

2025 RECITAL GUIDE

All you need to know about recital, picture day, and rehearsals.

ALL GREAT THINGS TAKE TIME TO GROW

Important Dates

Feb. 6th: T-shirt and DVD forms due

March 10th: Beginning of costume handouts. (IF account is paid in full)

March 12th: Gymnastics Photos with Lindsey Ludvik.
*At the studio. Pop-in anytime between 4:15-6:00pm

March 22nd: Dance/Cheer Picture Day. Ticket Sales.

March 24-28: Spring Break. Closed

April 17th: Last Day of ALL regular classes for the season

April 21st: Spirit Day

THURSDAY April 24 : *MOST* Upper Level Classes have their Mandatory Rehearsal in PDC. Includes Level II Classes, Level III Jazz, teams, intermediate, advanced, solo/duets/trios. Check details pg. 8

• **FRIDAY April 25:** Mandatory **Dress** Rehearsal for all students. **COSTUMES ARE REQUIRED!!** *DO NOT BE LATE

April 26 & 27: Recital (6pm on the 26 and 3:30pm on the 27th).

April 28th: Season 12 spots open to the public. Guarantee your spot by pre enrolling prior.

May 5th (ish): Miss Meghan's baby is due. Possible slow response time to emails but don't worry, I will take my computer to the hospital lol.

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GLITTER POLICY- PLEASE READ!! I don't want to get in trouble again 😊

- ❑ **The PDC auditorium has a 0 glitter policy.** I received a warning letter after the 2023 show because they found excess amounts of glitter in the dressing rooms and caked into the auditorium seats. If this policy continues to be broken, we will be banned from using their facility. This would be a horrible situation.

PLEASE HELP BY OBEYING THESE GUIDELINES:

- ❑ DO NOT bring any of your costumes (especially if they have sequins or glitter) into the auditorium unless they are put in bags.
- ❑ DO NOT sit in the auditorium with a costume on.
- ❑ NO lose or spray glitter should be added to costumes, hair or make-up!
- ❑ IF you want to add a liquid glitter to your hair or make-up, it needs to be added BEFORE you get to the auditorium OR added outside.
- ❑ If you have a costume that comes with glitter on it (most of them do), please give it a solid shake outside before they wear it to the auditorium.

Hair & Make-up

- There are no "specific" hair or make-up requirements for recital. The only policies are as follows:

- ❑ Girls MUST have their hair tied up, off their neck and out of their face. We recommend ballet buns or slick pony tails.
- ❑ Girls should try and wear make-up that will enhance their facial features while on stage. We recommend mascara, blush, lipstick (red) and eyeshadow. Colors are your choice.
- ❑ If your child has a hat or sunglasses with their costume, their hair must still be up off their neck and face in some way. Plan accordingly. We also recommend you attach elastic to the hats/sunglasses so it stays on their head.

- ❑ THERE IS NOT TIME TO CHANGE HAIR BETWEEN ROUTINES!
- ❑ Try and arrive, nice & neat. Extra piercings and long nails can be dangerous. In addition, messy hair, bright nails, extra facial/body hair or jewelry can distract the audience and separate the group. Do not ADD to your costume. Overall, classes should match.
- ❑ Toddlers (Dance Basics I) may wear their hair down in curls or half-up if they decide.
- ❑ **If a costume has a hair accessory, it should be put on the child's right side of head.**



Simple but effective hair choices above:

Spirit Day: Monday, April 21st



- All Students are invited to dress up on our yearly spirit day. This is a great way to get our communities excited for the upcoming show.
- Students are encouraged to dress in anything dance, cheer or SPSG related.
- Wear teal, purple, & glitter, or simply wear your SPSG jacket or recital t-shirt
- Take a picture of your child and tag us on Instagram or Facebook. We will share ALL students' pictures
- The top 5 most creative students win a prize and will have their pictures displayed in the lobby at recital.

Costumes

- SPSG costume fees ARE NOT included within tuition. Costume fees were posted to portals in November.
- Any costumes not paid by February 1st will accumulate an overdue fee of \$10 per costume, per month.
- If you have paid 4th quarter tuition (billed out at the end of Feb. and due March 1st) AND you have paid your costume fee, your child will bring their costumes home around March 10th. If your account has any balance, please prepare your child that they will not be able to take their costumes home yet.
- **If your account is paid in full and you are still missing a costume the week that we hand them out, please check**

with us as some costumes are back ordered until late March. **For example: I know ½ of the ballet I costumes will not ship until March 14th.**

- Helpful Tips:
 - Once your child's costumes are home, they can be taken out of their costume bags and hung on hangers to avoid wrinkles. Hang tutus upside down. Steam wrinkles out before picture day.
 - Write your child's name/initials on ALL costumes, shoes, and accessories
 - Students should NOT wear jewelry with their costumes
 - Any girls' costumes that show their legs will have tights included. We have extra tights for sale for \$8, year-round, in case they rip. Fishnets are \$10.
 - The correct dance shoes are required for pictures and performance. Make sure you know which shoes go with which costume
 - Bras, leotards, or undershirts should NOT be visible under costume. More information on where to order nude undergarments can be found lower in this guide.
 - Students in cheer have a different set of guidelines. Please review these under the cheer section of this guide.
ADVANCED CHEER STUDENTS- uniforms changed during season 10. Please review these changes in the cheer portion of guide.

