



Winter Progress Performance Info Packet

There's No Business Like Snow Business

Saturday, December 9, 2023

4 Shows: 11:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Lakota West Freshman Building, 5050 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, OH 45069

We are delighted to be able to present the annual **Winter Progress Performance (WPP) on Saturday, December 9, 2023**. Most of the instructional classes for students ages 4 and up will be performing in WPP 2023. The participating classes are primarily scheduled according to which day of the week they meet. See below for the full schedule of which classes will participate and what time their recital will be.

The WPP is the perfect opportunity for students to perform what they've learned early on in the academic year, providing an experience to be on stage with an audience, sharing learned choreography. It is a smaller scale performance than the big June recital. For the June recital, the dancers will be in full costume, with more skills and longer routines, and there will also be more technical production elements involved. Learning to perform on stage for an audience is a big part of dance training, and it helps build self-esteem and confidence. It's a fun, valuable event for students and parents alike, especially at such a festive, exciting time of year! We look forward to being able to share this progress performance with you!

Here is the Performance Schedule which lists the classes that perform in each show and gives the order of performance:

11:15 a.m. Show

1. Topaz Tap Small Group Wed 9:15 pm - 9:45 pm Ms. Andrea
2. Tiny Tutus & Bowties Tue 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Ms. Sophie
3. Beginning Ballet Tue 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm Ms. Hannah
4. Jazz I Tue 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm Ms. Stacie
5. Acro I Tue 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm Ms. Stacie
6. Emerald Jazz Team Mon 8:15 pm - 9:00 pm Ms. Kayla
7. Boys/Girls Beginning Hip Hop Tue 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm Ms. Hannah
8. Happy Tappers Tue 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Ms. Sophie
9. Building Ballet Tue 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm Ms. Savannah
10. Tap I Tue 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Ms. Stacie
11. Boys/Girls Building Hip Hop Tue 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm Ms. Hannah
12. Ready Set Dance Tue 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm Ms. Stacie
13. Kinder Ballet Tue 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Ms. Sophie
14. Beginning/Building Tap Tue 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm Ms. Hannah
15. Ballet I B Tue 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm Ms. Sophie
16. Ballet II B Tue 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Ms. Savannah
17. Ballet II A Tue 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Ms. Savannah
18. Kinder Jazz Tue 7:15 pm - 7:45 pm Ms. Sophie
19. Beginning/Building Jazz Tue 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Ms. Hannah
20. Ballet IV Thur 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Ms. Savannah

1:00 p.m. Show

1. Diamond Team Mon 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm Ms. Ariel
2. Beginning Ballet Thur 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm Ms. Sam
3. Kinder Ballet Thur 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Ms. Ella
4. Hip Hop II Thur 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm Ms. Stacie
5. Tiny Tutus & Bowties Thur 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm Ms. Chase
6. Beginning/Building Jazz Thur 6:45 pm - 7:15 pm Ms. Mary
7. Ballet III B Thur 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm Ms. Savannah
8. Happy Tappers Thur 10:30 am - 11:00 am Ms. Savannah
9. Boys/Girls Beginning Hip Hop Thur 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm Ms. Ella
10. Building Ballet Thur 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm Ms. Mary
11. Happy Tappers Thur 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Ms. Chase
12. Lyrical II Thur 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm Ms. Mary
13. Kinder Hop Thur 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Ms. Stacie
14. Tiny Tutus & Bowties Thur 9:45 am - 10:30 am Ms. Savannah
15. Hip Hop I Thur 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm Ms. Stacie
16. Beginning/Building Tap Thur 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm Ms. Sam
17. Topaz Tap Small Group Wed 9:15 pm - 9:45 pm Ms. Andrea

2:45 p.m. Show

1. Diamond Team Mon 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm Ms. Ariel
2. Beginning/Building Tap Wed 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Ms. Stacie
3. Amethyst Tap Team Mon 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Ms. Taylor
4. Kinder Ballet Wed 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Ms. Kendal
5. Beginning Ballet Wed 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm Ms. Stacie
6. Ballet I A Wed 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm Ms. Ella
7. Acro II / III Wed 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm Ms. Stacie
8. Ballet Seniors Ms. Savannah
9. Beginning Ballet Wed 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Ms. Savannah
10. Building Ballet Wed 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm Ms. Mary
11. Bollywood Dance Beginning Fri 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Ms. Tejal
12. Boys/Girls Beginning Hip Hop Wed 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm Ms. Ella
13. Tiny Tutus & Bowties Wed 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Ms. Ella
14. Ballet I B Wed 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm Ms. Mary
15. Happy Tappers Wed 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Ms. Ella
16. Ballet III A Wed 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Ms. Savannah
17. Kinder Hop Wed 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm Ms. Stacie
18. Beginning/Building Jazz Wed 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Ms. Stacie
19. Hip Hop I Wed 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm Ms. Stacie
20. Ballet IV Thur 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Ms. Savannah

