

Metro Dance Center

February 2018 Senior Competition Update

Listed below you will find the pertinent information for the upcoming month. Please give us a call or e-mail us if you have any questions.

Choreography Run Through

We are planning on holding a choreography rehearsal for the Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, and Twilights in addition to technique on Saturday, February 3. These rehearsals give the dancers the opportunity to dance in the larger space. Dancers should wear all black and should bring all competition shoes with them (competition pirouettes will not be handed out at this time, they will be handed out at dress rehearsal). This rehearsal is for the students and instructors only. Parents are not able to watch. All groups will have class from 9:00 am-1:30 pm as usual with a 30 minute lunch break at some.

Dress Rehearsals

The dress rehearsal for the Sweet Dreams, Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, and Sparks will take place on Friday, February 9th. The schedule is listed below.

- *Sweet Dreams/Dreams/Crystals*: 4:15-6:30 pm
- *Diamonds/Twilights/Sparks*: 6:30-8:15 pm

Costumes

Dancers will have received most, if not all, of their costumes by the dress rehearsal. Dancers must wear all costumes, tights, shoes, and accessories for each dance. (Note: Dancers don't have to wear new tights, but you must wear tights of the correct style and color, and must show us the new tights if your tights aren't in good condition.) We will address any issues about how to wear the costumes and any special instructions the day of the rehearsal. After the rehearsal, we will e-mail out an informational sheet for each group outlining the specific jewelry, accessories, tights and any special instructions for each costume.

Please remember, if costumes or costume pieces are stained, ripped, lost or damaged in any way they will be replaced/fixed (only if reasonably possible) at your cost.

Hair/Makeup

Hair and makeup will be the same as last year. Dancers in the Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights and Sparks will wear their hair in a middle part, low ponytail. As always, hair must be WELL SLICKED back with NO WISPIES!!! Dancers do not need to wear makeup the day of dress rehearsal. They should wear their hair in a middle part low pony but it doesn't need to be slicked.

Tights

If you pre-ordered tights they are available to be picked up at the front desk. If you did not pre-order tights but still need them, we do have some additional ones for sale. Ask the front desk staff for help finding the correct tights.

Jewelry

Jewelry will be available to be picked up at the studio during the dress rehearsal. If you are unsure about whether or not you have the jewelry you need, please bring everything you have and we will help you figure it out that day. Jewelry often remains the same from year to year so make sure you keep track of it and keep it in good shape. Since many dancers do not need new jewelry each year, the cost of the jewelry is not included in the monthly billing and will be billed to your account at the end of the year.

Eyelashes

In addition to the make-up, dancers wear fake eyelashes as well. Below is a list of which eyelashes each group should wear. For your convenience, eyelashes are available for purchase at the studio for \$4.00 per pair. We also have eyelash glue for \$4.00 per tube.

Sweet Dreams, Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds-Ardell 111 or equivalent

Twilights, Sparks, Twinkling Stars-Ardell 105 or equivalent

Ensemble Showing

We are going to hold an ensemble showing at Metro Dance Center on Sunday, February 18th at 4:00 pm. This provides an opportunity for students to practice and perform their ensembles in front of an audience before the first competition. All ensemble students are welcome to attend and to perform their dances. You are encouraged to rehearse in costume if you have it. Parents are also welcome to attend. Please e-mail us at metrodancecenter@gmail.com if your dancer would like to perform and also let your instructor know.

Ensemble Competition Entry Fee Charges

The ensemble charges for League of Champions and Bravo competitions are included on this month's bill. All students participating in an ensemble should see a charge on their account. (If you do not, please contact Danielle ASAP because otherwise you will not be entered in the competition.) If your dancer is not planning on performing his/her ensemble at either competition, you must let Danielle know by February 10th. ***If we do not hear otherwise, your dancer will be entered in the competition and you will not receive a refund of the fees if you decide not to have your dancer perform.***

Reminders:

- **Make-up Information:** If you did not order yet but need to, we are still accepting orders. Orders received by February 3rd will receive a 10% discount.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- *Friday, February 9:* Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks Dress Rehearsal
- *February 23-25:* League of Champions (Burnsville Ames Center)-Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks-No classes at the studio on Saturday
- *Saturday, March 3:* Twinkling Stars Dress Rehearsal
- *March 23-25:* Bravo Competition (Chanhassen High School)-Dreams, Crystals, Diamonds, Twilights, Sparks, Twinkling Stars-No classes at the studio on Saturday
- *March 28-April 1:* Easter Week – Studio Closed