Columbia Dance *Nutcracker 2026*
LEVEL 5
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
Stage Makeup	A quiet activity (deck of cards, coloring, book, etc)

Level 5 Makeup: Level 5 will be taught to do their own stage makeup! You will need to purchase:

- Foundation to match your skin tone and sponge to apply it. A crème or stick tend to work better than liquid as they won't run when you sweat.
- Translucent powder and brush to apply it
- Pink blush and brush to apply it
- Eyeshadow in white, tan, and brown and brush to apply it
- Black eyeliner
- Eyebrow pencil for anyone with fair eyebrows
- Waterproof Black mascara
- Make up remover wipes (make up must be removed before leaving the theater)

***Please have these items by November 14th**

This is a lovely kit that has the correct color blush (pink) and eye shadow (white, tan, brown). It is a bit pricey so you could use it as a reference to pick out shades of cheaper brands.



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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.

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

ROLE	PERSONAL ITEMS DANCERS NEED TO PROVIDE
Party Boys	Class leotard under costume Columbia Dance will provide black ballet slippers and black socks
Party Girls	Pink tights, so danca with back seam in performance pink Pink Eurotard leather ballet shoes Pink trunks
Clerks	Pink tights, so danca with back seam in performance pink Columbia Dance will provide Scottish dance shoes and socks
Wapato	Pink tights, so danca with back seam in performance pink Pink trunks Pink pointe shoes

Where to purchase items:

- Leather Split sole shoes--Eurotard A2004a Pink leather split sole, Available through The Leotard.
- Mesh tights with back seams (minimum of 2 pairs)—So Danca TS96 Performance Pink, The Leotard
- Capezio Pink trunks (briefs), Available on amazon

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.

ROLE	HAIRSTYLE
Party Boys	Pin curls or similar hair style that makes the wig fit snugly with no lumps and bumps. 
Party Girls	High bun with ringlets on the side 
Clerks	Center part, bun, Braids over ears 
Wapato	High bun, no part.

Nutcracker 2026
Rehearsals at Columbia Dance
Level 5

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

Normal Rehearsal Schedule at Columbia Dance

Fridays, October 30 – December 4 (no rehearsal on November 27)
- Clerks 6:45-7:30pm

Saturdays October 10, 17, 24
- Class from 9:00-11:00
- Wapato 11:15-12:00
- Party Scene 12:30-2:30
- Opening & Finale 4:00-5:00

Saturday, October 31 (Halloween)
- Class from 9:00-11:00
- Wapato 11:15-12:00
- Party Scene 12:30-1:30
- Opening & Finale 2:15-2:45

Saturdays November 7 – December 5 (no rehearsal on November 28)
- Class 9:00-11:00
- Wapato 11:15-12:00
- Party Scene 1:15-3:15
- Opening & Finale 3:30-4:30

Costume Fittings:
- Saturday, October 10th 12:00-1:15 Wapato (come late to party scene rehearsal) & Party Girls 2:45-4:15pm
- Saturday, October 24th Party Boys 2:45-4:15pm
- Louise will schedule a fitting with the Clerks at a later date

*Stage Makeup Seminar will be November 14th 9:00-10:00am, bring your makeup

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 & Wapato

Thursday, December 10th: CAST B ONLY
4:45-5:10 Warm up Class
5:10-8:00 Clerks & Wapato

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

Nutcracker 2026
CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCE WEEK EVENTS
Rehearsals/Performances at Skyview
Level 5

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 All Level 5 - 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
6:00-9:30pm Clerks & Wapato

CAST B
Wednesday, December 16th:
4:15-7:15pm Party Scene
6:00-9:30pm Clerks & Wapato

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 & Wapato (bring 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 & Wapato 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 & Wapato 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 & Wapato 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 & Wapato arrive
5:00pm	**Performance**
6:00pm	Dancers not in Act II dismissed
7:00pm	All dancers dismissed