**Nutcracker Check Sheet for**

**Baby Sugar Plums**

**Extra Rehearsals:**

**There will be no Friday night rehearsals held Friday, November 17th onward. Our LAST Friday night rehearsal will be held Friday, November 10th.**

**Mandatory Extra Baby Sugar Plum rehearsals:**

Monday, November 27th 4:30-5:15pm in Studio A with all the Angels and Little Princess with Miss Tara

Monday, December 4th: 4:30-5:15pm in Studio A with all the Angels and Little Princess with Miss Tara

**These two Monday rehearsals are very important and BOTH need to be attended. It is the only time the Baby Sugar Plums will rehearse with all the Angels and it will be quite an experience for them!! These rehearsals were posted back in September on the master rehearsal schedule.**

**Notes for Dress rehearsal and Performances**

**All Hair and Makeup instructions listed below are for both the performances and the dress rehearsals.**

**Dress Rehearsal Day**

The Baby Sugar Plums will have a Cast Coordinator who is in charge of them at all times backstage. It will be the same person for all rehearsals and shows. Ellen will also be backstage the entire time as well. Parents will not be going into the Big Brown Room. All drop off and pick-ups will be outside the room at a check in table with Ellen.

The Cast Coordinator will put on their costumes & headpieces right before they go on stage. Dancers need to arrive with their hair in a bun, pink prima soft tights, pink ballet shoes, and nude/white/pink camisole leotard on. Each dancer needs to have a plastic bag labeled with her name on it. Please have bobby pins, & lipstick (we recommend Revlon Wine with Everything) in the bag. We recommend they wear lipstick, blush and light eye make-up if you can! We use professional lighting so they will look washed out if they do not have any make up on. Please do your child’s eye makeup, blush and lipstick at home just like we do for the recital. The Cast Coordinator will be touching up those that need more.

We know dress rehearsal is a good time for you to get photos so we have made that possible for you! You can take them when your dancer is on stage and for ten minutes when they are done dancing. The Cast Coordinator will bring them to the lobby (area by main theatre doors) for ten minutes right after they are done dancing at the rehearsal.

When the ten minutes is up, she will take them all back to the Big Brown Room, change them out of their costumes and bring them back to you in the lobby. Please wait for your dancer there and do not follow them to the Big Brown Room area. We will be in the middle of a rehearsal and will need that whole area clear.

Here is a time line for how the rehearsal day will go:

**White Cast Baby Sugar Plums, Saturday, December 2nd:**

* Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 9:30am sharp.
* You can wait in the theatre after drop off. Your dancer will stay backstage with their cast coordinator the entire time until after they have danced.
* Spacing on stage will begin at 10am. (when they just walk through without music)
* Dancers will return to Big Brown Room with Cast Coordinator and you can continue to wait in the theatre.
* We will begin running the rehearsal at 10:45am.
* Meet cast coordinator in lobby for candid pictures (10 minutes) as soon as they are finished on stage.
* Wait in lobby (not Big Brown Room area) while backstage coordinator changes them out of costume and she will bring them back to you as soon as they are all done.
* You are free to leave or you can go back in the theatre and watch the rest of the rehearsal with your Baby Sugar Plum.

**Green Cast Baby Sugar Plums: Saturday, December 2nd:**

* Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 11:45am sharp.
* You can wait in the theatre after drop off. Your dancer will stay backstage with their cast coordinator the entire time until after they have danced.
* Spacing on stage will begin at 12:15pm. (when they just walk through without music)
* Dancers will return to Big Brown Room with Cast Coordinator and you can continue to wait in the theatre.
* We will begin running the rehearsal at 1:00pm.
* Meet cast coordinator in lobby for candid pictures (10 minutes) as soon as they are finished on stage.
* Wait in lobby (not Big Brown Room area) while backstage coordinator changes them out of costume and she will bring them back to you as soon as they are all done.
* You are free to leave or you can go back in the theatre and watch the rest of the rehearsal with your Baby Sugar Plum.

**Red Cast Baby Sugar Plums: Saturday, December 2nd:**

* Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 1:45pm sharp.
* You can wait in the theatre after drop off. Your dancer will stay backstage with their cast coordinator the entire time until after they have danced.
* Spacing on stage will begin at 2:00pm. (when they just walk through without music)
* Dancers will return to Big Brown Room with Cast Coordinator and you can continue to wait in the theatre.
* We will begin running the rehearsal at 2:45pm.
* Meet cast coordinator in lobby for candid pictures (10 minutes) as soon as they are finished on stage.
* Wait in lobby (not Big Brown Room area) while backstage coordinator changes them out of costume and she will bring them back to you as soon as they are all done.
* You are free to leave or you can go back in the theatre and watch the rest of the rehearsal with your Baby Sugar Plum.

*Please note that spacing, lighting, etc will take some time! Nutcracker is a much more complex production than the May recital and requires very intricate lighting and stage crew details to be ironed out at dress rehearsal. For the safety of our dancers, crew, and audience members we will take our time to make sure everything is done properly. Due to this we may run off schedule for the dress rehearsals. We will do our best to get through the process in a reasonable amount of time!*

**Performance Days**

**White Cast: Friday, December 8th 7:00pm and Saturday, December 9th 3:00pm**

**Green Cast: Saturday, December 9th 11:00am and Sunday, December 10th 5:00pm**

**Red Cast: Saturday, December 9th 7:00pm and Sunday, December 10th 1:00pm**

Baby Sugar Plums need to be dropped off to the Big Brown Room

45 minutes prior to the start of each performance. You will pick them up in front of the Big Brown Room after the show is over. For the safety of the dancers, we will not release any Baby Sugar Plums until the entire show is over. The area near the Big Brown Room also needs to stay secure during the performances. If you are waiting to pick up, you will need to wait in the area outside the double glass doors.

**A Note to all parents**

The last nine years Nutcracker has been such a success! We are very excited for this year and know your child will have a wonderful time bringing this magical ballet to life. Please take the time to read all information sheets carefully. If you have any questions please e-mail [tara@newalbanyballet.com](mailto:tara@newalbanyballet.com). We can’t stress enough the importance of being on time! Several parents came in late last year and that causes so much stress on the child. Please arrive on time and understand that it will be crowded. We have a system in place that works and our attention to detail is what makes performing in our productions such a great experience for all our children.