

Dress Rehearsal and Show Day Prep Sheet!

Dress Rehearsal Time: **2:45 PM, December 5th**
Dress Rehearsal Location: Senn High School, 5900 N Glenwood Ave, Chicago, IL 60660

Show Day Call Time for Student: **2:15 PM, December 6th**
Show Time: **3:00 PM, December 6th**
Show Location: Senn High School, 5900 N Glenwood Ave, Chicago, IL 60660

Preparing for your costume

Tights: Pink or Skin Tone

Shoes: Pink or skin tone ballet shoes

Hair: High bun for long hair, neat and out of face for short hair

Hair and Make-up: A neat high bun is best for Nutcracker headpieces. However, we understand all of our students have different hair, so we'd simply like you to get as close as possible. A light make-up of blush, lipstick, and eye-shadow is recommended because the stage lights are very harsh and might wash your student's features out. This is up to your discretion. For Nutcracker, please do not add any glitter or rhinestones to your students make-up.

Notes on Costumes:

Costumes can be tried on, but they should not be played with or worn more than once before dress rehearsal. All costume items should stay together and out of children's reach until the show.

Tights go underneath leotards. Underwear should **not** be worn with leotards and tights. It works similarly to a bathing suit in that the underwear lining is sewn in to the leotard. Please have your child go to the restroom before changing, so we can limit bathroom trips.

You should put your student's name inside their shoes, tights, and bag.

Do NOT put a name in, sew, cut tags out of, or otherwise alter your Nutcracker costume without permission from Miss Tiffani. This is a RENTAL costume, and you will be charged $70 if it is not returned to us in the condition we gave it to you in.



Final Notes on Costumes:

Once distributed, the costume items you receive are your responsibility until after the show. We will NOT be taking costumes back on show day. We will host costume return days at MSC on 12/11 from 3pm - 7pm and 1/3 from 12pm - 4pm. Your student needs to leave Nutcracker with the items they arrived with. If these days do not work for you, please contact Miss Tiffani to find a time for drop off.

MSC will be keeping the majority of the props and headpieces to minimize the chance of lost pieces, but please keep track of the costume items you are responsible for! You will be charged if you don't!

Before Show Day!

Students should practice performing for family and friends at home! Students should also be prepared for the fact that their parents will not be with them backstage, and will be watching from the audience. Students will also need to be ready to tell adult volunteers their names.

Dress Rehearsal is **IN COSTUME, with hair and make-up done too!** This is our last chance to make sure we understand what we need for show day, as well as practicing running the order of the show. **Professional Photos** will be taken and available for purchase ahead of time. Students should come prepared for their first number. We will complete Act 1 rehearsal and photos, and then return your student to you to change for their Act 2 number. Check the show order online if you aren't sure which number is first.

After dress rehearsal, costumes should be carefully hung up for the next day. You might also choose to prepare a small bag with your student's name on it that could include these items: a water bottle, a snack that will not stain, bobby pins, hairspray, safety pins, an extra pair of tights, and their dance shoes.

Show Day!

Students will be excited, but shouldn't do anything that will make them tired for the performance. We want them awake, ready to dance, and ready to deal with the new situations of show day.

Students should be **in their Act 1 costume, with hair and make-up DONE** when they are dropped off at their Call time on show day. One parent or guardian will sign them in, and they will go sit with their class until showtime.

Students should eat a good meal and go to the bathroom before putting on their costume. Snacks that do not stain are allowed, but students may not have a lot of time to eat, and this should not be a priority for our staff. ONLY WATER is allowed backstage. No other drinks are acceptable.

Enjoy the show! Flash photography will not be allowed, and we expect you to be considerate of other audience members regarding any photos or videos you choose to take during the show. **After the show,** one adult will sign your dancer out!

Thank you for participating in recital! We are so excited for the show and hope you are too!