLOWERS in Sugarplums to pickup  
at the gift and flower kiosk at GHS on the day of the performance. We will not have extra bouquets for sale.**

**Thank you for all your support! We look forward to a GREAT SHOW!**