



Dance Recital Survival Guide

Parents & Dancers:

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PACKET! I know this is new to many of us, but I promise many of your questions are answered within the next couple of pages. Please try to ask your questions to Office Manager Melissa at admin@sullivan5678.com or at the front desk if possible.

When & where is the recital?

Saturday, May 14th at 5:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Auditorium in Mt. Zion, IL

Sunday, May 15th 12:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Auditorium in Mt. Zion, IL

Sunday, May 15th 4:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Auditorium in Mt. Zion, IL

Which recital show(s) is my dancer performing in?

Please see below to see which show your dancer is in. Make sure to share this information with your friends/family as well. As always, you can look up what class your dancer is enrolled in through your parent portal account. If you have questions, please reach out to Office Manager Melissa to help you.

Show #1 Saturday, May 14th @ 5:30 PM

Acro 1/2, Ballet/Tap/Jazz Combo 1

Acro 2/3, Ballet 2/3, Hip Hop 2/3, Jazz 2/3, Tap 2/3

Acro 3/4, Acro 5/6, Acro 6/7, Acro 8+

Ballet 4, Hip Hop 4, Jazz 4, Lyrical 4, Musical Theatre 4, Tap 4, Contemporary 4/5

Ballet 5, Hip Hop 5, Jazz 5, Lyrical 5, Musical Theatre 5, Tap 5, Pointe, Senior Solos,

Teen Acro, Teen Ballet/Lyrical, Teen Hip Hop, Teen Tap

Finale Number

Show #2 Sunday, May 15th @ 12:30 PM

Ballet/Lyrical 1/2

Elementary Acro, Elementary Ballet, Elementary Cheer, Elementary Hip Hop (Wed.), Elementary Hip Hop (Thur.), Elementary Jazz, Elementary Pom. Elementary Tap

Acro 2/3, Ballet 2/3, Hip Hop 2/3, Jazz 2/3, Tap 2/3

Acro 3/4, Acro 5/6, Acro 6/7, Acro 8+

Ballet 4, Hip Hop 4, Jazz 4, Lyrical 4, Musical Theatre 4, Tap 4, Contemporary 4/5

Ballet 5, Hip Hop 5, Jazz 5, Lyrical 5, Musical Theatre 5, Tap 5, Pointe

Finale Number

Show #3 Sunday, May 15th @ 4:30 PM

Itty Bitty Ballet, Itty Bitty Acro/Ballet

Preschool Acro/Jazz, Preschool Ballet/Tap Combo, Preschool Hip Hop

Beginning Acro/Jazz, Beginning Ballet/Tap Combo, Beginning Hip Hop

Finale Number

*Please note this is NOT the show order but listed alphabetically by levels, we will distribute a personalized Student Acts recital order for you closer to recital.

The next section of this packet will go through important dates & information leading up to the recital

Costume Week- April 25-28th

The last week of April, we will pass out costumes to parents at dance classes. We encourage parents to come to the last 20 minutes of your dancer's class. They will be trying on costumes, performing a sneak preview of the routine for you. This is the perfect opportunity to take a video for your dancer to practice with. YOU MUST HAVE PAID ALL TUITION, LATE FEES, RECITAL FEE, AND COSTUME BALANCES TO RECEIVE YOUR COSTUMES. NO EXCEPTIONS!

- **FAQ #1: Where can I find specific information for my dancer's costume?**
 - During costume week, you will receive a printout of all your tights and accessories if applicable.
- **FAQ #2: Will I receive tights?**
 - You will receive tights with your costume IF your child's class is wearing them. The cost was already included in your costume balance if needed.
 - If you would like to exchange your tights for another size, please do NOT open them.
- **FAQ #3: Will I receive a hair accessory or additional costume pieces/props?**
 - You may receive additional accessories IF your child's class has any. Some we also provide the day of the recital backstage.
- **FAQ #4: Will I receive shoes?**
 - No, these are your responsibility to provide. Please see the front desk to get them ordered ASAP if you do not have the proper style/color.
- **FAQ #5: What other costume items does my dancer need?**
 - Depending on their age you may need a dance bra / straps.
- **FAQ #6: How do I care for the costume?**
 - Take it out of the bag and let it hang in a safe place.
 - Tutus can be hung upside down from the crotch to get "fluffier".
 - Those with satin like material may need to use a steamer on their costume.
 - DO NOT WASH THEM IN THE WASHING MACHINE!
 - Do NOT let your child eat or drink anything except water in their costume.
- **FAQ #7: How should I transport my costumes?**
 - We recommend purchasing garment bags if your child is in multiple routines.



