

Hello VDT Members:

**PLEASE PRINT THIS NEWSLETTER FOR REFERENCE:**

**Production Week Schedule:**

**Tuesday, December 3rd: Move in**

2:30-7pm Move into Fort Vancouver High School 2:30-7pm. We could use help loading from storage unit (12:30pm) and again when we get to school at 2:30 pm. Please let Mark Miller know if you can help 503-801-2647.

**\*All dressing rooms open 15 minutes before your child's arrival time. Please do not drop off dancers before dressing rooms open.**

**\*All dancers need to use the restroom before being dropped off in their dressing room.**

**\*All dancers MUST have hair and makeup done prior to being dropped off.**

**Wednesday, December 4th: Dress Rehearsal **Cast A** (Everyone attends!)**

**5:15 snow, snowflake, snow queen** arrive for warm up. After warm ups dancers must keep warm. Please be sure to bring a sweatshirt, sweats, warm socks/slippers, etc. This helps prevent injuries.

**5:45 Party Scene dancers arrive**

**6:30 Battle Scene dancers arrive**

**7:00 Flurries arrive**

**7:30 Act 2 only parts arrive**

**Thursday, December 5th: Dress Rehearsal **Cast B** (Everyone attends!)**

**5:00 snow, snowflake, snow queen** arrive for warm up. After warm ups dancers must keep warm. Please be sure to bring a sweatshirt, sweats, warm socks/slippers, etc. This helps prevent injuries.

**5:30 Party Scene dancers arrive**

**6:15 Battle Scene dancers arrive**

**6:45 Flurries arrive**

**7:15 Act 2 only parts arrive**

**Friday, December 6th: **Cast A****

**5:00: snow, snowflake, snow queen** arrive for warm up. After warm ups dancers must keep warm. Please be sure to bring a sweatshirt, sweats, warm socks/slippers, etc. This helps prevent injuries.

**6:00 All other dancers arrive. Flowers will have a warm up session upon arrival at 6pm.**

**Saturday, December 8th: Cast A**

**12:00:** snow, snowflake, snow queen arrive for warm up. After warm ups dancers must keep warm. Please be sure to bring a sweatshirt, sweats, warm socks/slippers, etc. This helps prevent injuries.

**1:00** All other dancers arrive. **Flowers will have a warm up session upon arrival at 1pm.**

**Saturday Cast Party** (follows after first show) in the Fort Vancouver High School Cafeteria. All dancers and their *working family members* are invited to relax and have pizza, salads and dessert.

**Saturday, December 7th: Evening Cast B**

**5:00:** snow, snowflake, snow queen arrive for warm up. After warm ups dancers must keep warm. Please be sure to bring a sweatshirt, sweats, warm socks/slippers, etc. This helps prevent injuries.

**6:00** All other dancers arrive. **Flowers will have a warm up session upon arrival at 6pm.**

**Sunday, December 8th: Matinee Cast B**

**12:00:** snow, snowflake, snow queen arrive for warm up. After warm ups dancers must keep warm. Please be sure to bring a sweatshirt, sweats, warm socks/slippers, etc. This helps prevent injuries.

**1:00** All other dancers arrive. **Flowers will have a warm up session upon arrival at 1pm.**

**“Nudies” modesty leotard:** All dancers must have flesh colored 'nudies' leotard to wear under their costume. Please try to find one that matches their skin tone best. Please have your dancer arrive in a nudie under cover up clothes and wear nudie entire time when we are at the theater. Nudies must be covered up unless dancer is in dressing rooms, thank you!

**Food and Water:** Bring snacks (**no nuts/peanuts**) and water to drink to dress rehearsals and shows. **Dancers can only drink water in costumes and in dressing rooms.** It is recommended that younger dancers have an extra nudie in case of accidents. All eating and drinking will be done in designated areas. This includes coffee and soft drinks for ALL ROOMS INCLUDING THE OLDER DANCERS AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS! DRINKS WILL BE THROWN AWAY IF WE SEE THEM IN A ROOM.

**Dance Bag:** All dancers should have the following items in their dance bag: an extra pair of pink no seam ballet tights, extra bobby pins, all hair and makeup supplies your dancer will need. Put dancer's names in their coats, bags, slippers, pointe shoes, etc.

