

Dear Parents and Dancers,

We are fast approaching the end of the year, and all of the excitement that brings. Please take note of the very important upcoming events and dates and watch our website and your emails for communications regarding the below information.

### **Preferred Ticket Purchase Dates**

Within the next 2 weeks, you will receive an email advising you of the earliest date you may purchase your recital tickets, and the information you will need to access that sale. **Do not share your preferred ticket information with other families!** FPD spreads out ticket purchase dates so sales are manageable and we do not overwhelm the box office. Sharing your preferred date will affect your eligibility for this privilege next year. Tickets are sold through the Klein box office:

- <https://www.theklein.org/buy-tickets/upcoming-events/>

**-Performance schedule is on the website – make sure you know when your dancer is performing prior to your ticket purchase date.** Opening Number, PaChi and Grand Ballet (Swans) are in all 3 performances.

-Your Preferred Purchase Date is the result of the date of your FPD registration. We want to reward our families who commit to FPD as their first activity for the upcoming school year.

Keep this in mind, if you know your child wishes to dance next year, and please register now to get the best Preferred Ticket Purchase Date for next year's performance. You can specify or change your class selection at a later date if scheduling needs adjusting.

### **Pre-Order Recital Bouquets**

-We have a wonderful source for bouquet purchases. Dancing Flowers offers a quality bouquet. All pre-ordered bouquets will be available for pick up prior to each show. They do bring a very limited number of additional bouquets for sale, but we highly recommend pre-purchasing.

-See following link on this section, as well as on the website, and get this item off of your 'To Do' List now! Link for Bouquets: <https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/flashpointdance/>

### **Free Hair and Makeup Seminars**

-We offer seminars for stage & photo hair and makeup. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this session so you can create a great look for your dancer. Stage lights are very strong and wash out most features without the enhancement of makeup. Make sure you can see your dancer's expression as they perform for you at the recital and take the best photo possible during picture week. You will also get great hair styling tips for a durable doo!

**-Make up Seminar will be held on Friday May 30th from 5:30-6:30. Please rsvp to [flashpointdance@gmail.com](mailto:flashpointdance@gmail.com) if you will be attending.**

-Most of the products can be purchased from Glitter and Grime, or you can get an idea of the best color options and then raid your own make up stash. We highly recommend you use our lipstick colors and eyeshadow colors.

### **Picture Week**

Picture Week is May 12th - 17th, Monday through Saturday. Schedule information is posted on our website: <https://flashpointdance.com/recital/>

**Photo Cards**-All dancers will receive a photo card for picture week. These cards are needed to identify the dancer for their individual shot.

-These cards will need to be with your dancer during photo week. You will need to bring this card everyday when you come to pictures.

-Photo cards are ready for pick up at the front desk!

### **Scheduling/General Photo Info...**

-Generally, your photos will be taken during your class time. Exceptions will be for PaChi dancers, Opening Number dancers, Competition photos, and some pre-school classes.

-Dancers are to arrive in costume/tights (these should be new tights, used for pictures, and then saved for performance) with hair and make up ready.

-Please arrive and be in the studio 15 minutes before your scheduled picture time. Parking will be a bit hectic so allow extra time to get into the studio.

-We will have changing areas for dancers who are in more than 1 photo for that day. Parents are allowed in for individual pictures, but not for group shots (best way to keep all of the eyeballs on the photographer)

-Please make sure you have all costume pieces, shoes, tights, make up labeled with your dancers' name on it...we get lots of leftovers and this is the best way for us to get things back to you so you don't have to repurchase shoes and tights. Costumes/accessories may not be able to be replaced by the vendors so check your bags before you leave for the day.

-Individual poses will occur prior to and after the group shot. Hint: If you are on a tight schedule...come early for your individual.

-If you miss your class time, you can still come in for an individual photo. Hint: Call the desk to see when things are less busy so we can squeeze you in.

-You may also do a **'friends' or 'sibling' shot** during the individual poses.

-If you cannot attend pictures, please email [flashpointedance@gmail.com](mailto:flashpointedance@gmail.com) so the rest of the class does not have to wait for a no-show.

### **Picture Sales and Pick Up**

-Pictures will be ready for purchase and for you to select and take with you on June 9th and June 10<sup>th</sup> during dress rehearsal. Times will be announced, please watch your emails.

-Picture sales will be at the Klein Memorial located at 910 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06605

### **Dress Rehearsal: Monday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 10 at the Klein Memorial**

-Once posted these schedules can be found under the recital tab on the [flashpointedance.com](http://flashpointedance.com) website.

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-Please note that dancers are to **arrive 25 minutes prior to their earliest rehearsal time with hair, make up, and costume/shoes on** (put your shoes on inside the venue). Allow some additional time to check in at the front desk in the Klein lobby, so you can receive direction as to where you are to send your dancer. It is important for all of our students to have this time to prepare for their performances.

- Dress rehearsal is the perfect time for you to purchase your pictures!

### **Recital Shows -Friday June 13th and Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

-These schedules can be found under the recital tab on the [flashpointedance.com](http://flashpointedance.com) website and on the studio walls, and may also be attached to this email

-Please take some time to review your show times BEFORE YOUR PREFERRED TICKET PURCHASE DAY, so you purchase tickets for the correct show(s).

-Performance arrival times for all dancers are 45 minutes prior to the show start. Make sure you allow time to park as the parking lot can get a bit congested. You will walk your dancer back to the stage door which can be accessed by walking along the parking lot to the left of the Klein. All audience members need to enter through the front of the Klein and get their ticket scanned...this takes some time as well.

-Dancers will remain backstage until the end of the show, and the finale bow. Curtain will close to allow dancers to go backstage to collect their belongings, and we will dismiss, by class, from the stage as they re-assemble. One family member should remain in the auditorium to collect their performer!

-We will also have a 'Fascinating Rhythm' backdrop set up in the lobby for you to take photos in front of either prior to show time if you arrive early, or after show. Remember to tag us on our Instagram @FlashPointeDance!

-Don't forget, you will be receiving your **Recital Video access codes via email** shortly after our performance weekend.

### **Summer Camps & Summer 'Mommy' N Me**

There is still time to book your summer dance camps. Go online to reserve your spot. Register before May 31st and receive 10% off.

'Mommy' N Me will be on Tuesdays and Wednesday for the summer, starting June 17.

### **New Website and Email Addresses...coming soon!**

We will be launching our updated website within the next few weeks – don't be startled when you see our new look!

We will also be updating our email address very soon to [inspire@FlashPointeDance](mailto:inspire@FlashPointeDance) very soon. We will continue to monitor our original email, [FlashPointeDance@gmail.com](mailto:FlashPointeDance@gmail.com) for several months after the new email launches.