

Columbia Dance *Nutcracker* 2026

LEVEL 4

Important Rehearsal and Performance Information

Questions? Contact us at 360-737-1922 or info@columbiadance.org

THEATER STAGE DOOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP:

- Your child's tech/dress rehearsals and performances (December 14-20) will take place at Skyview Concert Hall at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver.
- Upon turning into Skyview, take an immediate right into the staff parking lot (don't go around the loop). The stage door entrance is there, not at the main entrance. Parking spots labeled "staff" are available to Columbia Dance after 3:45pm. Please do not park in any spots marked "reserved."
- All dancers must enter & exit through the stage door entrance to the theater. Dancers need to enter and leave the theater with street clothes over their leotard and tights and without stage makeup on. Parents must wait outside of the stage door. Parents will not be able to go to the dressing rooms unless they are signed up to volunteer in the dressing rooms at that time.
- All dancers must sign in and out at the stage door entrance.
- If your child is unable to attend a dress rehearsal or performance due to illness or emergency, please call/text Becky Moore's cell phone 925-437-2929.

THEATER & DRESSING ROOM ETIQUETTE:

- **Recording Devices** no video or photographic equipment is permitted at any rehearsal or performance. Cell phones are not allowed in rehearsals or in the backstage area of the theater. **Photos and videos are strictly prohibited in the dressing rooms** (as dancers are changing into costume). We will have a designated area for dancers to grab a picture with their friends in costume.
- **Tidiness:** space is extremely limited backstage. All dancers are expected to respect the other people around them and clean up after themselves. No food is permitted in the dressing room. We will have a lunch room for the children to eat in.
- **Ticket Reminder:** All audience members must have a ticket. Performers who wish to sit in the audience for the 2nd act of the performance they were in or in a performance of the alternate cast must have a ticket for that performance.
- **Dress Rehearsals** are closed to observers. Parents are not permitted to watch these rehearsals. We want to keep the kids' nerves to a minimum and keep you surprised at the real performance.

MAKEUP & DANCE BAG CHECKLIST:

- **Dance Bag Checklist:** All dancers need to be sure that they bring the following items with them each time they attend a *Nutcracker* Tech/Dress rehearsal or performance. **Dancers need to have a single satchel or duffle-type bag that is able to hold all of their belongings.** Please put your child's name on his/her belongings (especially tights and dance shoes). Dancers should always have their class uniform with them.

Hairspray & Gel	Clean performance tights without holes
Brush & Comb	EXTRA PAIR of performance tights in case of stains or runs
Bobby pins & Hair pins	Clean ballet slippers
Hair elastic & Hair nets	Warm comfortable cover-up, water bottle & healthy snacks
Ballet leotard	Shoes/Slippers/Socks - to wear over their ballet slippers to keep dirt off the stage
	A quiet activity (deck of cards, coloring, book, etc)
- **Level 4 Makeup:** Stage makeup will be provided in the dressing rooms by our trained volunteers. Dancers should arrive without makeup on. Parents will not be permitted backstage to do their child's makeup.
- **No nail polish or jewelry.**

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COSTUME INFORMATION

Columbia Dance provides the costumes for our productions. However, personal items such as tights, shoes, and undergarments are the responsibility of each performer. We have tights available for purchase at our front desk.

Please label your child's tights, shoes, and leotard with their name and *Nutcracker* role. Dancers should bring these items to the December 7th rehearsals and to every rehearsal/performance thereafter:

ROLE	PERSONAL ITEMS DANCERS NEED TO PROVIDE
Party Boys	Pink tights Class leotard under costume Columbia Dance will provide black ballet slippers and black socks
Party Girls	Pink tights (so danca brand) Pink Eurotard <u>leather</u> ballet shoes Columbia Dance will provide pink trunks
Clerks	Pink tights (so danca brand) Columbia Dance will provide Scottish dance shoes and socks Columbia Dance will provide trunks

Purchase pink leather shoes and "ballet pink" so danca tights at <https://theleotard.com/collections/columbia-dance-level-4>

HAIR INFORMATION

Dancers should arrive at the stage door with their hair performance ready for their first role of that rehearsal/performance. Dancers should have hair supplies in their bag for last minute touch-ups. Becky will show the dancers how to do their hair.

ROLE	HAIRSTYLE	
Party Boys	Take front hair and braid it, then pin it around your head in a circle. Put the rest of your hair into a very large flat bun so that the wig will go on without any lumps. The other option is to do pin curls (pictured to the right).	
Party Girls	High bun with ringlets on the side	
Clerks	Party Girls will keep their hair the same for Clerks Party Boys will take wig off and unpin the braids to look like this photo.	

