

Hello Parents & Families of Empire!

Showcase preparations are in FULL SWING and this packet will serve as your one stop information center for all things related to our Showcase. PLEASE refer to the information enclosed first, and if you still have questions, feel free to reach out @ Empire_pa@yahoo.com.

COSTUMES:

Costumes have been ordered and we have received approximately 80% of the shipments. We will hand out Costumes and Tights in May. Accounts **must be up to date** in order to take home your child's costume. Please know minor alterations (pants hemmed if too long, straps hand stitched to tighten etc...) will be **PARENTS** responsibility. These costumes are not "made to order" and fit into general sizing measurement chart guidelines specific to each Costume Company. There may be times where a strap or hem needs to be adjusted. This is out of my control and usually a very easy, quick & inexpensive fix. 1 Pair of tights or socks will be included with your Costume if the costume requires them.

TICKETS:

Showcase Tickets will go on sale **MAY 2ND @ 9:00 a.m.** through our Online Company: Dance Recital Ticketing. The cost of Tickets this Season is \$30.00 each. Every audience member Age 2 and up is required to have a ticket to enter the Theatre. Please refer to the Ticket Information Sheet included in this Package for specific Online Purchase Information and QR Code link. We do not sell tickets at the studio. They are for Online Purchase only on a first come first served basis where you can choose your own seats. ***SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR MORE INFO & QR CODE.

SHOWCASE DAY: SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

Our Showcase this Season will promptly begin @ 5:00 p.m. on June 27th. All performers are expected to be there no later than 4:00 p.m. so we can settle them into the Dressing Rooms. All students are required to remain in the Dressing Room until the conclusion of the Showcase. (After the Final Bow). This Season each Family will receive 1 wristband with your child's level on it. You will **NOT** be allowed to take your child from their assigned Dressing Room at the conclusion of the Showcase without it. This Season our students will be divided into classrooms by level. Each classroom will have 2 staff members assigned. Every parent will need to SIGN THEIR CHILD IN AND OUT OF THE DRESSING ROOM for safety purposes. Only the Parent wearing the wristband will be allowed to sign them in/out. ***Please understand that this helps keep your children secure and helps to maintain safety and order when the Showcase ends.***

BOOSTERS:

Our Program is both Printed and in Digital Format. If you would like to place a Booster or Ad in our Program to shout out your Performer or Business, please refer to the BOOSTER Information Sheet included in this Packet. The Deadline for Boosters to be received is MAY 16TH.

PICTURE DAY: SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

PICTURE DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 7th ***Please be sure to Save This Date! **Schedule details included in packet. ***Donner will provide Photo Package prices and when we receive, will distribute.

Purchase is not necessary, but I love having all the kids in the photos as a keepsake of each Season.

***During Picture Day we will have Snack pre-order forms/ Mascot/ Shoutouts/ Flowers/ Digital Showcase Sales/ and 2026-27 Registration available.

This year we are welcoming back Photo Company, DONNER PHOTOGRAPHS, handling our Showcase Photos. This Company has been in business over 50 years and we are very fortunate to have secured them for our Photos! They take everyone's Solo & Group Photos then print ALL Photos and you are asked to return on **PICTURE PREVIEW DAY: SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH between 10AM-2PM** for preview and purchase. Your photos will be printed so you can pay for them & take them home that day at a discounted price! If you do not come to Photo Preview/ Pick up day, the Photos are returned to Donner and you will need to order them online. Discounted purchases do not apply to Online Orders; Only in person Sales on June 20th.

DRESS REHEARSAL: HELD AT EMPIRE / FULL COSTUMES & HAIR **NO STAGE MAKE-UP necessary

We hold 3 days of **Dress Rehearsals AT THE STUDIO**. This is a Full Costume/ Hair Dress Rehearsal and helps ensure us that all Costumes and accessories are worn properly.

