



## **2022 RECITAL — Pre-Ballet 1 Classes**

**Held at Oak Lawn Community High School (OLCHS)  
Performing Arts Center**

9400 Southwest Highway, Oak Lawn

Use parking lot on northwest corner of 95th Street and Southwest Highway

Our Pre-Ballet I classes are really great and confident in class. But, as we know, performing on a stage can be scary for any age, especially in the case of our youngest students. We will have backstage staff and moms waiting in the wings. Their instructor, either Ms Shannon or Ms Jackie, will be on the stage dancing with the students. If your child happens to cry or freeze, don't worry. Our job is to encourage them. If they become too upset, we will have a backstage faculty retrieve her and send her back out to finish the dance and/or to do the curtsy. We are very hopeful and excited for our littlest ballerinas to perform. What you can do is keep talking about what will happen at the performance. The lights on stage are bright, and the auditorium is dark. But, remind them that you and your loved ones are in the audience, you will be watching and smiling, and Ms. Shannon or Ms Jackie will be with them the whole time. They will receive something special after they perform! Positive encouragement is recommended.

At dress rehearsal, the children will have a chance to watch other classes perform while they wait their turn. This is a good time for students to get more comfortable with, bright lights, a big stage, curtains, and sitting in the auditorium where you will be when they perform.

After the Pre-Ballet 1 students perform, we will immediately send them to the aisle that leads to the audience on the left side of the stage. Please have just ONE adult go to the back of the auditorium and to the aisle on the audience's left side facing the stage. You will escort your child to your seat for the remainder of the show. Your child will be done after her dance. The other classes in the show will do a finale bow. Your child does not need to go back up for the finale. Pre-Ballet 1 students will get a special curtsy and award after their dance instead.

Your students have been doing a great job in class. We are excited to see them on stage!