

**BRIDGET'S DANCE STUDIO RECITAL NEWSLETTER**  
**"When I Grow Up"**

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 and your tickets will be free for the second show!

**Recital One - Saturday, May 16th - 4:00pm**

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

All Braintree Week Day Classes Monday - Friday

Dance Team Routines - TBD

**Braintree Recital One Dress Rehearsal: Friday, May 15th - 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.

**Recital Two - Sunday, May 17th 1:00pm**

All dancers should arrive back stage by 12:00PM. The show is expected to run about 2 1/2 hours.

All Norwell Location Classes

All Braintree Saturday Classes

Dance Team Routines - TBD

**Braintree Recital TWO Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, May 16th - Rockland High - 11:00AM**

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 DAYS: Save the date**

**Norwell Classes - Friday May, 1st**

**Braintree Classes - Saturday, May 2nd**

Picture Day Schedule will be emailed out as we get closer. 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**

**RECITAL T-SHIRTS:**

The t-shirt cost was included in the prepaid recital fee so there is no additional cost. Each student will receive a recital theme shirt with their names on the back. We will let the children try on sample sizes in class. You do not have to do anything to order the shirt or the video download of the recital.

**RECITAL DVDS:** The video download cost was included in the prepaid recital fee so there is no additional cost. No video recording is allowed during the recitals. The video links will be emailed to you to download a couple weeks after the recital.

**FLOWERS:** Flowers can be purchased at the recital. You do not have to preorder them. They will have a large variety to choose from. The bouquets are lovely and a percentage of each order will go towards our favorite charity "Prayers for Charlotte."

**TICKETS: Each family receives two recital tickets for free.** Additional 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 will pass out tickets at picture day.

Ticket order forms are attached and copies will be passed out in class next week. **Ticket order forms are due by March 14th.** Please let us know how many tickets you need and we will try our best to accommodate your family. We ask that you try to stay around 6 tickets per family. If you need wheelchair handicap please let us know. Rockland high does not have stairs so if you do not need a wheelchair it is not considered handicap at this venue.

**\*\*If any families must attend more than one show** (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 titled “When I Grow Up.” The essay question is “What do you want to be when you grow up and how can dance help you reach your goal?” 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, 2020 and must be typed and emailed to [bridget@bridgetsdancestudio.com](mailto:bridget@bridgetsdancestudio.com).

**TUITION AND COSTUME FEES:** First and second tuition payments, as well as costume fees are now past 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. Any student that owes a balance will not receive their recital tickets or be able to participate in the annual performance. Once all balances are paid in full costumes and tickets will be distributed. 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, 2/17/20 through Saturday, 2/22/20). There will be no classes April vacation (Monday, 4/20/20 - Saturday, 4/25/20)

**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. If we do not have a size you need please place your orders prior to April vacation.

**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. Please be aware of food allergies such as dairy and nut. Pack allergy friendly snacks for dress rehearsal and back stage and only water to drink.

### **RECITAL: ROCKLAND HIGH**

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 2020:** Registration for next season will be available online on April 1st. Anyone that registers before April 30th will receive a \$10 credit towards next years recital fee. If you recommend a new client you will also receive another 10% off your first tuition payment. Prior to registration the teachers will be passing out a form with all the classes that we feel will be appropriate for your dancer next year. This will help with your online registration. 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 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.

**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 2020 will open on April 1, 2019. The summer schedule will be available at [www.bridgetsdancestudio.com](http://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, Unlimited Kids package, or just studio rentals. There are many themes such as hip hop, princess, sports and games, sleep over, and gymnastics available. For more information go to our web site and book a party with Bridget at [bridget@bridgetsdancestudio.com](mailto: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](mailto:bridget@bridgetsdancestudio.com).