Monday, June 22nd ***JR LEVEL 4/ TEEN LEVEL 6 ALL GENRES 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

VOICE STUDENTS/ MUSICAL THEATRE STUDENTS 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23rd *** ALL ACRO CLASSES (3, 4, 6) 5-6:30 P.M.

ALL LEVEL 3 (TAP, JAZZ, BALLET, LYRICAL, HIP HOP) & INT TN LEVEL TAP, BALLET, JAZZ & LYRICAL CLASSES 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, June 24th ***PRE-PRIMARY 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

MINI LEVEL HIP HOP, MINI ACRO, TAP&BALLET COMBO CLASSES 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

During these rehearsals at the studio we ask that you drop your child off and pick them up at conclusion of Rehearsal. All T.V's will be shut off in Lobby as children will be changing in the large back studio. **Please be sure to label ALL costume bags / Dance bags / Shoes etc...**

TECH REHEARSAL: HELD AT PARAMUS CATHLIC HIGH SCHOOL / NO COSTUMES / DRESS CODE DANCE ATTIRE REQUIRED.

Tech Rehearsal will be THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026. It is held at the PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 425 PARAMUS ROAD PARAMUS, NJ 07652 and is our opportunity to rehearse sound, lighting and technical cues, as well as, give the performers an opportunity to rehearse spacing/ staging their routines. This rehearsal is **MANDATORY**. You may take photos and Video at this Rehearsal.

** Schedule enclosed on separate sheet in this packet.



PICTURE DAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

EXCITED TO SHARE WE HAVE SECURED DONNER PHOTOGRAPHY AGAIN THIS SEASON TO CAPTURE OUR PICTURES. THIS COMPANY WILL TAKE AND PRINT GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS OF EVERY SINGLE STUDENT. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH THEY WILL RETURN TO EMPIRE WHERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE PHOTOS ALREADY PRINTED FOR PURCHASE. THERE IS NO PURCHASE NECESSARY, BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE, YOU CAN TAKE THEM HOME WITH YOU THAT DAY AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE! NO WAITING!!!!!! IF YOU DON'T ATTEND PICTURE PICK UP DAY, THE PHOTOS RETURN TO DONNER AND YOU WILL HAVE TO ORDER THEM ONLINE, BUT THE DISCOUNTED PRICE IS GONE. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE ENCLOSED IN THIS PACKET.

***MORE INFORMATION FROM DONNER PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED CLOSER TO PICTURE DAY.

PICTURE DAY: SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH		
PHOTO TIME	TITLE	CLASS DAY & TIME
9:30 A.M.	PRE-PRIMARY	TUES 5-6 & SAT 9:30 & 10:30
10:00 A.M.	MINI COMBO BALLET VERSION OF COSTUME	MON 5-6
10:15A.M.	MINI COMBO TAP VERSION OF COSTUME	SAT 11:30-12:30
10:30 A.M.	PRIMARY COMBO BALLET VERSION OF COSTUME	THURS 5-6 & SAT
10:50 A.M.	LOLLIPOP	MINI COMPANY DANCE
11:00 A.M.	MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE	COMPANY JAZZ
11:10 A.M.	DANCE TO THE MUSIC	COMPANY TAP
11:20 A.M.	MINI ACRO	SAT 10:30-11:30
11:30 A.M.	TINY TUMBLERS	SAT 11:30-12:30
11:40 A.M.	ACRO 3	TUES 5-6
11:50 A.M.	ACRO 6	TUES 7-8
12:00 P.M.	ACRO 4	TUES 5-6
12:10 P.M.	MINI HIP HOP	SAT 9:30-10:30
12:20 P.M.	HIP HOP 3	TUES 6-7
12:30 P.M.	HIP HOP 4	TUES 5-6
12:40 P.M.	HIP HOP 6	TUES 7-8
12:50 P.M.	BOYS HIP HOP	FRI 5:30-6:30
1:00 P.M.	HIP HOP OPEN	FRI 6:30-7:30
1:10 P.M.	INT ADV TEEN BALLET & BALLET 5	MON 7:30-9 & THURS 5:30-7
1:20 P.M.	BALLET 3	WED 5-6
1:30 P.M.	BALLET 4	MON 5-6
1:40 P.M.	BALLET 6	MON 7:30-9
1:50 P.M.	INT ADV TEEN JAZZ & JAZZ 3	WED 7-8:30 & THUR 6-7
2:00 P.M.	JAZZ 4	WED 7-8
2:10 P.M.	INT ADV TEEN LYRICAL	WED 7-8:30
2:20 P.M.	LYRICAL 3	WED 6-7
2:30 P.M.	LYRICAL 4	MON 7-8
2:40 P.M.	COMPANY CONTEMP	WED 7-8
2:50 P.M.	MUSICAL THEATRE	TUES 6-7
3:00 P.M.	VOCAL SOLOISTS	KAYLA & ALANA
3:10 P.M.	INT TN TAP	THUR 8-9
3:20 P.M.	TAP 3	THUR 7-8
3:30 P.M.	TAP 4	WED 6-7

