

BRIDGET'S DANCE STUDIO RECITAL NEWSLETTER
"The Magical World of Disney"
SATURDAY, MAY 19th or SUNDAY MAY 20th, 2018

The children and I are very excited about the upcoming recital and they look forward to performing for their friends and family. Hopefully this packet contains all the information needed to make this experience a fun/ enjoyable and stress free occasion for all.

The following information will guide you through the recital events.

Please read this packet in its entirety. I believe it will answer all questions you may have. I want to thank you in advance for all of your help throughout this process. It is an exciting time for the children and we all appreciate everything you do as parents to make such a special occasion a success.

After you read all of the following information please feel free to contact me with any questions.

With sincere thanks,

Mrs. Bridget and the BDS Staff

CLASS RECITAL ASSIGNMENTS: Bridget's Dance Studio has more than 70 Families with multiple children enrolled. I have tried my best to assign siblings, and individual children that are in multiple performances to the same recital whenever possible. As you can imagine it is very difficult to accommodate everyone. Please accept my apology in advance if it turns out that you have to attend more than one recital....I hope you enjoy both shows!

Braintree Recital One - Saturday, May 19th - 3:30pm

All dancers should arrive back stage by 2:30PM. The show is expected to run about 2 1/2 hours.

All Braintree Saturday Classes

Monday Basic II - 3:30pm

Monday Basic I - 4:30pm

Monday Intro to Hip Hop - 4:30pm

Wednesday Basic I - 1:00PM

Tuesday Basic I - 3:30pm

Dance Team Routines - TBD

Braintree Recital One Studio Rehearsal - Sunday, March 11th - 11:00am - 12:30pm

Studio rehearsal is when all dancers come to the studio to learn and practice the opening number and finale.

Braintree Recital One Dress Rehearsal: Friday, May 11th - Rockland High - 4:00PM

Dancers are required to bring all their costumes and dance shoes to dress rehearsal. We will practice the Opening Number and Finale first. When your dancer has rehearsed all their routines they are allowed to go home.

Braintree Recital Two - Sunday, May 20th 4:00pm

All dancers should arrive back stage by 3:00PM. The show is expected to run about 2 1/2 hours.

Monday Elementary Ballet, Tap, Jazz
Monday Irish Step Classes
Monday Hip Hop - 6:45pm
Monday Hip Hop - 7:30pm
Monday Advanced Acro - 8:15pm
Wednesday Primary Ballet, Tap, Jazz
Wednesday Hip Hop - 5:00pm
Wednesday Acro - 5:45pm
Thursday Basic I - 12:30pm
Thursday Int. Acro - 3:30pm
Thursday Intermediate Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary
Thursday Hip Hop - 7:00pm
Friday Hip Hop - 3:30pm
BDS Rec Team
Dance Team Routines - TBD

Braintree Recital TWO Studio Rehearsal - Sunday, March 11th - 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Studio rehearsal is when all dancers come to the studio to learn and practice the opening number and finale.

Braintree Recital TWO Dress Rehearsal: Friday, May 18th - Rockland High - 4:00PM

Dancers are required to bring all their costumes and dance shoes to dress rehearsal. We will practice the Opening Number and Finale first. When your dancer has rehearsed all their routines they are allowed to go home.

PICTURE DAY: Saturday, May 5th

The make-up class for our Saturday students in Braintree will be Sunday, May 6th at the same time their usual class meets.

Please check the time and date that your class should be at the studio. Children must arrive in their first class-costume with hair neat and make-up on, and bring any additional costumes and accessories with them. Costumes will be distributed prior to picture day. **Some costumes may need minor alterations which the client is responsible to do prior to picture day.** Children should not wear any undergarments that might show through the costume or be seen from underneath the costume on picture, dress rehearsal or recital days. Hair and make-up must be neat and picture ready. The photographer will not be responsible for hair, make-up, or costume problems. All make-up and hair must be done in the waiting room or prior to arriving. Personal picture taking is not allowed at the studio on Picture Day.