Classes that need to provide their own costumes or accessories:

Advanced Jazz- entire costume (view regulations in email. No crop tops).

Advanced Tap- accessories to costume. Link in email.

Advanced Cheer- Black leggings

All Cheer students: White tennis shoes and black under pieces.

Dance Basics I (A) “The Grinch Heart Grew.”- Leotards for under costume. Any color/style but neutrals are preferred.

Boys I “Blast Off.”- Will need something under their costume. I recommend black/white shorts and shirt.

*Boys costumes are sold with every piece separate. I saved a few students some money by allowing you to purchase a few of the pieces. This was taken into account when I charged costumes.

Pre-Advanced Clogging Boys: Exton & Brantley. Long sleeve white shirt. Shirts should have collar and button up. A vest is provided.

Inter Clogg (B) Boys: Exton, Christian & Braydon need white, long sleeve button ups. A vest and pants are provided.

Dance Basics I (B) BOYS: Bryce & Graham will need to provide black pants for costume. Any style but ALL black.

Dance Basics II (B): Coby & Cyrus need black pants. Any style but ALL black.

Dance Basics II (A): Archer & Peirce need white t-shirts. The pants and vest are provided.

Picture Day: Saturday, March 22nd

When & where will my child have their picture taken?

Pictures will be taken at the studio on March 22nd. A specific schedule will be sent out and posted in early March. Each class is given a 10-to-15-minute time slot between 8am and 5pm.

Who will take the dance pictures?

Evan Schwanke Photography

Is Participation required?

No, participation is not required, but it is encouraged, as we display photos in the lobby each year.

If you can't make it, that is no problem but please let us know ahead of time, so we don't wait for your child.

How do I purchase pictures? You do not need to purchase pictures unless you would like to. They make a perfect keepsake from year to year. We will send out order forms before picture day. These need to be filled out in advance and sent with a check the day of pictures. Checks MUST be written to “Evan Schwanke Photography.” One check is accepted per family, BUT please write the same check number on top of each order form.

How many order forms do I need? You need an order form for every costume that you want photos purchased for.

What does my child need on picture day?

Hair & makeup should be done before arriving like they will wear at recital. See recital hair/makeup guidelines on page 2.

Students need ALL their costumes with the correct shoes, tights, and accessories. They should dress as they will for recital.

One order form per costume.

NO BRA STRAPS should be visible with costumes.

How will my child change on picture day?

The gymnastics gym will be available for females to change. Feel free to set up mats to create your own changing space.

Boys should use the bathrooms to change and should not be in the gymnastics gym.

Because boys will be using the restrooms, girls should NOT use bathrooms to change or apply make-up. Please use the gym.

Students should NOT utilize ANY of the gymnastics equipment while in the gym.

Do you have any other picture day policies?

Yes, please try not to send any siblings or extra family members with your child. The waiting room is VERY busy and crowded. It is easier if we have less people.

**Showtimes: April 26 & 27**

What time are the shows? The Saturday Show begins at 6pm, and the Sunday show begins at 3:30pm.

How Long are the Shows?

Our recitals usually last around 3 hours long, including intermission.

What time can we arrive for the shows?

We DO NOT open the main doors or backstage doors until 30 minutes before showtime.

Other than staff, no one should be backstage early as we have no one to monitor your children.

If you come earlier, you will be waiting outside.

Waiting in line BEFORE the show:

Although I wish this DID not need to be addressed, there has been a lot of impatience while waiting for the doors to open in past seasons.

Doing a seating chart has been a suggestion BUT even with a seating chart, there WILL always be a line to

enter the auditorium for our (sold out) shows. In addition, if we were to switch to an online ticket system, ticket prices *would* increase by another \$2.50 each. This would only be to accommodate the online source fees. If for any reason the auditorium price goes up, it would raise these prices even more. Charging \$20+ dollars for tickets is not something that we are willing to force upon our customers.

Thus, working together and being patient/kind is crucial to making this a positive experience.

PLEASE help us make waiting in line better by:

Staying in a single file- even on the stairs!

All auditorium seats are GOOD seats. Please do not become impatient while waiting for your spot.

DO NOT PASS or shove people while you wait in line. If ANYONE is reported for passing or shoving, you will be removed from entry. For the safety of our staff and students, everyone needs to be positive and patient.