Garment
Bags
=
\$18 each



Tickets Go On Sale – April 29th at 9:00 a.m.

There are 3 ways to purchase tickets - Ticket sales begin Friday, April 29th @ 9 a.m.

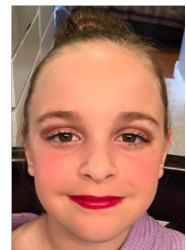
1. **Online** - You can purchase 4/29 @ 9:00 a.m. - 5/6 @ 9:00 p.m.
 - <https://www.sullivan5678.com/recital> & look for the buy tickets link
2. **By Phone** - You can purchase 4/29 @ 9:00 a.m. - 5/6 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - 1-855-222-2849
 - Sunday 11AM-7PM, Monday – Friday 8AM-7PM, and Saturday 8AM-7PM
3. **At the show** - There will be **LIMITED** tickets available for sale the day of the show
 - Cash and debit/credit cards accepted

More seating/ticketing details

- **FAQ #1: Is it assigned seating?**
 - Yes! The sooner you purchase your ticket, the closer seats you will get.
- **FAQ #2: How much are tickets?**
 - \$15 each
- **FAQ #3: Who needs a ticket?**
 - You must buy tickets for EACH show you wish to attend.
 - Dancers in the show do NOT need a ticket, they will be backstage.
 - Children 3 & under sitting on laps do NOT need a ticket.
- **FAQ #4: Do I have to watch each show?**
 - No this is not required. However, often at least 1 parent stays for each show their dancer is performing in.
- **FAQ #5: Can I purchase tickets the day of the show?**
 - Yes, at the venue with cash or card
- **FAQ #6: Will programs be passed out when entering the recital?**
 - No, 2 souvenir programs were included with your recital fee and will be given to you as you check in your dancer. Additional programs may be purchased for \$5 each.

Hair, Make-up, Jewelry, Tips & Tricks

- **FAQ #1: How should my dancer wear their hair?**
 - All girls should wear their hair in a high sock bun.
 - We recommend using bun builders to help!
 - All boys should be clean cut and use hairspray to secure their hair.
- **FAQ #2: Should my dancer wear make-up?**
 - Yes, all girls should AT LEAST wear blush and red lipstick.
 - Older girls, or brave moms, may add mascara, eyeliner, foundation, eyeshadow, and fake eyelashes.
 - Please do not use crazy bright colored eye shadow.
 - Use browns, creams, tans, white, black to create a stage smokey eye as pictured.
- **FAQ #3: Can my dancer wear jewelry?**
 - Only dance earrings allowed. No bracelets, rings, or necklaces please.



We do sell dance earrings for \$15 and bun builders for \$7 in the lobby for if interested.



Friday, May 13th & Saturday, May 14th Rehearsals @ Mt. Zion Auditorium



Pictures & Dress

- Attendance to dress rehearsal is dance recital.
- Make sure your children are **ON time** for anyone.
- Students should be dressed in full costume/tights/accessories and have hair and make-up exactly as they will for the recital.
- Each class will have pictures taken by J-wag studio. Pictures will go quickly please have your form filled out before your dancer's picture time begins and pose ideas picked out. Order form is attached and will also be available on site.
- You may take videos and non-flash photography during dress rehearsal.
- Please be careful not to distract your dancer. Remain quiet in the audience. Each dancer should only have ONE parent present at dress rehearsal.
- The schedule is listed below. Each routine will have one time, either Friday OR Saturday.

