

First year for DSDS Recital???

Backstage Notes-

Dancers should arrive 30 minutes before the performance. The Wednesday show starts at 7:00pm. The Thurs and Fri shows start at 6:30pm. Saturday matinee starts at 12:30pm and Saturday Showcase starts at 6:30pm

The dancers will be in separate rooms by their level and approximate age. Boys will have a separate changing area and will not be able to view any changing girls.

Look for signs directing you to the rooms when entering this back stage area.

In the Dressing Rooms-

- There are adult volunteers in each room.
- Younger children will not be able to leave the room for extended periods without a parent coming to get them.
- Bathroom breaks are allowed for small groups of the Older girls. Smaller children will be escorted to the bathroom.
- The dressing rooms are private. The girls can easily change costumes there. Bathroom breaks are from 'bathroom' only.
- There is a closed circuit TV in each room broadcasting the action on stage but the children should also bring quiet activities to keep them busy. Coloring books, card games and hand held games work well. Running and horse-play will not be allowed for the safety of the dancers.
- Non-messy snacks are allowed but be careful to not send anything that could damage the costumes.
- During the show, we do not allow men to enter the dressing room as girls need to change in private. If a male visitor wants to see their dancer, they can ask one of the adult volunteers to bring them out. During Intermission and at the end of the show, there are no problems with men entering.

Costume Changes-

If your child needs help with a costume and you are not planning to come back to help, please notify the dressing room volunteers when dropping off the dancer.

For those with costume changes, it is helpful to have a basket, box or bag with their name on it to make sure small accessories do not get misplaced. **Their name should be on all costume pieces.**

Bows-

At the end of the 1st Act all younger dancers will enter the stage *by class* for bows. They need to keep their costumes on if they are going out for the bow. Bows are not mandatory and we often find the youngest dancers prefer to go home before this time.

***Older dancers will perform in the Finale at the end of the show. If your dancer did not learn this dance, there will be no opportunity for bows.

Lost and Found-

A Lost and Found box will be kept at the Volunteer check-in table in the lobby. It will remain there until the last performance on Saturday night. If you fear you have left something in the dressing rooms after this time contact Lisa Charnogorsky at 224-500-8197.