

# Spring Dance Recital Info

**LOCATION: Zeeland East High School Auditorium, 3333 96<sup>th</sup> Ave, Zeeland 49464**

**SHOW 1: Saturday, June 8, 6:00pm**

**SHOW 2: Sunday, June 9, 1:00pm**

**SHOW 3: Sunday, June 9, 5:00pm**

· **What should we do when we arrive?** Dancers need to arrive 30 minutes before the show starts. Please have your dancer dressed in their costume and have their hair done. When you arrive, **ONE PARENT** must take your child backstage to locate their group, check them in with the parent helper, and make sure they are performance ready. You **MUST** take your child to the bathroom immediately before being dropped off with their class, even if they insist they do not have to go. We encourage you to use the bathroom in the lobby, as there is only one stall in the bathroom backstage. It will be crowded backstage, and no additional family members are permitted to be backstage before or after the show. **If your child is under the age of 10, when you drop off your child, you must pick up your "KID CHECK" form which you will need to bring backstage after the show in order to pick up your child.**

· **What time will the doors to the auditorium open so we can pick seats?**

Doors to the auditorium open 20 minutes before the show starts. Ushers need time to prepare before they can allow you in. If you will be attending both Show 2 and Show 3 on Sunday, you must remove all items from the auditorium between shows.

· **My daughter is so excited to dress up for the recital! How shall I do her makeup?**

At Avalon we **do not** allow children under the age of 10 to wear makeup on stage. Their faces are beautiful as they are and there is no need for enhancement!

· **When my child is done performing, may I go pick them up so they can sit with us?**

After the 2-year-olds and the 3-4 year-olds have performed, there will be announcement made over the microphone for them to be picked up. Only one family member will be allowed backstage to pick your child up for security purposes. At this designated time, you may choose to either leave with your child or bring them back into the auditorium to watch the rest of the show. The 2 year old and 3-4 year old classes are the only groups that will be dismissed early and this rule is not flexible. All children participating in a class in the age 4-6 year old group and older will stay back stage for the duration of the show. **Any family found violating this policy will not be allowed to participate in any future recitals with Avalon.** The children and backstage volunteers are able to watch the show backstage on closed circuit TV.

· **May I videotape during the recital?** No. Videotaping is distracting to the audience members around you. Zeeland High School requires everyone to be in a seat for the duration of the performance, and standing on the side to videotape is not permitted. There is a professionally recorded DVD for purchase for \$25, you can order here: <http://bit.ly/recitalextras19>. Videotaping during rehearsal is permitted.

· **May I take pictures during the recital?**

Flash photography at the rehearsal and recital are strictly prohibited. It is very distracting to dancers while they are performing. You may not take pictures during the recital. If you wish to take your own pictures,

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please take non-flash photos during rehearsal. A professional photographer will be taking pictures during the performance and you can order a photo CD if you wish, you can order them here: <http://bit.ly/recitalextras19>.

- **How do I pick up my child after the show?** Immediately following the show, **ONE** member of your party will be permitted to enter the children's waiting area with your 'KID CHECK' form. Because will be so crowded, and for security reasons, no additional family members will be allowed backstage. You may meet additional family members in the lobby or outside. Please pick your child up and exit the facility in a timely manner.
- **How can I help?** We have many opportunities for parents to get involved as backstage helpers, ushers, hair patrol and more. The most important thing you can do to help is to follow the protocol that we have developed to make this recital run smoothly. We have been doing this for many years and every aspect of this production has a reason behind it, even if you do not understand the rationale. Every year, we become more efficient at running this show and that success is largely dependent on the cooperation of our wonderful families and volunteers.
- **A special note for first time recital families:** At Avalon, our goal for this recital, and every performance opportunity we offer our students, is to celebrate everything the children have learned this year. It is a **big** accomplishment to get up on stage and perform in front of hundreds of people and we are **so** proud of them! The lessons children learn about poise, self-confidence, teamwork and courage through participation in the performing arts last a lifetime. Parents and adult guardians are crucial in helping their children have a positive performance experience. When parents feel anxious, stressed out or concerned (especially if this is your first recital and you don't know what to expect), that anxiety will rub off on the kids. Reducing your child's stress level and providing lots of encouragement is key! It is so helpful if your child hears you say what a great job you know they are going to do on stage and that it is going to be a lot of fun. Be sure your young dancer has eaten something light an hour before the show and has gotten enough sleep. If you have questions about anything, please be sure to ask! We are so glad your family is having this experience with us. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help you feel confident and ready for recital season!

**We appreciate your participation in this celebration and look forward to seeing you in class again this summer and in the Fall of 2019.**

**Thank you!**