**What to Expect - Frequently asked Questions**

**What do I bring:**

* Lullaby children please bring a baby doll - 18” preferred but any sizable baby doll will work
* Party helpers who perform with Lullaby - please bring a baby doll
* All Party children need curly hair pieces - can be purchased at Shelia’s wigs
* All Party children - Please bring a wrapped present box - big enough to be seen by the audience but not so big you can’t carry and dance easily.
* Two clean pairs of tights
* Ballet shoes (pointe shoes if applicable)
* Electronics/books - things to do. Everyone must pack patience
* A refillable water bottle
* Make-up (not lullaby) - see details below
* Hair supplies - bobby pins, hair nets, hair spray
* First aid supplies are a good idea
* A blanket or pillow is helpful.
* Snacks - see below for details
* Boys (Wilmington School of Ballet): Black tights, black shoes, both a black and white t-shirt
* ALL Wilmington School of Ballet Girls are required a nude leotard
* Girl Scouts/Studio A - please wear a nude leotard under your red leotard if you wish to change out of the leotard at the theater. We prohibit children from being fully undressed in any dressing room due to the risk of a photo accidently getting taken on a mobile device.

**Make-up Guidelines:**

All dancers (Even boys) wear make-up. The bright lights will make everyone look very washed out.

* 3-5 year olds - very light make-up (a little color is all)
* 6-12 year olds - heavy street make-up
* 13 year olds and up - are recommended to google stage make-up tutorials on utube and study techniques. We will give feedback on make-up at dress rehearsal.
* False eyelashes are great on stage for an older elementary or middle school student who is able to put them on themselves. Please do not wait to theater day to try this for the first time in case there is an allergy.

**What about food:**

* Dancers should never eat in costume. These costumes are worn year after year and we all should take care of them for the next person
* Dry food is best. NO NUTS. many dancers are very allergic to nuts. So PLEASE do not pack anything with nuts.
* NO messy foods like chocolate or blueberries.
* Good foods include whole wheat crackers, grapes, carrot sticks, lunch meat ect. Finger foods that are easy to snack on but not messy

**How does check-in/check out work:**

* No one enters or exits the backstage of the theater except through the check-in/check-out station
* The check-in station is in the back of the building - Do NOT go to the lobby to check in
* The Lobby of the Wilson Center is the big glass space that is parallel to 3rd street. Please DO NOT enter the lobby for check-in. You will be asked to leave by the ushers.
* When you are standing behind the Wilson Center looking at the back of the theater, the check in door is on the left side of the building. You will need to walk up the sidewalk to come into the check-in door. This is on the Brunswick St side - the side of Isabella Holmes Bridge. The parking deck is on the opposite side of the check-in door
* You will need to pack patience to wait in line at times. This is a security issue and we are very rigid about children going through the check-in/check out process
* Whomever checks in the child must provide an emergency cell phone number upon check in
* If a child is being picked up by someone different than the person checking them in, the name and cell phone of both the person checking in and the person checking out will need to be recorded at the time of check-in
* Please be sure and notate if there is any medical issues we should be aware of at check-in

Parents please be aware NO ONE is allowed backstage other than chaperones.

All chaperones are female only.

**Things to talk to your children about:**

* NO dancer will be checked out until the room is clean and costumes are hung up. Encourage your children that we are guest in the theater and to be thoughtful and not make a mess
* Being patient and nice to each other. It can be tiring and it is easy to get frustrated. Everyone needs to do their best to be patient and kind to each other.
* Rest and eat well. Stay hydrated. It is easy to get run down and sick on theater week. So please encourage healthy habits.