New Student Entry: We will have a separate line and door for STUDENTS and backstage helpers to enter this year. It is still at the front of the building and will open at the same time as the main doors. The benefit is that it will allow our dancers to skip some of the commotion of the ticket/audience line.

Recital DVDs

Do we need to order recital DVD's?

Ordering DVD's is optional; however, no videotaping is allowed during the show.

If you would like a copy of the full show AND backstage clips, a DVD must be ordered in advance.

Video Recording Copyright

***Please make sure you are not video taping routines with your cell phones. If you post any videos of your dancers at rehearsal (because video taping during the show is prohibited) please make them short, 30 second clips. Instructors have worked really hard creating custom choreography for our students and they maintain the ownership of it. Sharing a full piece without the owners permission is against studio policy. Thank-you for understanding!!**

Who will be videoing the recital?

All & Any Media

How much are DVD's?

DVD's cost \$36 for regular and \$38 for Blu-ray.

How do I purchase a DVD? Order forms will be emailed out to everyone soon AND we will have extra hard copies on the front desk of the studio. These need to be filled out and returned to Meghan or dropped in the drop box at the front desk. Please include cash or checks written to "SPSG."

When will we receive our DVD? DVD's will be mailed to the studio 6 to 8 weeks after the show. The studio will send out an email

when they have been received. It is your responsibility to pick them up from the front desk at the studio during any open hours. Any DVD not picked up within 6 months of delivery will be returned.



Recital T-Shirts

Do we need to order recital T-shirts?

Ordering a recital shirt is optional.

What do the shirts look like? A picture of the 2025 recital shirt is shown to the above. Shirts will be mint green with yellow and black font. Recital theme, studio name & year are shown on the front. The backs of shirts are plain.

How much do the shirts cost?

Recital shirts are \$18 or \$22 for XL sizes.

How do we order the shirts? Order forms will be emailed out to everyone with the DVD forms, they are posted under the “recital,” tab on the website AND we will have extra hard copies on the front desk of the studio. These need to be filled out and returned to Meghan or dropped in the drop box at the front desk. Please include cash or checks written to “SPSG.”

*You may write one check if ordering both shirts AND DVD's. *

When will we receive our shirts? Typically, t-shirts are delivered to the studio by the 2nd week of March. They will be put in your costume bag OR handed to your child directly.

Recital Tickets

Do we need a ticket to watch the show?

Yes. Doorways to the auditorium are monitored. If you want to see the show, you must have a ticket, OR you must be signed-up as a backstage helper, in which case you can watch from the stage wing.

How much are tickets?

Tickets are \$16/each for children and adults (unless the child is young enough to sit on a lap.)

How many tickets can we buy?

BECAUSE we sold out within 12 hours last year AND we want to ensure everyone gets some tickets, each family will be limited to 10 per show ON picture day.

If you need more than 10 (per day), you can purchase them by messaging Meghan AFTER picture day and then getting them from the front desk, the week after spring break.

What if I cannot attend picture day?

Missing picture day is no problem BUT you are responsible for reserving your tickets with Meghan IN ADVANCE. Once it hits 5pm on 3/22 (picture day), whatever is left over is up for grabs.

If you won't be at pictures, email/message Meghan the week before pictures and tell

her how many you will need. Warning: If you save 6, you will be obligated to purchase those 6.

When do we get our tickets? On picture day, the front desk will be set up where you can buy your tickets. If you want to ensure you get tickets, you need to buy them on picture day. Any tickets not sold during pictures, will be on sale up until recital or until sold out. If you do not purchase on picture day, there is a chance you will not get any. Ticket sales are first come, first serve.

Are tickets date/time specific?

Yes, you will need to request specific dates.

Will you swap, buy-back or replace lost tickets?

No. Once a ticket is purchased, we will not swap the day or re-buy them. If we are sold out, you can normally post online and find a buyer.

We also CANNOT replace lost tickets. Keep them safe. If they are lost, you will need to re-purchase.

Backstage Helpers

How many backstage helpers do you need?

We would like to have at least 5 helpers per changing room. This is about 28 total.

Do we need a ticket if we are helping backstage?

You do not need a ticket during the show(s) that you are signed up to help, **but you cannot watch from the auditorium.**

What does a backstage helper do? Please view this before considering signing up. I have had trouble with backstage helpers not helping ALL children in the past. I love having extra help, but only if they are willing to assist as needed.

Like last year, the doors to enter backstage will be monitored. This is because we had a lot of audience members/adults entering the backstage area in the past, AND we had children leaving their rooms without permission.

It is important that we know every person that comes backstage for safety purposes. Backstage helpers will be given passes. Besides staff and students— no one else will be permitted backstage until the show is over without a backstage pass. Backstage helpers need to show their pass to the hall monitor and then be ready to help with the following tasks: *Change costumes if needed.