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Rehearsals at Columbia Dance

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*****Please note: from December 7-20 your child ONLY has Nutcracker rehearsals, no regular classes*****

Normal Rehearsals

Fridays, October 9 – December 4 Clerks 6:45-7:30

Saturdays October 10, 17, 24 Party Scene 12:30-2:30

Saturday, October 31 Party Scene 12:30-1:30

Saturdays November 7, 14, 21, and December 5 Party Scene 1:15-3:15 & Clerks 3:30-4:30 (Opening & Finale)

No rehearsals on November 27 and 28

Costume Fittings:

- Saturday, October 10th Party Girls 2:45-4:15pm
- Friday, October 16th Clerks 4:45-5:45pm (during class time)
- Saturday, October 24th Party Boys 2:45-4:15pm

Monday, December 7th & Tuesday, December 8th

Act 1 Rough Dress Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE

Important Information:

- Costumes will be worn by all cast members. Students need to bring their class uniform, performance tights, and shoes.
- Students should arrive with performance hair done and leotard and tights on underneath their street clothes.
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.

Monday, December 7th: CAST A ONLY

4:45-5:15pm Warm up Class

5:15-7:30 Party Scene

Tuesday, December 8th: CAST B ONLY

4:45-5:15 Warm up Class

5:15-7:30pm Party Scene

Wednesday December 9th and Thursday, December 10th

Act 2 Rough Dress Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE

Important Information:

- Costumes will be worn by all cast members. Students need to bring their class uniform, performance tights, and shoes.
- Students should arrive with performance hair done and leotard and tights on underneath their street clothes.
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.

Wednesday, December 9th: CAST A ONLY

4:45-5:10 Warm up Class

5:10-8:00 Clerks

Thursday, December 10th: CAST B ONLY

4:45-5:10 Warm up Class

5:10-8:00 Clerks

Friday, December 11th

DAY OFF

Saturday, December 12th

Full Ballet Run-Throughs Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE

Important Information:

- No costumes or performance hair for this rehearsal. Students can wear any leotard, tights, and ballet slippers.

Saturday, December 12th: CAST A ONLY

9:30-10:45 Warm up Class

11:00-2:30 Full Run-through & Notes

Saturday, December 12th: CAST B ONLY

9:30-10:45 Warm up Class

3:00-6:30 Full Run-through & Notes

Sunday, December 13th

DAY OFF

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CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCE WEEK EVENTS

Rehearsals/Performances at Skyview

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Monday, December 14th

Spacing Rehearsal at THEATER

- Students should be signed in at the stage door in street clothes with rehearsal clothes on underneath.
- No costumes or performance hair for this rehearsal. Students can wear any leotard, tights, and ballet slippers.
- Students must be signed out by a parent at the stage door before leaving the theater.

CAST A & CAST B:

Monday, December 14th:

5:00-8:30pm Party Scene & Clerks both casts

Tuesday, December 15th and Wednesday, December 16th

Tech/Dress Rehearsal at THEATER (PHOTOS TAKEN!)

- Students should be signed in at stage door with performance hair done and leotard and tights on under street clothes.
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.
- Students must be signed out by a parent at the stage door before leaving the theater.

CAST A

Tuesday, December 15th:

4:15-7:15pm Party Scene

6:00-9:15pm Clerks

CAST B

Wednesday, December 16th:

4:15-7:15pm Party Scene

6:00-9:15pm Clerks

Thursday, December 17th

DAY OFF

Friday, December 18th

School Performances at the THEATER

- Students should be signed in at stage door with performance hair done and leotard and tights on under street clothes.
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.
- Students must be signed out by a parent at the stage door before leaving the theater.

CAST A

Friday, December 18th:

9:15am-1:30pm Clerks (bring a sack lunch)

*Note that we only perform Act 2 at these shows.

No party scene in these shows.

CAST B

Friday, December 18th:

4:45pm Party Scene arrive

5:30pm Clerks arrive

6:00pm Performance

8:00pm All dancers dismissed

Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th

Public Performances at the THEATER

- Parents need to take students to Columbia Dance for warm up class and then to the theater. All dancers need to attend the warm up class!
- Students should be signed in at stage door with performance hair done and leotard and tights on under street clothes..
- Students may not have any nail polish or jewelry on.
- Students must be signed out by a parent at the stage door before leaving the theater.
- Students not in Act II may leave at intermission (with parent/guardian) or remain backstage until the end of the show.
- On days when students have 2 performances, they can either remain at the theater and eat in the lunch room or leave for a quick break with their parent being sure to sign back in by the appointed time.

CAST A

Saturday, December 19th:

10:15-11:15 Warm up class @ COLUMBIA DANCE

11:45am Party Scene arrive

12:30pm Clerks arrive

1:00pm Performance

2:00pm Dancers not in Act II on break

3:00pm All dancers on break

3:45pm Party Scene arrive

4:30pm Clerks arrive

5:00pm Performance

6:00pm Dancers not in Act II dismissed

7:00pm All dancers dismissed

CAST B

Sunday, December 20th:

10:15-11:15 Warm up class @ COLUMBIA DANCE

11:45am Party Scene arrive

12:30pm Clerks arrive

1:00pm Performance

2:00pm Dancers not in Act II on break

3:00pm All dancers on break

3:45pm Party Scene arrive

4:30pm Clerks arrive

5:00pm Performance

6:00pm Dancers not in Act II dismissed

7:00pm All dancers dismissed