Company dancers and families,
We are participating in the Henderson, Oxford and Warrenton Christmas parades again this year. Company members are **required to participate in at least 2 Christmas parades**. Information for each parade is listed below along with information about rehearsals.

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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 dancer 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 dancer** 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 dancers when we finish marching**.

PARADE WEAR

Company warm up suit (jacket and pants)
Company t-shirt
white sneakers with white socks or no show socks
Company bow (hair in a ponytail)
Company earrings
If you would like to wear light up gloves you may do so.

Depending on the weather, you may want to add extra layers under your parade outfit for warmth, as it can get cold and windy. Feel free to wear: a turtleneck, gloves, scarves, earmuffs (as long as they are **BLACK**) as we want to look uniform in our appearance. 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 REHEARSALS

All company dancers need to attend **at least 1 in studio parade rehearsal and the outside parade rehearsal**. To make learning the choreography easier, we are using parts of the Homecoming parade routine (that we did not perform due to weather) and of course, our traditional Mariah Carey routine. If you are new to company or did not learn the Homecoming routine you may need to attend more than 1 in studio rehearsal. I have posted a parade practice video on the website (on the Company Parade Information page) and in the SportsYou group (under media in the Christmas parade folder). Please have your dancer practice at home.

In Studio Rehearsals for Company dancers

***Attend at least ONE** in studio rehearsal:*

Sunday, November 15th 1:45-2:30p.m.

Saturday, November 21st 1:45-2:30p.m.

Sunday, November 29th 4:45-5:30p.m.

REQUIRED Outdoor Rehearsal

at Toyota of Henderson:

Sunday, November 29th 7:00-8:15p.m.

Volunteers

As always, we welcome parents to march along on the sides. 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 studio colors.

We also need 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.

We look forward to seeing you at rehearsals and at the parades!

Miss Alecia