*Take little students to the bathroom *Line the classes up and organize their class order.
*Play games/help keep the children entertained.

*Make sure that the students are quiet when in the hallways and stage wings.

*Help head count and ensure the full class is present.

*We recommend you bring a notebook and/or clipboard to help you stay organized.

Can I watch my child dance if I am backstage?

Similar to last season, we will allow backstage helpers to slip into the wing during their child's performances. If you have multiple kids, we are okay with you slipping in during their performances, but

please ensure that another parent is comfortable waiting with the students you were monitoring. **You cannot watch from the auditorium.**

How do I sign up?

Meghan will have a sign-up sheet in the waiting room on the weeks leading up to picture day. She will send an email when this is available. You can either come into the waiting room and add your name, OR email Meghan, and she can add your name. You will need to request a specific show or shows, and request a child's room, especially if you have multiple kids.

How does the boys' room work? We have roughly 45 boys this year. We are usually short on boy parent helpers, moms and dads willing to help in the boys' room are VERY appreciated. Please consider helping in the boys' room!

Can we come backstage if we are not signed up?

No. It is important, for the safety of all students, that we know who is helping and that they are the only people in the rooms on their assigned day. It is also helpful to understand that, although Meghan may recognize you as a parent, our backstage helpers might not. If you are not signed up to come backstage, you should not enter during the show or intermission.

Other backstage information to know

Helpers' names will be displayed on the dressing room door, AND they will take a name badge from their assigned room.

If you are signed up, we expect that you stay backstage during the entirety of the show and that you help ALL children (not just your own.) You cannot switch with someone mid-way through.

If we can't get enough parents, we are open to responsible grandparents or adult siblings.

No men/boys in the girls changing rooms.

Toddler boys/girls (ages 3-6) are sometimes mixed in one room.

Please ONLY sign up if you will avoid your cellphone, take notes on class orders, follow the class around like a puppy, and try to go above and beyond to help EACH student. We NEED good helpers to help run a smooth show! It is truly the most important job in creating a successful backstage environment.

What items should I send backstage to entertain my child?

Please send quiet activities, such as books, games, iPads/tablets, or crafts. Non-messy snacks are also welcome. Anything that will help the kids pass time quietly while waiting to perform.

IF your child has a cellphone/iPod/electronic backstage, it is crucial that they are NOT making any videos or taking photos in the changing rooms. We do not want to accidentally catch someone on camera changing. Please prep your child with this info. If they are caught filming/taking photos, they will have their phone confiscated.

What you send backstage with your child is their responsibility. Labeling items with their name may be beneficial.

What to wear under costumes

If you have an older student who needs a bra, OR if your child would like the ability to change without taking all items off, we highly recommend purchasing nude leotards or dance bras. Discount Dancewear and Just for Kix sells many great undergarments for all ages. If their straps match their skin tone or are clear, they can show minimally. Here is a link to an example:



<https://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/Womens-Plus-Size-Seamless-Camisole-Undergarment-Leotard/p/T704P?shop=Style&skey=undergarment+leotard&search=true&SortOrder=R&SID=2000884059>

Upper levels & Team Rehearsals:

Thursday, April 24th

Who is considered an upper-level dancer?

Level III, intermediate/advanced, team, solo/duets and trios will need to attend on Thursday & Friday this year.

IF you are unsure, I will include a list of songs that NEED to come to this practice.

You can also email me to double check. It is crucial you attend your practices so that we do not have to remove your child from the show.

When is the upper-level rehearsal?

This year it will be held on **THURSDAY, April 24th**.

Where is the rehearsal located?

At the Prairie Du Chien High School Auditorium

Is attendance mandatory? Yes!! I know some students have sports in the spring. This is the **ONLY** week all year that I require full commitment. Let your coaches know in advance. **If you miss your rehearsal, you cannot perform in the recital.**

Do we need our costumes?

No. Costumes are not needed on this day but you could bring them to leave in your changing room.

Rehearsal Dress Code: Students **MUST** wear appropriate dance attire with the correct shoes. Hair tied back. No bra straps. We prefer black leotards with spandex shorts and tights (required for ballet students). If you are not in ballet, we still prefer that dress code **BUT** we will also allow you to wear all black/fitted clothing instead.

What time is the rehearsal?

A specific schedule will be handed out in March. Students will be given 15-minute time slots for each class anywhere from 3:45pm to 9:45pm.

**We know this may require some students to leave school early. If we don't start that early, we could be there until midnight so*

please be understanding of this and plan accordingly.

Do we have to stay that whole night?

No, you can come at your assigned time slot(s), and leave when all your classes are done.

Does a parent need to attend? Parents do not need to attend, but are welcome to sit and watch in the auditorium.

Anything else we need to know? Students will not be able to hang out backstage in their dressing rooms. Please stay in the auditorium/lobby during this rehearsal.

