

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to be able to present *The Nutcracker (A Youth Musical)*, as our Fall 2010 production. This is a big production that will have a lasting impact on your student, and you will be amazed by what your child will learn in just one term. Because of the magnitude of this show, however, there will be some additional requirements of your family when compared with some of our other shows. Please take a minute to read the following before registering your child for our show. We look forward to working with your family for this wonderful production! Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We cannot fix problems we don't know about!

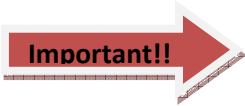
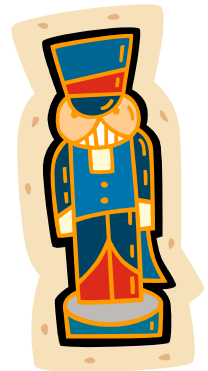


What Your Child Will Experience

- Every student will be cast in our performance, regardless of talent or prior experience.
- There are opportunities for speaking, singing, acting and dancing roles. While not every child may have speaking lines, each cast member is vital to the success of the show and will have the opportunity to sing, act and dance.
- Each child will have costumes, and most will have multiple costume changes.
- Each child will learn about the workings of the backstage area and how to enter and exit the stage.
- Each child will be a part of a performance that incorporates lighting, sound and makeup.

Rehearsal Commitment

- By registering for our show, you are committing to making sure your child is at each rehearsal.
- If there are dates that you know will conflict, please let us know by September 28th.
- Absences for illness are excused, but please let us know BEFORE rehearsal.
- Rehearsals will be on Tuesday Evenings at Brown Middle School.
 - **From September 21st – October 26th:**
 - Little Brats (1st – 3rd grades) will rehearse from 5:00-6:00
 - Big Brats (4th – 6th grades) will rehearse from 6:15-7:15
 - **Beginning November 2nd – December 7th:**
 - Rehearsals will be combined for both age groups.
 - *All ages will meet from 5:00-7:00 unless otherwise notified*
 - We will ask that all students bring a snack and water bottle to rehearsal
 - **We will have two dress rehearsals to be held at Liberty High School (pending approval)**
 - Tuesday, December 14th (5-7pm)
 - Friday, December 17th (5-7pm)
 - **We will have two performances on Saturday, December 18th (times TBA)**
 - Tickets will be available for purchase by November 11th
 - Prices are to be determined, and will be based solely on our cost to use the facility
 - Families may be able to obtain comp tickets by helping backstage in one performance



Financial Commitment

- The total cost for the term is \$135.00 per child*
- A \$20.00 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot. This is applied toward the balance on your account. We do not charge registration or costume fees.
- Tuition is payable in 3 installments of \$45.00. Due Dates are:
 - Tuesday, September 21st
 - Tuesday, November 2nd
 - Tuesday, December 7th
- Tuition payments that are over 7 days late will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee
- Receive a \$15.00 discount when you pay in full by the first day of class (Sept 21st)
- Receive a \$30.00 discount on each additional sibling you enroll in the same term
- Discounts cannot be combined. We will apply whatever discount is greater for your family



Costume Requirements

- In general, we provide most all of the costuming and make up
- We do have some requirements that families will be asked to provide for this particular show, most of which will provide the backdrop over which we will put additional costuming:

○ GIRLS

- Holiday Dress. Should have sleeves (long or short...not sleeveless or spaghetti straps). Should be Red, Green or Black & White. May be borrowed, or purchased inexpensively at Walmart, Goodwill or other discount stores.
- White Tights. Should be plain and fairly opaque with no designs.
- Black Shoes. Black flats, black jazz shoes or black ballet shoes are acceptable. Please no heels, or tennis shoes. May be borrowed, or purchased inexpensively at Walmart, Goodwill or other discount stores.
- Black Leotard. Should be tank-top style.

○ BOYS

- White Dress Shirt. Should be long sleeved and button-down with collar. May be borrowed, or purchased inexpensively at Walmart, Goodwill or other discount stores.
 - Black Slacks. No jeans please.
 - Black Shoes. Should be dress shoes, but plain dark tennis shoes may be acceptable.
 - Dark Socks.
 - Black Long-Sleeved Shirt. Shirts with writing may be turned inside out.
- Please label all clothing with child's name on inside of costume with masking tape. All costume pieces should be obtained and brought to rehearsals beginning November 16th.
 - WE DO NOT WISH THIS TO BE A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON YOUR FAMILY! With a little searching or borrowing all costume pieces should be easily attained for a small price or even free. Please speak with us as soon as possible if you have any problems attaining these costume requirements.

