

# Parent Information

## Nutcracker 2009

1. All dancers participating in the Nutcracker must be taking at least one ballet class at the dance school of their choice. Any dancer cast in a part that is performed on pointe must also be taking a pointe class.
2. All dancers are required to sell 12 tickets to the public performances.
3. Dancers are to pay a costume rental fee of \$45.00 made payable to Ballet Theater of Lancaster (BTL) by Saturday, September 12, 2009 (no additional fee is required if cast in multiple parts).
4. Performances will be December 4 & 5. Dress rehearsal will be Thursday, December 3, 2009. Dancers will receive a letter from Ballet Theater of Lancaster to excuse dancers from school on December 4, 2009 for the morning school performance.
5. Dancers are required to attend weekly Nutcracker rehearsals, dress rehearsal and all performances for which they are scheduled to appear. If a dancer is ill and unable to attend a Saturday rehearsal, please call me. There will be **mandatory rehearsals November 7, 14 and 21**. Dancers will need to be at these rehearsals from 1:45 to 5:30. Please be on time and ready to dance. You will need to eat lunch before you come and bring a water bottle.
6. Because Universal Athletic Club is a business and space is limited, we ask that parents don't wait for their dancer in Universal Athletic Club. We will have adults here to watch over your child and if any problems arise we will call you. No child will be allowed to leave without their parent coming in to get them. Universal Athletic Club asks that **we do not park in front of the building for any reason**.
7. **No parents, friends or relatives are allowed in the rehearsal studio before, during, or after rehearsals.**
8. Please check your emails weekly for reminders and updates. Also, visit our website, [www.ballettheateroflancaster.org](http://www.ballettheateroflancaster.org), to download forms.
9. **Performance Saturday , December 5:** Since there are two public performances on this date and there is not enough time for dancers to leave between performances, BTL requires all dancers to stay at Lancaster Mennonite Fine Arts Center between performances. BTL will order pizza for the dancers. If you are a parent scheduled to help between shows we ask that you pack yourself food. If you are not on the volunteer list, you will not be allowed backstage.

10. **The Black Curtain:** This refers to an actual curtain placed across the hallway next to the auditorium at Lancaster Mennonite. It divides the backstage area from the public/audience areas during performances. BTL uses the curtain as a security barrier, so that no unauthorized adults gain access to the area where your children are waiting to perform. Only **adults who are assigned to dressing rooms and backstage areas are allowed backstage before, during and after performances.**
  
11. Every dancer needs to bring in a wrapped present. The present should be about the size of a shoe box and wrapped in pretty paper with a nice big bow. We would like different sizes and shapes. We use them for props on the stage so we would like them big enough to see from the audience, but not too big that the dancers can't pick them up easily. Party girls need to bring a box wrapped that their doll will fit in. Make sure the lid is wrapped separately, so the dancer can take the lid off. Bring to each rehearsal starting October 17, 2009.

If you have any question, please contact me at (717)394-6018 or [crookfamily1@verizon.net](mailto:crookfamily1@verizon.net)

Thank you!  
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