Students should be able to leave items in the dressing room that night since they will be coming back on Friday.

Which day do I rehearse:

**This chart is also posted on it's own under the "recital tab," of the website.*

CLASS DAY/TIME	SONG TITLE	STYLE	Dress REHEARSALS 4/24 & 4/25 <small>*Check time on specific schedule</small>	Picture Day 3/22 <small>*Times TBA</small>
MONDAYS				
1 Boys I: Mondays 4:15-4:45	BLAST OFF	HIP-HOP	FRIDAY	
2 Jazz I: Mondays 4:15-4:45	It's Tricky	Jazz-Hop	FRIDAY	
3 Dance Basics II (A): Mondays 4:45-5:30	Time Machine	Tap	FRIDAY	
4 Pre-Adv Clogging: Mondays 5:30-6:00	Don't Stop Believing	Clogging	THURSDAY & Friday	
5 Int. Clogging (A): Mondays 6:00-6:30	Surfin' USA	Clogging	Thursday & Friday	
6 Team Clogging: Mondays 6:45-7:30	Couldn't Care Less	Clogging	THURSDAY & Friday	
7 Adv. Cheer: Mondays 6:00-6:45	Bringing Back Britney	Cheer	THURSDAY & Friday	
8 Adv. Tap: Mondays 7:30-8:00	Grandma's Night Out	Tap	THURSDAY & Friday	
9 Adv. Jazz: Mondays 8:00-8:45	Growing Up S-Club	Jazz	Thursday & FRIDAY	
10 Adv. Clogging: Mondays 8:45-9:15	Funky Music	Clogging	Thursday & FRIDAY	
TUESDAYS				
11 Dance Basics I (A): Tuesdays 4:00-4:45	Fireflies	Ballet	Friday	
12 Jazz II: Tuesdays 4:45-5:15	Girl in the Mirror	Jazz	Friday	
13 Cheer Minis: Tuesdays 4:45-5:15	Encanto	Cheer	Friday	
14 Dance Basics I (A): Tues. 5:15-5:45	The Grinch's Heart Grew	Tap	Friday	

15	Beginner/Int Cheer (A): Tues. 5:15-5:45	I Gotta that Feeling	Cheer	Friday
16	Jazz III (A): Tues 5:45-6:15	Grown	Jazz-Hop	Thursday & Friday
17	Boys II: Tuesdays 5:45-6:15	TNT	Hip-Hop	Friday
18	Ballet II: Tues. 6:15-7:15	Peter Pan	Ballet	Thursday & Friday
19	Tap II: Tues. 6:15-7:15	When I Grow Up	Tap	Thursday & Friday
WEDNESDAYS				
20	Jazz I (B): Wednesday 4:15-4:45	Me & My Girls	Jazz	Friday
21	Dance Basics III (B): Wed. 4:45-5:30	Party Begins	Tap	Friday
22	Inter. Clogg (B): Wed. 5:30-6:00	Gotta Grow	Clogging	THURSDAY & Friday
23	Jazz III (B): Wed. 6:00-6:30	Hit Me Up	Jazz	Thursday & Friday
24	Team Jazz III: Wed. 6:30-7:15	Hot Stuff	Jazz	Thursday & Friday
25	Team Hip-Hop: Wed. 7:15-8:00	Set the World on Fire	Hip-Hop	Thursday & Friday
Thursday				
26	Dance Basics I (B): TH 4:00-4:30	Rosemary Grows	TAP	Friday
27	Dance Basics II (B): TH 4:30-5:15	Roar		Friday
28	Team Jazz I: TH 4:30-5:15	Man! I Feel like a Woman	Jazz	Thursday & Friday
29	Team Jazz II: TH 5:15-6:00	Do You Love Me?	Jazz	Thursday & Friday
30	Tap I: TH (5:15-6:15)	Rockin' Robbin	Tap	Friday
31	Ballet I: (TH 5:15-6:15)	This Garden	Ballet	Friday
32	Int. Tap (TH 6:15-6:45)	Dear Growing Up	Tap	Thursday & Friday
33	Begin/Int Cheer: (TH 6:15-7:00)	March	Cheer	Thursday & Friday
34	Int. Ballet (TH 6:45-7:30)	You Raise Me Up	Ballet	Thursday & Friday

35	Int. Boys (TH 7:00-7:30)	Shaggy	Hip-Hop	Thursday & Friday
36	Adv. Ballet (TH 7:30-8:15)	Growing Up	Ballet	Thursday & Friday
37	Int. Jazz (TH 7:30-8:00)	Cosmo/Wanda	Jazz-Hop	Thursday & Friday
38	Pointe (TH 8:15-9:00)	Growth in Giving	Pointe	Thursday & Friday
SOLO/DUET/TRIO				
39	Trio 1 (Erin/Tess/Tenley)	Uptown Funk	Clogging	Thursday & Friday
40	Trio (Mal/Ariana/Keira)	The Way I Are	Jazz	Thursday & Friday
41	Duet (Rhylinn/Caydee)	Glam	Jazz	Thursday & Friday
42	Elizabeth M.			Thursday & Friday
43	Keira Kartman	Cooler Than Me	Jazz	Thursday & Friday
44	Lily Pegram			Thursday & Friday
45	Ariana	I Miss You		Thursday & Friday