RECITAL ORDERS/ PURCHASES

T-SHIRTS: An annual BDS t-shirt is designed and available for purchase. The t-shirt will have the recital theme logo on the front and each child's name on the back. The cost of T-shirts is

\$20, purchase is not mandatory. The deadline to submit the the t-shirt order form is the same day as the studio rehearsals - March 11th. Sample sizes are available to try on at the studio.

RECITAL DVDs: There are three separate recitals. Make sure you put the correct date and time on your order so you receive the proper recital. Performances will be edited into three different DVDs. No video recording is allowed during the recitals. DVDs will be delivered to your house within three weeks of the event. DVD's can be ordered up until the dress rehearsals on line. Link will be sent out in a separate email.

FLOWERS: Flowers can be ordered in advance for pick up at the recital online. The bouquets are lovely and a percentage of each order will go toward a charity of the studios choice. We will send an email when the link is up and running which is floracause/bridgetsdancestudio.com

TICKETS: Tickets for the recital will be sold for \$20.00 each. The recitals will be held at Rockland High School. The auditorium has stadium seating and all seats have an excellent view of the stage. Seating is based on the amount of years your child has been a student with BDS and are assigned.

We recommend that most families try to stick with an average of 6 tickets each. **However**, we do know that many families may need more than 6. Ticket order forms will be due on March 11th (same day as studio rehearsal and t-shirt orders.) Please let us know how many tickets you need and we will try our best to accommodate your family. If you need wheelchair handicap please let us know. Rockland high does not have stairs so if you do not need a wheel chair it is not considered handicap at this venue.

If any families must attend both shows (ex: have children performing in both recitals doing different routines or siblings in different recitals) they will not have to pay for their second show tickets. However, please let me know how many tickets you need for the second show so I can reserve them for you.

DANCE SCHOLARSHIP: This year we will be donating several dance scholarships to students of all ages and levels. These scholarships will be based on many aspects such as: class participation, enthusiasm, improvement, attendance, positive attitude, and essay. The essay must be a minimum of one page and answer the question.. **This years recital is based on the Magical World of Disney. What makes dance “magical” to you? Please give examples.** This essay must be from the mouth of the student. Younger students may be assisted with typing and spelling but we prefer it be their words and thoughts. The deadline for all scholarship entries is April 30, 2018 and must be typed and email to bridget@bridgetsdancestudio.com.

TUITION AND COSTUME FEES: First and second tuition payments, as well as costume fees are now due. If you haven't submitted these payments please do so as soon as possible. The final tuition payment is due the first week of March. Costumes will be distributed after all balances are paid in full. Any student that owes a balance will not receive their recital costume and will not be able to participate in the annual performance. If you need additional time to meet this payment policy, please contact me (outside of class time) and I will be happy to set up a payment plan for you.

SCHOOL VACATIONS: There are no regularly scheduled classes for February vacation. (Monday, 2/19/18 through Saturday, 2/24/18). There will be no classes April vacation (Monday, 4/16/18 - Saturday, 4/21/18.)

COSTUMES: All costumes are scheduled to be delivered to the studio by the third week of April. The costumes are customized and are delivered upon completion...please be patient, some will arrive sooner than others.

All students are measured and costumes are ordered in sizes that are closest to those measurements. Never-the-less, often times some minor alterations are needed so that the costumes will fit your child better. All classes have a mandatory costume-dress code. If you are not sure what color tights, socks, shoes, or hair style your students class is required to wear, please ask the class instructor or consult the costume board in the waiting room. Many undergarments are visible through the costume. Make sure your child has the proper undergarments. It is quite difficult to find the appropriate tights, undergarments, and dance shoes at regular retail stores. For your convenience the studio has these items available for purchase. Any special orders must be received by studio rehearsal.

STUDIO REHEARSAL: We will be holding a mandatory studio rehearsal for all classes. This is not a costume rehearsal. The studio rehearsal is scheduled to practice the finale and opening number. Please understand that we need to work out the timing and spacing of all the children for these numbers. If everyone does not attend this rehearsal the finale may not work or present properly. This also helps the dress rehearsal to flow smoothly. Parents can drop off students at the studio. Rehearsal report times for each recitals are listed above. Children that are in two recitals do not have attend both studio rehearsals.