4:30 p.m. Show

1. Diamond Team Mon 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm Ms. Ariel
2. Jazz I Sat 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm Ms. Stacie
3. Jazz II / III Sat 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Ms. Stacie
4. Beginning Ballet Sat 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Ms. Andrea
5. Building Ballet Sat 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Ms. Savannah
6. Happy Tappers Sat 10:45 am - 11:15 am Ms. Mollie
7. Tap I Sat 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Ms. Stacie
8. Tap II Sat 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Ms. Stacie
9. Kinder Hop Sat 10:45 am - 11:15 am Ms. Sophie
10. Beginning/Building Tap Sat 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Ms. Andrea
11. Kinder Ballet Sat 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Ms. Mollie
12. Lyrical I Sat 1:45 pm - 2:30 pm Ms. Stacie
13. Bollywood Dance I Fri 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Ms. Tejal
14. Kinder Ballet Sat 10:00 am - 10:45 am Ms. Mollie
15. Ballet III A Sat 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Ms. Savannah
16. Tiny Tutus & Bowties Sat 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Ms. Sophie
17. Beginning/Building Jazz Sat 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Ms. Stacie
18. Ballet I A Sat 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm Ms. Mollie
19. Topaz Tap Small Group Wed 9:15 pm - 9:45 pm Ms. Andrea

PART 1: IMPORTANT WPP DATES, as well as upcoming break weeks, Parent Observation Week, June costume billing dates, & June rehearsal/recital dates (See Dance Handbook for complete 2023-2024 dance calendar.)

Date	Activity	Where
October 15	Billing for 1/2 Costume Fee June Recital	
October 16-21	Students will be measured for JUNE RECITAL costumes. Though this seems early to be ordering costumes for June, it takes orders a long time to arrive. Don't worry, we allow for growth between now and then!	During regular class time. Please make every effort to be in attendance.
October 22	Emails sent to each family <u>from WCA</u> with instructions and a link for ordering tickets online, also email sent to any family with students <i>in more than one show</i> <u>from Dance Recital Ticketing Company</u> with coupon codes.	Your email inbox. Please make sure we have your correct email address. Have you been receiving emails from us? That is how you will know!
October 29	WPP 2023 Ticket sales begin	Online (See ticket section below)
November 6-11	Parent Observation Week first 10 minutes of class. Receive WPP Costume Instruction Sheets. Parents take videos of WPP routine to practice at home.	During regular class time.
November 15	Billing for 1/2 Costume Fee June Recital	
November 19	Deadline to pre-order flowers for WPP	Online when you order your tickets
November 21-26	Academy CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break	
Saturday, December 9 Show #1 - 11:15 p.m. Show #2 - 1:00 p.m. Show #3 - 2:45 p.m. Show #4 - 4:30 p.m.	There's No Business Like Snow Business Winter Progress Performance See above Winter Progress Performance Schedule (also on website) to see which classes are in Shows #1, #2, #3, and #4.	Lakota West Freshman Building 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH
December 21 - January 3	Academy CLOSED for Winter Break	
March 25 - 31	Academy CLOSED for Spring Break	
Friday, June 14: times TBA	Dress Rehearsal for June Recitals	Lakota West Freshman Building 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH
Saturday, June 15: times TBA	June Recitals, "Sweet 16"	Lakota West Freshman Building 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH

Home Practice: Students are encouraged to practice their choreography at home.

Attendance: *Please be diligent to attend every class between now and the WPP to be prepared and confident for the performance!*

PART 2: COSTUMES, TIGHTS, SHOES, HAIR, AND MAKE UP

Each student will receive a Costume Instruction Memo with class specific information about what to wear, how to style hair, and what makeup to apply. Students often wear their regular classroom attire plus some easily acquired accessories or garments that students can pull together to create a unique, uniform class costume. The academy may also provide some additional parts and pieces. *Any extra costume piece provided by the student is intended to be items that you may already have at home or that you can purchase inexpensively.*

Stage lights are very bright and can wash out facial features. In order to see every dancer's sparkling eyes and smile, girls wear light makeup for the WPP, and for the boys, a little blush works well. Uniform hairstyles are also required and will be listed on the costume instruction memo.