Full Dress Rehearsal (all students):

Friday, April 25th

Who needs to attend this rehearsal? ALL students who are performing in the recital. **BRING YOUR COSTUMES!!**

Is this rehearsal mandatory? Yes! No exception. This is the ONLY week all year that we require full participation. Please plan accordingly. You cannot miss this practice OR be late.

If that means you need to leave school early or carpool with someone else, make those arrangements in advance.

If you have another sporting event, let your coaches know that you will not be available this day.

Where is the rehearsal located?

At the Prairie Du Chien High School
Auditorium

How do we access the auditorium?

The address is: 800 E Crawford St. The doors used to access the auditorium are on the backside of the building (if coming from Boscobel). If you come from Boscobel and turn right by McDonalds, you will see it. Please DO NOT use the school doors. The auditorium has its own set of large, glass doorways.

What time do we need to be at rehearsal?

Each class will be given a ten minute time slot between 4pm and 6:00pm. *Unless you rehearsed on Thursday.

YOU CANNOT request a time OR BE LATE. We will be given these spots based on the order of the show. Other than the 4pm slot, all students need to **arrive 15 minutes BEFORE their given time.** Because most students have multiple dances, it is best to assume your arrival time will be between 4:00 and 4:45pm. The schedule will be posted by March so that you can arrange as necessary.

We had WAY too many kids arrive late last season. We are working with 200+ kids! If you are late, it pushes the entire rehearsal back for the other 199 kids. It is important that you are arriving early!!!

Upper-level classes, which rehearsed on Thursday, do not need to arrive until 6:10pm.

A quick meeting will be held in the auditorium around 6:10pm before the full run through of the show in costume, begins.

What happens when we arrive for rehearsal?

Between 4pm and 6:00pm, classes will be called up onto the stage. Each class will get 10-15 minutes to run their routines on stage and mark out formations with their instructor.

When called up to stage, students will be shown their dressing room and be allowed to put their items into their room. We hope this will clear confusion and chaos when we go to run the full show.

THEY CANNOT stay in their dressing room until 6:15 when we start the full run through, BUT we hope this will help them familiarize themselves with their new environment.

They do not need costumes for the first portion of rehearsal, **but they need to wear appropriate dancewear and must have their correct shoes.** (We have Precious Moments Photography taking pictures during rehearsal. NO bra straps. Leotards with spandex shorts and tights should be worn just like in class.)

Around 6:10pm, Miss Meghan will take a few minutes to talk and discuss backstage regulations. Students will be directed to put on their first costume (unless they are in cheer, they will put cheer on first for rehearsal) and wait until Miss Meghan calls them to line up backstage. **This year we will run cheer routines first and then run finale.**

After finale we will run the entire show, **in costume**, from start to finish. We will run it

as if it's the real performance. Students will remain backstage at this point until they have done ALL their routines.

- **IF you forget your costume, you WILL need to run home to get it. This is a DRESS rehearsal and costumes are REQUIRED.**
 - **PM Photography is being paid to photograph the routines. If for any reason your child does not have their full costume, they will not get to perform while the professional photos are being shot.**

Backstage helpers need to attend and practice helping backstage for this too. **Students can go home once they have performed all their routines.**

Is this practice long? This is a long night. Please prepare to be patient and wait around quite a bit. There will seem to be several pauses and re-runs of numbers; this is because we hire professional light designers and need to take extra time to program lighting.

Bring games, books, or simple toys if desired. We do try and get our younger students done by 8:30pm, but most kids will be at the auditorium until at least 10:00pm.

*As long as EVERYONE is on time, we can keep things moving; however, if someone is late- it holds the entire rehearsal back for everyone.

CHEER ROUTINES- New Last Season!

Like the finale, we are going to run cheer routines OUT of order during rehearsal this

season. We are planning to run the cheer routines BEFORE we do the finale run thru. This way we only set mats out once AND our mini's can go home earlier. This will save us about ten minutes too!!

What do we need to bring to the practice?

Wear appropriate dancewear **AND bring your costumes, dance shoes, tights. Bring the correct undergarments too.**

We have a professional photographer this day. If your child has a sports bra under their costume, we will not use the photos. Dress like a performer!

Bring some books or games. If you bring any toys or electronics, write name on them. announces the full show run thru at 6pm.

Will dressing rooms be available when we arrive at 4pm?

