

Ballet Arts students and parents,

We hope that 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 about each parade are listed below along with information about parade outfits and rehearsals.

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 Spring Street. Parade moves down Belle St., Williamsboro St./Hillsborough St. It turns right into Friendship Business Park 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 3:00 p.m. 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./next to Sunrise Biscuits.** Parents please **pick up your child** 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. Please pick up students when we finish marching.

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).

Parade Hoodies

If you wish to march in the parades, you will need to purchase a Ballet Arts hoodie (unless you have one from last year).

Hoodies are \$30 (Youth S to Adult XL) & \$35 for Adult 2XL-4X.

All hoodies are first come first serve.

Please stop by the office to purchase and reserve a hoodie.



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.) Parade rehearsals will be held at the studio on the dates and times listed below:

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. Feel free to wear a turtle neck, gloves, scarves, earmuffs, hats (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.

 <p>Rehearsals for Christmas Parade <u>DANCE</u> routine Please attend at least 2 rehearsals</p>
Saturday, November 16th 3:00-3:45p.m.
Sunday, November 17th 2:30-3:15p.m.
Sunday, November 24th 1:30-2:15p.m.
Sunday, December 1st 5:45-6:30p.m.
<i>Baton students will rehearse during baton class.</i>

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, with a black top, or a top and/or scarf that will coordinate with our sweatshirt colors.

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 and the Ballet Arts staff