

Columbia Dance *Nutcracker* 2026

Oregon Trail Children

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.** Dancers should always have their class uniform on when they arrive. Please be sure to put your child's name on their belongings!

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 1 - 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.
- **Costume and Hair:** Miss Laura will give the students instruction on how to do their hair. They need to provide their own So Danca TS81 "ballet pink" tights and Eurotard leather coupe pink ballet slippers and should have these items at every rehearsal from December 7th onward. Tights and shoes can be purchased at <https://theleotard.com/collections/columbia-dance-level-3>. Columbia Dance will provide nude leotards for the dancers. Dancers should arrive at all dress rehearsals and performances with their nude leotard already on.
- **No nail polish or jewelry at dress rehearsals or performances**

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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 Rehearsal Schedule

Fridays October 9 – December 4 6:45-7:30pm
 Saturdays November 14, 21, and December 5 3:30-4:30pm
 No rehearsal on November 27 or 28
 Costume Fitting October 23rd 4:45-6:15pm (during class time)

Monday, December 7th and Tuesday December 8th
DAYS OFF for Oregon Trail

Wednesday, December 9th
Act 2 Rough Dress Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE
CAST A ONLY

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.
 4:30-7:30pm Oregon Trail

Thursday, December 10th
Act 2 Rough Dress Rehearsals at COLUMBIA DANCE
CAST B ONLY

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.
 4:30-7:30pm Oregon Trail

Friday December 11th
DAY OFF for Oregon Trail

Saturday, December 12th
Full Ballet Run-Through 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
 12:15-2:30pm Oregon Trail

Saturday, December 12th: CAST B ONLY
 4:15-6:30pm Oregon Trail

Sunday, December 13th
DAY OFF for Oregon Trail

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CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCE WEEK EVENTS

Rehearsals/Performances at Skyview

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Monday, December 14th
DAY OFF for Oregon Trail

Tuesday, December 15th and Wednesday, December 16th
Tech/Dress Rehearsal at THEATER (PHOTOS TAKEN!)

- Students should be signed in at the stage door with performance hair done and leotard and tights on underneath their street clothes.
- Full costume will be worn. 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:
6:00-9:15pm Oregon Trail

CAST B
Wednesday, December 16th:
6:00-9:15pm Oregon Trail

Thursday, December 17th
DAY OFF

Friday, December 18th
Sensory Friendly Performances at the THEATER

- Students should be signed in at the stage door with performance hair done and leotard and tights on underneath their 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 Oregon Trail
(bring a sack lunch)

CAST B
Friday, December 18th:
5:30pm Oregon Trail arrive
6:00pm Performance
8:00pm All dancers dismissed

Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th
Public Performances at the THEATER

- Students should be signed in at the stage door with performance hair done and leotard and tights on underneath their 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.
- 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:
12:30pm Oregon Trail arrive
1:00pm Performance
3:00pm All dancers on break
4:30pm Oregon Trail arrive
5:00pm Performance
7:00pm All dancers dismissed

CAST B
Sunday, December 20th:
12:30pm Oregon Trail arrive
1:00pm Performance
3:00pm All dancers on break
4:30pm Oregon Trail arrive
5:00pm Performance
7:00pm All dancers dismissed