No. Students should not use the backstage hallways or dressing room until Miss Meghan gives permission around 6:30pm.

HOWEVER; as stated above, we will let students put their items in their rooms when they are called up for their run through.

At 6:15pm, the backstage area will be opened, and students will remain in their assigned room until they are done with practice. Students can leave their costumes in the dressing rooms overnight.



Do backstage helpers need to attend?

Yes, anyone signed up as a backstage helper should try and arrive by 6pm.

We rely on our helpers A LOT. Attending the full show run-through is important for parents and students to understand what will happen.

Will food be available?

Concessions will be sold all night Friday and during the shows on Saturday and Sunday. We will have lots of supper items so that you do not need to leave the building to eat supper. Please bring cash.

Do we need hair & make-up done? Stage hair and makeup is not required, but please make sure girls have their hair up and neat. Because of the photographer we like the hair to be cleanly up., We don't need anything fancy but we encourage students to look like performers.

Other Information: Once the full show starts running, students need to remain in their assigned dressing rooms, as they would for the real show. We do not have time to look for missing students.

Although this is a long night, typically our students really enjoy rehearsals.

We strive to create a stress-free experience for the students and parents. If everyone arrives on time and brings the correct shoes/costumes, we can guarantee a smooth & fun evening. The SPSG staff knows what they are doing. Parents should try and stay calm and let us run the show. What seems hectic to you, is normal for us. Sit down and relax! Do NOT worry!!

What do we do when we are done with our routines? After ALL your routines have been performed, in costume, you can leave or sit in the auditorium and watch the other routines.



What if we need to ask last minute questions, buy tights or extra tickets at rehearsal?

We will have a staff member ready to serve and help you at the front of the stage all night. Meghan needs to keep the evening rolling and will not be available for any questions; however, our staff members can literally read her mind and will be happy to assist you.

Need extra tights? We will have them at the front of stage. Need more tickets? We will have them at the front of the stage. Need to pay a fee? We can accept payments at the

front of the stage. Have a major question or concern? Staff is prepared to answer anything and will be ready to assist. Please treat them with the same respect that you would treat Meghan. They are fully instructed with responses from her.

**DO NOT get upset or yell at my staff. They are given strict guidelines on how to respond to questions. They are just the messengers.*

Concession Stand

We need volunteers to provide the food/ drinks for the concession stand during Friday dress rehearsal and both recitals. All profits go towards and new equipment at the studio/gym.

If you would be willing to donate or bring items for the stand, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the waiting room in March.

Big thank-you to Sherri Seitz who will be running the concession stand for us. It is a big job and we are VERY grateful for her commitment and hard work.

Shout-Outs

We be providing our optional, shout-out booth at all recitals again this year. The booth will have different candy, flowers, & small gifts for purchase.

We will have pre-order sheets available at the studio during the weeks leading to the show. Pre-ordering will guarantee you get what you want; however, a booth is available during the shows too.

Each shout-out will include an attached note for your special dancer. They are delivered to the students backstage. We hope that this will add extra convenience so that families do not have to worry about bringing in their own items.

Side Note: Sherri Seitz VOLUNTEERS her time and energy to help us with this. Please treat her kindly. If your child is missing a shout-out, you can ask her respectfully, and she will happily assist you. We serve a lot of students at SPSG and although we do everything we can to avoid mistakes, they do happen. If we are politely made aware of a mistake, we will do extra to fix it.

Boys Hip Hop

What kind of shoes do boys wear for the recital?

Any clean tennis shoes. If you would like them to match your costume, that's awesome. Otherwise, neutral colors are preferred.

Cheer students

What kind of shoes do we need for recital?

All students need plain white tennis shoes. These can be purchased anywhere but must be white.

What else do we need for the recital?

All cheer students need to have black spandex with black tank tops OR black leotards on underneath their uniform.

***Advanced Cheer students-** We got advanced students **NEW Season 10** purple, sequin tops this season. They will need to wear these with black leggings,

white tennis shoes and NO hair bow. The tops need to be returned like our old uniforms.

How do we get our uniform? Miss Meghan will post a uniform rental in the portals in February. These must be signed and returned within the portals. Then Miss Meghan will send the uniform home with your child at the beginning of March.

Rentals are applied with your hair bows to your parent portal. Bows are yours to keep and are used year to year.

Uniforms MUST be returned immediately after the Sunday show.

IF you sign up to donate or bring items for our concession stands, you will receive a free uniform rental for the 2026 show.

Make sure you write your name on your donated items so we give you credit.

What does our bow look like and what do we do with it?

Bows are the same as the 2024 season. Big, teal and glitter.

These need to be worn on top of the student's head with the ribbons in front. Pictured below.

If you lost your 2024 bow, please email Meghan immediately. You can purchase a new one for \$10.



Practicing for recital

How can my child practice at home for the show?

Recital music can be found on our website, shinepowerstudio.com, under the “recital music,” tab.

