**Ballet 6A Nutcracker Check List/Schedule**

**Costume Notes**

**6A Party Girls**

You will need a pair of pink seamed mesh Capezio tights (sold in the boutique) and pink ballet shoes. Hair will need to be rolled in sponge rollers each night and worn up until the performance. If you need info on how to do the hair, please reach out to Tara at tara@newalbanyballet.com.

A note on hair: Before you roll the hair pull the sides back into a pony tail. Roll the pony tail separate from the rest of the hair. After you unroll the hair you need to spray the sides that were pulled back with hair spray so no wispies are sticking out.

Party girls also need false eyelashes. Please purchase a few pairs early and practice! Heavy stage make-up will be required.

**6A Party Boys**

Party Boys will wear wigs. They will also need a wig cap to wear under the wig. Wig caps need to be purchased by each dancer. They are sold at local wig shops, on line, or at Sally’s Beauty Supply on Morse Road. Party Boys need to wear a black leotard under their costume, white tights (not sheer) and black ballet shoes. You will need your own tights and ballet shoes. We do have some used black shoes for sale in the boutique for $5.

Wigs- this year a volunteer will be in charge of all wigs. She will be keeping them with her (they won’t be in the dressing room) and she will be putting them on each dancer before the show and taking them off after the show. For your part, please do their hair as follows:

Do not put it in a regular bun. Either put their hair in French braids or in tiny buns all over their head. They will also need a wig cap covering it. Please make sure this is done at home before you arrive at the theatre.

**Candy Canes**

Wear a white camisole leotard under cc costume with pink seamed Capezio tights. Hair slicked back in a high bun with bow bobby pinned on top of the bun.

We have hired “Cast Coordinators” to be with the dancers in the dressing rooms. This will be the same people for each show and rehearsal. They will help with any make up, costume or hair issues that come up and they will be in charge of when the girls are to come upstairs to the stage. Parents are not permitted in the dressing rooms at all this year during rehearsals or shows. (no exceptions)

**Parents will not be going into the backstage area at all this year. All drop off and pick-ups will be different this year. You will bring them to the outside double doors on the left side of the building and drop them off there. You will not come into the building that way if you have tickets. You will go around to main doors at the front of the theatre. This is due to new McCoy regulations and rules.**

Each child will be given a disposable mask upon check in. This will be worn at all times until they get backstage prior to performing. The masks will be removed and thrown away right before they take the stage. Then as soon as the dancers come off the stage, they will be given a new disposable mask to wear until pick up. We will also have plenty of extra masks if a child should need one. Please do not send any food with your dancer. Food (or Starbucks drinks etc.) are not permitted at all due to new covid restrictions. We only have one day with multiple shows and you will pick them up in between shows so they will have time to eat at home. They can bring a water bottle.

**Dress Rehearsal Day at the Jeanne B. McCoy Center for the Arts**

**White Cast Wednesday January 6th:**

* Drop your dancer off at the outside double doors after their warm up class at NABC.
* Do not be late please or they will miss spacing which starts at 4:45pm. We are on a super tight schedule this year in order to keep the dancers distanced. The schedule also is designed for different drop off times to avoid large crowds.
* Parents will not be permitted to wait in the theatre or the lobby this year. You will need to leave and come back at 8:15pm to pick them up. Pick up will also be at the double doors so do not come too early so you’re not stuck out in the cold! Only one parent can come in to pick up a dancer.

**Green Dress Rehearsal: Thursday January 7th:**

* Drop your dancer off at the outside double doors after their warm up class at NABC.
* Do not be late please or they will miss spacing which starts at 4:45pm. We are on a super tight schedule this year in order to keep the dancers distanced. The schedule also is designed for different drop off times to avoid large crowds.
* Parents will not be permitted to wait in the theatre or the lobby this year. You will need to leave and come back at 8:15pm to pick them up. Pick up will also be at the double doors so do not come too early so you’re not stuck out in the cold! Only one parent can come in to pick up a dancer.

**Performance Days (arrive directly after you warm up class at NABC-same double doors you used at dress rehearsal)**

White Cast: Saturday January 9th, 7pm & Sunday January 10th, 1pm

Green Cast: Friday January 8th, 7pm, Saturday January 9th, 2pm, & Sunday January 10th, 5pm

After the show is over, parents can pick up your dancers at the same double doors. Please pick them up 2 hours after the show starts. Please only send one parent.