PART 3: STUDENT DROP-OFF AND CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

Students should plan to arrive at the Lakota West Freshman Building 20 minutes prior to their performance start time. Parents should bring their students to the student drop-off table located down the main hall, where students will be checked in and placed under the supervision of their teachers and backstage helpers for the entirety of the performance. Parents will be given a slip which will be used at the same table to

retrieve their students at the end of the show. All students must arrive in full costume, hair, and makeup. Please note that the ticket takers will be at the building entrance, so **parents will need to have their tickets with them to get in and drop off their student(s)**. No one will be admitted without a ticket besides the dancers who are performing in the show. **All students must stay until the end of the show they are in.** Make sure you have the proper dance shoes and changes of costume or accessories ready to put on once checked in, particularly if the student is in multiple dances. **Please label ALL costume pieces and shoes with the student's name.**

PART 4: BACK STAGE WAITING AREA

There is a designated waiting area backstage for dancers during the recital. There will be helpers to chaperone the young dancers back stage and help them with shoe/costume changes, getting on and off stage, etc. The helpers will have some quiet activities to entertain the students before and after they go on stage for their performances. For the safety of the children and to ensure minimal congestion, parents are not permitted back stage until pick up at the end of the recital.

PART 5: TICKETS

Everyone will need a ticket to see the performance except the backstage helpers and the dancers. All tickets must be purchased online at <https://23407.recitalticketing.com/>. Ticket sales go directly to the cost of renting the venue, paying the maintenance, sound, lights, and other personnel that help run the show, etc. **All tickets are reserved seating.**

Please note the tickets for Row A are handicap accessible seats on the ground floor. Each row after A is a 6" step up for those who are concerned about steps.

Ticket prices are \$13.00 for age 10 and older, \$6.00 for ages 3-9, and free for age 2 and under, providing they will be sitting on an adult's lap and will not be occupying a seat of their own. Seats in the first 5 rows of the center section have a \$10.00 surcharge. The ticketing company will assess a nominal \$2.15 ticketing fee on each ticket.

Tickets may be purchased online through December 7 at midnight. If seats are not sold out, any remaining tickets will be available for purchase with cash only at the door.

How it works: On October 22, everyone will receive an email from WCA with instructions for ordering tickets and a link to the site. If you do not receive your email on October 22, please contact us, as we may have an incorrect email address for you. **Ticket sales will begin at 9am on Sunday, October 29.**

Multiple Shows: Families with students or siblings in multiple shows will receive a separate email from Dance Recital Ticketing (orders@dancerecitalticketing.com) with a **Coupon Code for 50% off** up to 4 tickets total to be used in shows two, three, or four. This code is good for a ONE TIME USE ONLY. These codes are case-sensitive, so please enter them carefully. Be sure to choose all of your tickets first, then apply the Coupon Code. See Online Ticket Step-by-Step Instructions below.

Online Ticket Step-by-Step Instructions:

- 1 Click the link in the email you received from West Chester Academy on October 22.
- 2 Select the Show Time from the pop up window. (See attached Recital Ticket Split Chart to know which show(s) your child is in.)
- 3 Select your tickets for the show times your dancers are in.
- 4 Click "Add seats for another show", if applicable.
- 5 Click on "Buy Selected Seats."
- 6 Click on "Change/Add Seats" if necessary.
- 7 From the drop down box, select "Adult" or "Child" for each ticket.
- 8 Click "Continue with Checkout."
- 9 IF you have a child/sibling in multiple shows, enter the 4-digit Coupon Code (case sensitive) in the first box on the checkout screen. This code is good for 50% off up to 4 tickets total for the second, third, and fourth shows your child is in.
- 10 Enter the remaining details to process your order.
- 11 Review information and edit if necessary.
- 12 Click "Accept these Terms" in red box.
- 13 Click "Continue to Confirmation Page." **ALL TICKETS WILL BE DIGITAL, with no tickets to print. Be sure to bring your mobile device to the WPP as there is no admission without a ticket.**

PART 6: RECITAL FLOWER BOUQUET

Parents often wish to present their dancer with flowers at the end of the show. For your convenience, we will be selling a flower bouquet by pre-order for \$15.00 for those who would like to just pick them up at the recital. Simply order a bouquet online when you purchase your tickets.

PART 7: THE RECITAL IS FOR EVERYONE!

When everyone puts the children first, the progress performance experience is one they'll never forget. We appreciate your compliance with the guidelines in this packet and hope that the West Chester Academy Winter Progress Performance will be as fun and exciting for you as it is for all of our staff. Thank you for working with us to create a memorable and educational experience through performance for all of our students. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. The more informed everyone is, the smoother the WPP will run!