DRESS REHEARSALS: Students should arrive at Rockland High and half hour before rehearsal start time dressed in their first costume. They can place their costumes on the chair in front of them in the auditorium. As we get closer to the recitals there will be posters and brochures to let everyone know the order of the performances. Please bring all costumes because it is important for the students to get used to changing in a timely manner. We will practice the **opening number** and **finale first**, so once your child's class is entirely finished performing their dances they may leave.

Students are not allowed in the auditorium during the recitals but they can watch the show during dress rehearsal.

There is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium at Rockland High School. All food must be eaten in the cafeteria or lobby.

RECITAL: ROCKLAND HIGH - 52 Mackinlay Way Rockland, MA

Please be at the school 1 hour before curtain call/start time. Children should arrive in their first costume, with hair and make up done and ready to go. Each student will have an assigned chair in the cafeteria. Please set up all of their additional costumes, accessories, shoes, make-up, other recital needs, and refreshments at their chair when you arrive. Students will stay in their last costume for the finale. Once the show starts we try to limit parents from coming in and out of the cafeteria, unless it is an emergency. At the time of drop off, please make sure the class helper is aware of any extraordinary circumstances about your child (i.e. such as sickness, food allergies, and medication). Please pack your child a nut free and mess free snack. Only water will be allowed to avoid staining costumes.

AUDITORIUM RULES: The auditorium doors will open a half hour before show times. No food or drinks are allowed in the auditorium. No video cameras or still photos will be allowed during the recitals so that the dancers are not distracted by flashes, the professional videos lighting is not affected, and audience members are not disrupted while watching the show (pictures and video taping is allowed at the dress rehearsal). Please refrain from getting up from your seats during the recitals. If you must get up, please be respectful to the performers and other audience members and do so between performances, when the dance is over and the students are going on and off stage.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2018: The Fall 2018 registration fee will be waived if you register before April 30, 2018 . You do not have to fill out a registration form if you have already done so, unless your contact information, etc. has changed. You will be able to enroll for Fall classes through our online portal. The tentative schedule for next year will be available at the studio and on the web site at www.bridgetsdancestudio.com the week of April vacation. I will contact you if I believe the class you choose is not appropriate for your child's age and level. You will receive an email over the summer with information about the Open House and the first day of classes (which are always the same week that Braintree Public Schools begin). Most of all of our classes reached capacity this year. I expect that there will be limited space next year as well, so please register early to reserve your child's spot. Important: we will be transitioning to a automatic tuition payment next year. You may be asked to sign a waiver and submit a credit card to be saved on file if you have not already done so this year.

SUMMER CAMPS AND PROGRAMS: Don't forget about the great camps and classes that Bridget's Dance Studio offers over the summer. Registration for Summer of 2018 will open on April 1, 2018. The summer schedule will be available at www.bridgetsdancestudio.com and you can register through our online portal.

EMAILS: If you have not been getting emails from the studio please make sure you check in at the front desk so that we can correct any problems with your email. Email is the best way for us to communicate with all the parents.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES: We have All Inclusive packages and an Unlimited Kids package available on Sundays. There are many themes such as hip hop, princess, sports and games, sleep over, Glee, and gymnastics available. For more information go to our web site and book a party with Bridget at bridget@bridgetsdancestudio.com.

Again, please let me know if you have any questions! The best way to contact me is via email at bridget@bridgetsdancestudio.com.

Dance Team and Performance Team Tryouts for 2018 - 2019 Season - Tryouts for our dance teams are going to be Monday, August 6th at our Braintree Studio. Dance Team is a competitive dance team that requires a huge commitment. All dance team requirements are posted in the website. Anyone that makes the dance team is required to attend Boot Camp 8/7/18 - 8/11/18.

The performance team is a team made up of singers, actors and dancers. They will begin practice in September to perform an original Holiday Production. They will also participate in other special events such as parades, community appearances and more.