MANDATORY to participate in the
and ready to go. We will not wait

Friday, May 13th

Class	Instructor	Arrive	Pictures	On Stage	End
Tap 2/3	Miss Liz	5:00	5:15	5:30	5:40
Grace Solo	Miss Melissa	5:10	5:25	5:40	5:50
Combo 1 – Ballet	Miss Liz	5:20	5:35	5:50	6:00
Teen Tap	Miss Grace	5:30	5:45	6:00	6:10
Jazz 2/3	Miss Maddie	5:40	5:55	6:10	6:20
Combo 1 – Tap	Miss Liz	5:50	6:05	6:20	6:30
Teen Ballet/Lyrical	Miss Grace	6:00	6:15	6:30	6:40
Ballet 2/3	Miss Sydney	6:10	6:25	6:40	6:50
Pointe	Miss Casey	6:20	6:35	6:50	7:00
Combo 1 – Jazz	Miss Liz	6:30	6:45	7:00	7:10
Acro 2/3	Miss Melissa	6:40	6:55	7:10	7:20
Teen Acro	Miss Grace	6:50	7:05	7:20	7:30
Acro 1/2	Miss Grace	7:00	7:15	7:30	7:40
Hip Hop 2/3	Miss Abby	7:10	7:25	7:40	7:50
Elizabeth T. Solo	Miss Casey	7:20	7:35	7:50	8:00
Teen Hip Hop	Miss Danielle	7:30	7:45	8:00	8:10
Tap 5	Miss Melissa	7:40	7:55	8:10	8:20

Saturday, May 14th

Class	Instructor	Arrive	Pictures	On Stage	End
Acro 8+	Miss Melissa	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:10
Elementary Tap	Miss Maddie	8:40	8:55	9:10	9:20
Itty Bitty Ballet	Miss Grace	8:50	9:05	9:20	9:30
Itty Bitty Acro/Ballet	Miss Melissa/Liz	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:40

Preschool Combo - Ballet	Miss Liz	9:10	9:25	9:40	9:50
Elementary Pom	Miss Maddie	9:20	9:35	9:50	10:00
Jazz 4	Miss Melissa	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:00
Jazz 5	Miss Melissa	9:40	9:55	10:10	10:20
Preschool Combo - Tap	Miss Liz	9:50	10:05	10:20	10:30
Elementary Ballet	Miss Maddie	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:40
Ballet 4	Miss Sydney	10:10	10:25	10:40	10:50
Ballet 5	Miss Casey	10:20	10:35	10:50	11:00
5-minute break – Acro mats out					
Preschool Acro/Jazz	Miss Grace	10:35	10:50	11:05	11:15
Acro 3/4	Miss Grace	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:25
Beginning Acro/Jazz	Miss Melissa	10:55	11:10	11:25	11:35
Acro 5/6	Miss Grace	11:05	11:20	11:35	11:45
Acro 6/7	Miss Grace	11:15	11:30	11:45	11:55
Elementary Acro	Miss Melissa	11:25	11:40	11:55	12:05
5-minute break – mats put away					
Preschool Hip Hop	Miss Abby	11:40	11:55	12:10	12:20
Beginning Hip Hop	Miss Abby	11:50	12:05	12:20	12:30
Elementary Hip Hop THUR	Miss Maddie	12:00	12:15	12:30	12:40
Hip Hop 4	Miss Danielle	12:10	12:25	12:40	12:50
Musical Theatre 5	Miss Melissa	12:20	12:35	12:50	1:00
Elementary Cheer	Miss Abby	12:30	12:45	1:00	1:10
Tap 4	Miss Grace	12:40	12:55	1:10	1:20
Beginning Combo - Ballet	Miss Maddie	12:50	1:05	1:20	1:30
Lyrical 5	Miss Melissa	1:00	1:15	1:30	1:40
Elementary Hip Hop WED	Miss Ashlee	1:10	1:25	1:40	1:50
Musical Theatre 4	Miss Grace	1:20	1:35	1:50	2:00
Beginning Combo - Tap	Miss Maddie	1:30	1:45	2:00	2:10
Hip Hop 5	Miss Maddie	1:40	1:55	2:10	2:20
Elementary Jazz	Miss Ashlee	1:50	2:05	2:20	2:30
Contemporary 4/5	Miss Sydney	2:00	2:15	2:30	2:40
Ballet/Lyrical 1/2	Miss Grace	2:10	2:25	2:40	2:50
Lyrical 4	Miss Sydney	2:20	2:35	2:50	3:00
5-minute break					
Finale	Miss Melissa	2:35	2:50	3:05	3:30

