

Dear Parents:

If you receive this email, you have a child registered in one of the classes eligible for our end of year performance of Bonjour Paris!

If you have opted out of the performance, this email does not apply to you.

If your child is part of the Bonjour Paris! performance, this email contains important information. **Please read carefully.**

### **T shirt orders**

Every year we offer a special performance t shirt with performance art work on the front and the cast list with your child's name on the back. T shirts are \$20. Orders **MUST** be placed by **May 6th**. You may place your order via the sign up sheet in the waiting room OR by emailing us your child's size (and yours - we also place orders for adults). Please let us know if you would like us to charge the credit card on file. T shirts may be picked up at the run-through rehearsal Saturday afternoon at St. John's School.

### **DVD and bouquet orders**

There are also sign up sheets for DVDs and performance bouquets in all waiting rooms. The DVDs are \$25 and are mailed directly to your home. **DVD orders must be placed by May 22nd**. We also offer very special performance bouquets with a Paris-themed ornament, roses, and ribbon. Bouquets are \$15 and **bouquet orders must be placed by Friday, May 19th**. Bouquets will be available for pick up at the box office starting one hour before the performance.

### **Tickets**

Every participating family receives two tickets to the performance. Participation tickets are picked up Saturday at St. John's School at either rehearsal. Additional tickets may be purchased at the Saturday morning spot rehearsal/photo shoot OR the Saturday afternoon run-through OR at the box office beginning one hour before the performance. Adult tickets are \$15; child tickets are \$10. Lap children do not need tickets.

### **Run-through Rehearsal**

All students are required to attend the run-through rehearsal Saturday, May 20th, 1 pm to 3 pm at St. John's School, Buffalo Speedway at Westheimer. NOTE: the theater is on the SOUTH side of Westheimer. DO NOT USE GPS FOR ST JOHN'S SCHOOL. It will send you to the wrong side of Westheimer. Parking is available on the west side of Buffalo Speedway in the school parking lot. The theater is located on the EAST side of Buffalo Speedway.

## Spot Rehearsals

In addition to the afternoon run-through rehearsal Saturday May 20th afternoon, we are holding spot rehearsals for our youngest dancers, the preballets. The following is the schedule: 10 am **Miss Melissa's 9:30 Saturday** class; 10:30 **Miss Maria's Wednesday 4:45** class; 11 am **Miss Hilary's 11:15 Saturday** class, 11:30 **Miss Melissa's Monday 6 pm** class; and noon **Ms. Claire's Tuesday 4 p.m.** class. Parents will receive a separate email, reminding them of this rehearsal.

In addition to rehearsing their dance, these dancers will also have the opportunity to have their **photo portrait taken in their costume** immediately after their rehearsal.

## Saturday Photo Shoot

Other students scheduled for a Saturday photo shoot include: **Ms. Claire's Monday 4 pm, Miss Maria's Wednesday 6 pm, Ms. Claire's Tuesday 4:45, Ms. Claire's Tuesday 6 pm, and Miss Maria's Saturday 9:30 class.** Parents will receive a separate email reminding them of their photo shoot. These students should arrive at noon and plan on staying through until the run through rehearsal is over at 3 p.m. We take class photos as well as individual ones.

If your child is not scheduled for a Saturday photo shoot, we will take his or her photo Sunday.

## Room Mamas

Sign up sheets are currently posted in all waiting rooms for moms willing to serve as room mamas. Room Mamas help children dress and supervise lunch and "down time" while waiting for their turn on stage. **Room mamas should be available for the run-through Saturday afternoon as well as all day Sunday (9:30 to 3:30 pm approximately).**

## Dress rehearsal and performance

Our dress rehearsal takes place Sunday morning. Parents should drop their child at the theatre at 9:30. Please be sure to give your child a bag lunch. We provide all items for costumes except ballet slippers. You will receive a separate email letting you know if your child should bring ballet slippers. Please be sure that your child's name is inside BOTH ballet slippers. Children should come with their hair up in a bun. If needed, we can help put your child's hair up. **PLEASE DO NOT WASH YOUR CHILD'S HAIR THE DAY OF OR THE DAY BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE. Freshly clean hair will NOT hold bobby pins or stay flat to the head.** We will provide crayons and paper to keep the children occupied when they are not on stage. Feel free to include a book or other quiet activity in your child's bag.

Upon arriving, someone will sign your child in. Unless you are a room mama, you are then free to leave. Room mamas will be given badges. No one without a badge is allowed backstage.

After our dress rehearsal, children will change into street clothes in order to eat lunch. At 1:30, they will change back into their costumes for a 2 pm show time. The show lasts approximately one hour.

After the performance, children will change back into their street clothes. When they have turned all pieces of their costumes into their room mama, they will be escorted to the backstage entrance to the stage where they will receive their performance gift and be released to the waiting parent.

### **Classes the week of May 15th**

Student participating in the May 20th performance will have rehearsal at their usual class time the week of May 15th EXCEPT for Saturday classes. Miss Melissa's 9:30 and Miss Hilary's 11:15 classes will meet at St. John's for rehearsal. Miss Melissa's 10:15 class will NOT meet. Miss Maria's 9:30 and 10:45 classes will meet at Grace United 9:30 to 10:30 for a joint rehearsal.

**Thank you for reading this information-dense email! We look forward to a wonderful performance on May 21st!**