

TECHNICAL DRESS REHEARSAL

Date: Friday, May 8, 2026

Drop Off Time: 4:45- 5:00PM

Pick Up Time: Tiny Tots 6:30pm, All other dancers 7:00pm

Place: Millstone Township MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rehearsal Preparation:

*Tiny Tots and Combo dancers: Please pack all of the students' things in a large shopping bag clearly labeled with the student's name and class. This helps us keep everyone's belongings organized backstage.

***Please do not bring recital t-shirt** to the tech rehearsal.

*Students must be signed in and dropped off between 4:45 and 5:00pm. All Students will need to be signed in/out at Technical Dress Rehearsal. There will be a sign in/out table at the **main performing arts center entrance**. Signs will be posted. For security purposes, only students, staff, and volunteers will be allowed backstage before and during the rehearsal/recital. We will have volunteers available to escort the younger children to their designated dressing room during drop off times. The same person that signs the student in must also sign them out, unless otherwise noted during sign in or in advance. Signatures will be compared.

*Make sure to pack mess-free snacks and clear liquids for your child to drink. Also, all students must have a smock (oversized button down shirt) to wear while eating and drinking. **NO NUT PRODUCTS ALLOWED**

*This is a full dress rehearsal; therefore all students must be in their uniform costume including tights and shoes. Hair must be pulled back away from the face. No jewelry is allowed as it may get caught on costume pieces (post earrings only allowed). No Nailpolish. No Jewelry. No Panties. No Visible Bras. Proper stage undergarments are available for purchase in the SBS Lobby

***LABEL ALL ITEMS** with full name.

RECITAL

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026

Arrival Time: 3:15-3:30pm

Show Time: 4:00pm

Pick Up: After the conclusion of the recital

Place: Millstone Township MIDDLE SCHOOL

Recital Preparation:

*Tiny Tots and Combo dancers: Please pack all of the students' things in a large shopping bag clearly labeled with the student's name and class. This helps us keep everyone's belongings organized backstage.

***Please BRING recital tshirt** to the recital. We will be performing the opening and closing on recital day. If you do not bring your tshirt, we will do our best to find your child a replacement and the student account will be charged for the shirt, \$35.

*Students must be dropped off between 3:15-3:30pm at the sign in table. All Students will need to be signed in at Recital. Signs will be posted outside. For security purposes, only students, staff, and volunteers will be allowed backstage before and during the rehearsal/recital. We will have volunteers available to escort the younger children to their designated dressing room during drop off times. The same person that signs the student in must also sign them out.

***ALL** flash photography, video taping and livestreaming are **NOT PERMITTED** at the recital. There will be a professional videographer on staff to videotape the recital. All families will receive a FREE digital copy of the recital to cherish forever..

*Please make sure you pack mess-free snacks and clear liquids for your child to drink. Students should have a smock (oversized button down shirt)to wear while eating and drinking. **NO NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE**.

*Hair must be pulled back away from the student's face. Ballet students **MUST** have a neat bun with the hair slicked back using hair gel. All students should wear full stage makeup so that their features are visible on stage. Blush, lipstick, and eye shadow are recommended for ALL students. Earth tones look best on stage with a red lip. Mascara and eyeliner are optional. Students can wear glitter in their hair and on their arms however glitter is not allowed at the Performing Arts Center. If you would like to wear glitter, you must put it on at home. Remember glitter should be applied sparingly. Too much glitter does not look good on stage. No jewelry is allowed as it may get caught on costume pieces and injure the dancer. (post earrings only allowed). No nailpolish., panties or visible bras.

Audience Etiquette

*Theater doors will open approximately 15 minutes before the start of the show. To enter the theater, please have your ticket readily available. Children ages 2 and under do not need a ticket and must sit on an adult's lap. All adults will receive a program keepsake free of charge upon entering the theater. The recital will start promptly at 4:00pm. Plan to arrive early and enter the theater to ensure that you do not miss anything! Our opening number features a light show and you do not want to miss it! Don't linger in the lobby. The show WILL start at 4:00pm, whether you are seated or not. For the safety of our performers and other audience members, those that are not inside the theater at the start of the show will not be permitted to find their seat until the opening number has ended. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE as it is not safe to allow entry in the darkness and it will distract from the lighting effect of the opening number..

*Far stage right and far stage left sections of seating are closed for our show. If you would like to change your seat at any time during the show, please see an usher for a new seat assignment.

*It IS appropriate to applaud at the end of each routine and throughout the dance when the students are performing something challenging or impressive. Your applause energizes our dancers! The more applause, the better! Your energy is contagious!