Saturday, May 14th 5:30 pm Recital Show #1 @ Mt. Zion Auditorium

- **FAQ #1: What time should my dancer arrive?**
 - 30 minutes before show time – 5:00 p.m.
- **FAQ #2: Where should my dancer go?**
 - There will be BACKSTAGE signs and staff at a check-in table at the door in the lower part of the lobby. This is also when you will receive your 2 souvenir programs.
- **FAQ #3: Should my dancer be in their costume?**
 - Yes, please have them completely ready to go when you drop them off.

- **FAQ #4: How long will the show last?**
 - Approximately 2.5 hours.
- **FAQ #5: When can I go to my seat?**
 - The seating will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the show.
- **FAQ #6: Where will my child be during the show?**
 - Dancers with multiple costume changes will be backstage assisted by staff and volunteers.
 - Dancers with few or no costume changes will be watching the show in the balcony supervised by staff and volunteers.
- **FAQ #7: Can I go backstage with my dancer?**
 - No, only dancers are allowed backstage.
- **FAQ #8: Can I see my dancer during intermission?**
 - No
- **FAQ #9: Can I leave after my dancer's number?**
 - Please refrain from leaving in the middle of the show. It is polite to stay the entire performance to watch the dancers' hard work! They don't want to see empty seats 😞 You will miss awards & bows.
- **FAQ #10: Where & when do I pick up my dancer?**
 - Dancers 9+ will be instructed to meet their families in the lobby
 - Dancers under 9 may have **ONE same-sex** parent go backstage after the recital to help their dancer.

Sunday, May 15th 12:30 pm Recital Show #2 @ Mt. Zion Auditorium

- **FAQ #1: What time should my dancer arrive?**
 - 30 minutes before show time – 12:00 pm

Please also read FAQ #2-10 listed above for the Saturday show.

Sunday, May 15th 4:30 pm Recital Show #3 @ Mt. Zion Auditorium

- **FAQ #1: What time should my dancer arrive?**
 - 20 minutes before show time – 4:10 pm
- **FAQ #2: Where should my dancer go?**
 - There will be BACKSTAGE signs and staff at a check-in table at the door in the lower part of the lobby. This is also when you will receive your 2 souvenir programs.
- **FAQ #3: Should my dancer be in their costume?**
 - Yes, please have the completely ready to go when you drop them off.
- **FAQ #4: How long will the show last?**
 - Approximately 1 hour 15 minutes. There will not be an intermission.
- **FAQ #5: When can I go to my seat?**
 - The seating will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the show.
- **FAQ #6: Where will my child be during the show?**
 - Dancers will be backstage assisted by staff and volunteers.
- **FAQ #7: Can I go backstage with my dancer?**
 - No, only dancers are allowed backstage.
- **FAQ #8: Can I leave after my dancer's number?**
 - Please refrain from leaving in the middle of the show. It is polite to stay the entire performance to watch the dancers' hard work! They don't want to see empty seats 😞 You will miss awards & bows.
- **FAQ #9: Where & when do I pick up my dancer?**

- Dancers must have one parent pick them up the check-in table after the show.

Help! I am overwhelmed 😊

Thank you for making it this far and reading the entire packet. You will survive the craziness of recital and your dancer will make some of their favorite memories during it. Here are some resources:

- **Website - <https://www.sullivan5678.com/recital>**
- **CALL us – 217-728-9111**
- **TEXT us – 217-909-9111**
- **Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/Sullivan5678>**
- **Facebook Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Sullivan5678Family>**
- **Email our Office Manager – admin@sullivan5678.com**
- **COME IN & SEE US**
 - Mondays 2:30-8:30 p.m.
 - Tuesdays 2:30-8:30 p.m.
 - Wednesdays 2:30-8:30 p.m.
 - Thursdays 2:30-9:00 p.m.

We will be using our texting number 217-909-9111 to send out helpful recital tips throughout the next few weeks. You can respond to those with questions you might have!

THANK YOU for trusting and choosing Sullivan Dance Studio for your dancer's experience. 😊

- Miss Melissa