



Dear Company members,

We can't believe it's already that time of year again and our first Christmas parade performance is only a few weeks away. We will be participating in the Oxford, Henderson & Warrenton Christmas parades. Details are listed below for each parade along with information about company parade outfits and company parade rehearsals.

Performance in both the Henderson parade and Oxford parade is mandatory.

Performance in the Warrenton parade is optional (but we hope everyone will join us there, as it is always a fun event!). If for some reason you miss one of the required parades, you must attend the optional parade in Warrenton.

Parade Dates, Times and Locations

Oxford Christmas Parade———Friday, December 6th

Line-up at 6:00p.m.—Parade begins at 7:00 p.m.

Parade route: Line up on Bell and Spring Street. Parade moves down Spring St., Williamsboro/Hillsborough and ends at the Public Works parking lot. **Please pick up your child in the Public Works parking lot when our group finishes marching... NOT after the parade ends.** Please do not pull performers out of the line up until we disband as this causes a hold up in the progress of the parade.

Henderson Christmas Parade———Saturday, December 7th

Line up at 2:00 p.m.——Parade begins at 3:00p.m.

Parade route: Line up on Dabney Drive Extension, enter from Raleigh Rd only Parade begins on Dabney Dr. Extension (in front of Carter National Bank & between Wal-Greens & CVS) enter from Raleigh Road only, parade turns right on Garnett St, continues down Garnett St. and **ends on Montgomery Street.** Parents please **pick up your child** on the corner of Garnett St and Montgomery St. immediately **when we finish marching...NOT** when the parade ends.

Warrenton Christmas Parade———Saturday, December 14th

Line up at 4:15 p.m.——Parade begins at 5:00 p.m.

Parade route: Begins at Miriam Boyd School on S. Main St. and ends at the old John Graham High School. We will disband when we finish performing. Students need to be picked up **when we finish performing NOT** when the parade ends.

Volunteers

As always, we welcome parents to walk along on the sides. If you will be walking along with us, we ask that you walk **BEHIND OUR GROUP** so that we don't block the audience's view of the dancers. We also need volunteers to carry the banner. This could be pre-teen or teenage siblings, adult parents or friends. If you know someone that would like to be a banner carrier, please let the Ballet Arts office know.



Company Parade Outfits

- *company jacket and pants
- *black Ballet Art t-shirt
- *WHITE sneakers/tennis shoes worn with white socks
- *Company bow
- *Light up gloves (see office if you need a pair)
- *Hair pulled up in ponytail with Company bow (females) around ponytail

Optional parade wear ***black** headband or **black** earmuffs

Please do not wear any accessories unless they are solid **black**

Props We will be using light up gloves again. These have already arrived and can be purchased/picked up in the office.

Layers Please layer under your outfits as it can get cold and windy. You may wear a coat (or bundle up in a blanket) while we line-up, but not once we begin to march.

Company Group Parade Rehearsal

We will have a mandatory company parade rehearsal on **Sunday, December 1st from 7:00-8:00p.m.** for all company members. This will be an outdoor rehearsal, so remember to dress warmly and wear sneakers. Outdoor rehearsal location is Henderson Toyota off of Ruin Creek Road.

In Studio Rehearsals

Company dancers need to attend 2 in-studio rehearsals and the outside rehearsal (Dec 1st). Dancers are also expected to rehearse on their own....a video and music will be posted in the Band group.

IN-STUDIO REHEARSAL OPTIONS

(please attend 2)

Saturday, November 16th 2:00-3:00p.m.

Sunday, November 17th 1:30-2:30p.m.

Sunday, November 24th 2:15-3:15

MANDATORY GROUP REHEARSAL

for all company members

Sunday, December 1st

7:00-8:00p.m.

at Henderson Toyota

Remember: practice, practice, practice.... Video & music will be posted in the Band group.

Please message Miss Alecia on Facebook if you have any questions regarding the parades. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the parades!

Miss Alecia and staff

**We are ordering more Ballet Arts printed hoodies (in scuba blue) for our non-company parade participants. They may be purchased by anyone (company dancers and parents too.) They are \$30 for child small through adult XL. Larger sizes are \$35. Deadline to order is Thursday, November 14th at 8:00p.m. Please see the office or message us on Facebook if you would like to purchase a hoodie.