*There is to be absolutely NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO TAPING, or LIVESTREAMING at the recital. Those who can not follow our rules will be asked to leave the premises. We take the safety of our students seriously and no exceptions will be made. No refunds for tickets. Every registered family will receive a FREE, professionally filmed and edited, digital copy of the recital. The copy that you will receive will be professional quality with a clear view of the stage. Please do not ruin it for others around you (and the professional video itself). For the safety and security of our dancers, this includes LIVE STREAMING as well.

*No food or beverages allowed in the theater.

*Discard all trash and recycled items in their proper receptacles.

*Do not walk around the theater during a routine. Theater doors should only open in between routines. Please be respectful of those around you and on the stage. The dancers have worked really hard to put on a great show for you. They deserve your full attention while they are dancing on stage.

*Please do not approach the stage at any time during the recital. Children are not allowed to "play" on the stage during intermission or after the show.

*There will be a 15 minute intermission during the recital. The theater lights will blink a few times prior to the next act beginning so that you know to take your seats.

Lobby Happenings

*Tickets are available for purchase on the day of the recital for \$55. Cash only.

*Trophies will be available on a first come first served basis. Limited supply will be available. Cash only.
(Look for a pre-sale at the studio in the weeks leading up to the recital)

*Audience members are not permitted backstage. Please do not attempt to go backstage before the show, during intermission or after the show.

“When I Grow Up”

RECITAL/COSTUME CARE INFORMATION

Recital Checklist

- ___ - water, water, water
- ___ - extra bobby pins
- ___ - extra safety pins
- ___ - dance shoes
- ___ - mess-free snacks (pretzels, crackers, NO PEANUT/NUT PRODUCTS)
- ___ - costume accessories
- ___ - smock (button down shirt)
- ___ - extra hairspray/gel
- ___ - recital t-shirt
- ___ - extra pair of tights
- ___ - lipstick/eyeshadow/blush
- ___ - bandaids
- ___ - LABEL EVERYTHING WITH DANCER’S NAME

-Costume should be stored in a safe place where it will not be tried on, played with, or damaged from now until recital. Sorry Kids- no dress up until AFTER the recital!

-Costumes may not be returned for any reason. Exchanges for size may be made on an individual basis within two weeks of receiving your costume. Fees apply. These fees come directly from the costume company and range from \$45-\$55 per costume.

-To release wrinkles from the costume- hang the costume in your bathroom during your shower to steam the costume.

-Costumes with tutus- hang the costume upside down so that the tutu has some “lift” when it is worn.

-Panties (girls) are NOT worn under costumes on stage. Dance Tights have an undergarment sewn in. Under bright stage lights, panties are visible and look unprofessional. Boys should wear athletic compression shorts or a boy’s ‘dance belt.’

-No jewelry is to be worn for recital (with the exception of POST earrings). No hoop or drop earrings. Jewelry can create a danger to our dancers on stage as it has a tendency to get caught on costume pieces or pulled accidentally by another dancer. For uniformity, no nailpolish, please.

-Hair may be worn however you would like as long as it is pulled back away from the face. *All BALLET dancers (ages 8+) must have their hair in a bun for their ballet dance.

Please make sure to label all costume pieces and shoes with your full name so that if it is misplaced we know who it belongs to!

SBS Recital 2026

“When I Grow Up”

Millstone Township Performing Arts Center @Millstone Township Middle School
5 Dawson Court
Millstone Township, NJ 08535

Name: _____

Dressing Room:

Cafe

Blue

My Recital #'s Are:

Opening: #1

Closing : #

Intermission: Between # & #

Ballet:

Tap:

Jazz:

Contemporary:

Pom:

Hip Hop:

Pointe:

Acro:

Theater Jazz:

Other:

Special Notes-

*All Students will need to be signed in/out at Technical Dress Rehearsal (5/8) and Recital (5/9). There will be a sign in/out table in the hallway leading to the stage. For security purposes, only students, staff, and volunteers will be allowed backstage before and during the rehearsal/recital. We will have volunteers available to escort the younger children to their designated dressing room during drop off times. The same person that signs the student in must also sign them out. Signatures will be compared.

*Technical Dress Rehearsal is closed to a viewing audience. Only students, staff, and volunteers will be permitted to enter the theater during this time. Please plan accordingly. All Tiny Tot students must be picked up at 6:30pm and all other students must be picked up at 7:00pm.

*Be sure to pack water and mess-free snacks. No NUT products, please.

*Stretch and warmup your body before performing.

*Have fun and shine bright!