*\*\*It's best to get tights from a ballet store so that there is not a line across the thigh. Bloch is a good brand to get. The tights sold at Target, Walmart etc. have a seam that runs across the thigh.*

## Makeup/Hair

Hair: All dancers must have hair secured in a ballet bun NO BANGS, PARTS or FLY AWAYS! Bun should be in the center back of the head, not seen from the front. Some groups will have bun in a different place than this. We will send an updated list by cast as to bun placement and special make-up if needed. *Placement of bun is crucial for consistency and fitting of hats and hair pieces.* Please use lots of stiff gel and hairspray. **HAIR NETS ARE MANDATORY** for all dancers and should be the color of the dancer's hair. The best place to find different colors of hair nets is Sally Beauty.

Makeup: Dramatic stage makeup is required for all dancers.

Foundation: Choose a color close to the dancer's skin tone.

Blush: Pink or Plum

Eyeshade: Neutral colors- taupe, brown - NO WHITE

Mascara/Eyeliners: Black- Please remember to use a fresh tube of mascara and don't share with others.

Lip Color: choose a color flattering to your dancer. Avoid red or orange colors.

Costume: needs to be put on 15 minutes before dancer goes on stage. This prevents the costume from being damaged and/or dirty.

Jewelry- diamond colored studs allowed, no other jewelry.

*No nail polish on fingernails. Cover tattoos with foundation.*

**Please remember each headpiece is individual to the dancer. Headpieces should be kept with the dancer in their costume bag.**

## Deodorant:

**ALL DANCERS MUST WEAR DEODORANT/ANTIPERSPIRANT (no matter their age).**

Costumes are not washed each night and can become quite stinky.

All older dancers need to make sure they have properly groomed their armpits, etc.

## Backstage:

The Fort Vancouver stage area is very small. It is imperative that the crew be able to concentrate so they can keep the dancers in the proper order, with the proper props and accessories.

**PLEASE DO NOT** go backstage if you are not working with the backstage crew or are not the parent assigned to a group. This request applies to parents as well as dancers. No personal photography by parents working backstage.

## Watching the show:

Because this is our product, we ask that people please do not expect to watch the show without purchasing a ticket. Everyone is invited to watch the dress rehearsal. If we give everyone the right to watch without a ticket, we will have to raise our dancer fees to cover the costs. Please help us with this by not entering the auditorium without a ticket. We will be very firm with this.

## While we are in the school:

Do not allow dancers or other children to play with anything in the classroom/dressing rooms.

**Group Parents, please stay with your group and keep them together at all times.** Please take little girls to the restroom as a group. Also please make sure all dancers are signed in and out on sheets in white binders.

Eat only in the designated eating area outside of the dressing rooms.

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE CLASSROOM/DRESSING ROOMS.

Do not allow dancers or other children to run wild in the halls.

Children should not be in the classroom/ dressing rooms without an adult present.

**Keep Little Fingers and Minds Occupied and Tummies Full:**

Parents, please send books, cards, games, or small toys for the dancers to play with while they are waiting. In past shows, some parents have brought crafty things for their groups to do; this is just a suggestion, not a requirement. Crayons and colored pencils are great! PLEASE NO MARKERS, they get on costumes and faces!

Also, we recommend packing a healthy snack and water (**NO NUTS**). Dress rehearsal and show nights are long and hungry tummies make them even harder.

**Parking at Fort Vancouver High School:**

**5700 E 18th Street, Vancouver Wa**

Park in the lot on the west side of the school nearest the tennis courts off of Stapleton Rd,

**DVD/Digital Downloads** will be available for purchase at dress rehearsals.

**Candid Photos** of performances will be taken and available for purchase after show weekend. There will be **NO PHOTOGRAPHY** allowed during performances.

**Volunteers (Front House and Backstage):**

Please refer to the production job sign ups for times when volunteers should arrive for each of the production jobs. It is important that volunteers be on time.

**Costumes:**

Dancers may not eat or drink while in costumes!

Apply lipstick just before going on stage.

All dancers must wear deoderant!

\*Please refer to previous emails if your dancer's costumes requires different shoes/tights/etc.

**Thank You:**

To everyone who has worked so hard on pre-production jobs: we appreciate your efforts and support!!

*Looking forward to having a great show!*

Thank you,  
VDT Board