Dear Ballet Arts students and parents,
We hope everyone is having a wonderful year so far! We are so excited to be participating in the Henderson, Oxford and Warrenton Christmas parades again this year. Information for each parade is listed below along with information about parade outfits and rehearsals.

PARADE DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS

Oxford Christmas Parade————**Friday, December 4th** Line-up at 6:00p.m. Parade begins at 7:00 p.m. Parade route: Line up on Spring Street. Parade moves down Spring St., onto Belle Street and Williamsboro down Hillsboro. It will turn right into Friendship Business Park and end at the Public Works Parking lot. **Please pick up your child at 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 holds up in the progress of the parade.

Henderson Christmas Parade———**Saturday, December 5th** Line up at 1:30 p.m. Parade begins at 2:30p.m. *NEW ROUTE—Parade route: Line up on Raleigh Rd (by Burger King). Parade will continue straight down Raleigh Road and turn right onto Garnett St. and **end on Rose Ave** just past Sunrise Biscuits. Parents please **pick up your child** immediately **when we finish marching…NOT when the parade ends**.

Warrenton Christmas Parade————**Saturday, December 12th** 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. **Please pick up students when we finish marching**.

PARADE WEAR

Parade Wear (Non-Company) We will be wearing **scuba blue Ballet Arts printed hoodies** (the same color/design as last year), black pants (any type you can move in, but please **no jeans**), black socks and black tennis shoes/sneakers/boots (no heels). Feel free to wear: a turtleneck, gloves, scarves, earmuffs, hats (as long as they are **BLACK**) as we want to look uniform in our appearance.

Layers Depending on the weather, you may want to add extra layers under your parade outfit for warmth, as it can get cold and windy. We highly recommend a black turtleneck along with thermal underwear under your outfit. You may wear a coat while we line-up (or bring a blanket to wrap up in), but these may not be worn or carried once we begin to march.

Parade Hoodies (NO LATE ORDERS)
If you wish to march in the parades, you will need to place an order and purchase a Ballet Arts hoodie (unless you already have your parade hoodie from a previous year). Hoodies are $30 (Youth S to Adult XL). (Adult 2XL-4X available for an additional charge.) **Hoodie orders are due by 8:00p.m. on Thursday, November 12th .**

Please see hoodie order form at the end of the letter.

PARADE REHEARSALS

We will be having **rehearsals**, for non-company **students ages 8 and up,** at the studio to learn the parade routine. All dance students who will be performing in the parade will **need to attend at least TWO parade rehearsals**.

*Preschool **students** and young dancers, **under the age of 8** (that will be walking in the parade—not performing the routine) **do not need to attend parade rehearsals**.

*Baton students will learn the parade routine during their regularly scheduled weekly baton class.

REHEARSALS for DANCERS performing in the Christmas Parades

Please attend at least 2 rehearsals. Rehearsals are at the studio

Sunday, November 8th 2:00-2:45p.m.
Sunday, November 15th 1:00-1:45p.m.
Saturday, November 21st 1:00-1:45p.m.
Sunday, November 29th 5:30-6:15p.m.

Volunteers

As always, we welcome parents to march along on the sides. Parents of preschoolers may walk along with their child and hold their hand, carry them, or pull them in a wagon. (All preschoolers **MUST BE** accompanied by an adult.) Parents of school-age students may walk along with us, but must walk BEHIND our group. For parents that are walking, we recommend wearing black pants, a black top or one of our blue studio hoodies, or a top that will coordinate with our sweatshirt color.

We also need 4 volunteers for each parade to carry the banners. This could be pre-teen/teenage siblings, adult parents or friends. If you would like to be a banner carrier, please let the Ballet Arts office know.

We should receive our line-up numbers for the parades prior to Thanksgiving break. As soon as we receive this information, we will post it at the studio and on the studio Facebook page. The local papers also usually list this information closer to the weekend of the parades.

Please call us at the studio (430-6443) or message us through 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

Parade Hoodie Order Information

All orders must be placed & paid for by 8:00p.m. on Thursday, November 12th. Hoodie orders can be paid in person in the office or call (252) 430-6443 during studio hours to pay via credit card.

Student Name_____

Class Day/Time_____

***Note—Hoodies are available for purchase even if you are not participating in the parades or for any family members that would like to have a one.*

***Hoodie Size**: circle your size selection*
Hoodies are $30 unless noted below

Youth Small
Youth Medium
Youth Large
Youth Extra Large
Adult Small
Adult Medium
Adult Large
Adult Extra Large
Adult 2XL (add $5)
Adult 3XL (add $5)
Adult 4XL (add $5)

*Total # of hoodies ordered*_____

*Total amount for hoodie(s)*_____