We edit almost ALL our music. To ensure you are using the correct version of the song, please use the website.

This tab also has the recital guide, tshirt/DVD order forms and more attached to it.

Can we get videos of our children's routines?

We highly recommend that students in the upper levels bring cameras/cell phones and record their routines at the end of their classes. This has proven to be a great tool to help practice at home.

Younger students: if a parent would like to pop in at the very end of class or if the students have access to a phone or camera, they can record also. We will ask parents to come in at the end of February.

Please do not upload these videos onto social media.

Precious Moments Action Shots

When are Precious Moments Action Shots?

Precious Moments Photography (Tanya Schwendinger of Lancaster) will be attending our dress rehearsal to offer you some amazing behind the scene images of our rehearsal. I attached a few examples from last year. The cost of ALL the images is \$25 IF you enroll within your portal by April 1st. Use the events tab and search PM Action Shots on April 25th to purchase.

After the 1st, the cost for the photos is \$30.

Do we need to purchase these photos?

These are optional. We just offer them as a great keepsake but you DO NOT need to order them.

How many pictures will there be of my child?

If you order, you will receive ALL pictures taken during the evening. Last year she took and edited over 500 photos; however, we cannot guarantee how many pictures of your child there will be. The more routines and children you have, the more likely you will end with several photos.

We offer this at a low cost because we do not know if you child will get 1 or 100 photos. This is the risk of purchase.

PM Action Shots, examples on next page:



Second semester attendance

What happens if my child misses class during the 2nd semester? Now that we are beginning recital routines, attendance is VERY important. Every time a student misses, we have tricks that we cannot run and formations we cannot fix. Please respect your classmates by avoiding unnecessary absences.

For ALL cheer, intermediate & advanced levels, students that miss multiple classes

WILL have their placement altered for routines.

We do not spend time re-teaching choreography each week, so it the student's responsibility to get a video from a friend.

If a student is absent 5 or more classes and/or becomes too far behind, we may remove them from the routine, OR ask them to go off stage for the portion that they do not know.

Snow days

How many snow days are built into the semester?

We have four snow days built into the schedule (per day) without a make-up.

We will send an email if we are closed, and we will always post on the SPSG Facebook page for cancellations. Always check before driving to classes. **If you are ever concerned and we did not close, please use your best judgment on travel.**

Spring Break

We will have spring break March 24-28 unless we have too many snow days and need to use this week to make up classes.

Season 12!!

We begin handing out our 2025-26 Schedules/placements and excepting early enrollments for current students in early April.

Current students get first dibs on spots before we open spots to the public on April 28h. Please grab your placement envelope

BEFORE enrolling & review the handbook for any 2025-26 changes.

We require a \$25/deposit PER CLASS this year. The deposit is non-refundable and will apply ONLY to that class. As long as you don't drop that specific class, it will be subtracted from your future fee.

Reminder when registering for season 12 classes: your child is making an 8 month commitment. Dropping classes early should be reserved for families that move or have a major conflict arise. If you want to "test" a style of dance, please use the summer to do-so.

Before enrolling, discuss the importance of commitment with your children and make sure they are going to participate for the FULL season. If a student/family drops more than 2 classes per season, we place a hold on your account. This allows us to prioritize spots to students with a strong standing of commitment.

We open spots to the public on Monday, April 28th.

Summer Classes

We will post our summer dance, cheer and gymnastics schedule in March. Be on the lookout for the fun classes we will having this year!!

Parent Meetings

We will offer a few recital, parent meetings when we re-open from Christmas break. To reduce the number of meetings, Meghan will host these during time frames that would allow the best attendance. It should

work out for most families to stay a few minutes late or come a few minutes early to catch a meeting.

If you read and understand this guide, attending a parent meeting is really **not** necessary. If you would like to hear a run through of this guide in person and/or ask Meghan face-to-face questions, please attend one of the following options.

The classes listed, are the classes that would most easily be able to attend by staying late or coming early. If your class is not listed but you want to attend a meeting, please pick one of the options to join.

Monday, January 6th

Jazz I and Boys I 4:15-4:20

Team Clogging- 6:00-6:05

Adv. Jazz: 8:00-8:10

Tuesday, January 7th

End of Dance Basics II (A), beginning of Jazz II and cheer minis: 4:40-4:50

End of dance basics I (A) and Beg/Int Cheer, Beginning of Boys II and Jazz III: 5:40-5:50

Wednesday, January 8th

End of Inter. Clogging, beginning jazz III 5:55-6:00

Competitive Team Meeting (Hip-Hop, Jazz III) 7:15-7:20

Thursday, January 9th

Dance Basics I (B) 4:00-4:10pm

End of Dance Basics II (B) and beginning of tap/ballet I: 5:15-5:20.

Beg/Inter Cheer: 6:15-6:20