3:40 P.M	HOTEL CALIFORNIA	COMPANY TAP
3:50 P.M.	BLOOM	COMPANY LYRICAL
4:00 P.M.	WEEPING WOMAN	COMPANY OPEN
4:10 P.M.	ALL SOLOISTS	
4:20 P.M.	PRODUCTION PHOTO-MOTOWN THE MUSICAL	COMPANY PRODUCTION
4:30 PM	STAFF & VOLUNTEER PHOTO	

EMPIRE DRESS REHEARSAL

DATES & INFORMATION – 2026

IN-STUDIO DRESS REHEARSAL: FULL COSTUME / HAIR (NO MAKE-UP NECESSARY)

MONDAY, JUNE 22ND AT EMPIRE

5:00 – 8:30 P.M. LEVEL 4 / LEVEL 6 CLASSES/ VOICE PRIVATE STUDENTS/ MUSICAL THEATRE CLASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD AT EMPIRE

5:00 – 6:30 P.M. ALL ACRO CLASSES (MINI, 3,4,6)

6:30 – 8:30 P.M. PETITE LEVEL 3 & INT ADV TEEN CLASSES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH 5:00 – 8:30 P.M. AT EMPIRE

5:00 – 5:45 P.M. PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY

5:45 – 7:30 P.M. MINI HIP HOP, TAP & BALLET COMBO, MINI ACRO CLASS

IN-THEATRE TECH REHEARSAL AT PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: NO COSTUMES / DANCE DRESS CODE ATTIRE IS REQUIRED!

THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH 4:30 – 9:00 P.M. AT PARAMUS CATHOLIC

4:30 – 5:30 P.M. PRE-PRIMARY / PRIMARY TAP & BALLET

5:00 – 6:30 P.M. MINI TAP & BALLET COMBO CLASSES / MINI LEVEL HIP HOP

6:00 – 7:15 P.M. ALL ACRO CLASSES (MINI, LVL 3, LVL 4 LVL 6)

7:00 – 8:00 P.M. PETITE LEVEL 3 TAP, BALLET, JAZZ/ VOCAL PRIVATE STUDENTS/ MUSICAL THEATRE

7:30 – 9:00 P.M. LEVEL 4/ TEEN LEVEL 6/ INT ADV TEEN LEVEL

ATTENDANCE AT IN-STUDIO DRESS REHEARSAL & ON-STAGE TECH REHEARSAL IS

MANDATORY. This gives our students the opportunity to work on the stage for spacing and allows our Technical Director and Crew the opportunity to secure all lighting and sound cues.

****Please arrive at PARAMUS CATHOLIC H.S. at least ½ hour before scheduled Tech Rehearsal time.

We appreciate all of your cooperation in helping to make our 2026 Showcase a SPECTACULAR one!!!!



DRESS REHEARSAL REMINDERS

- + Full DRESS Rehearsal (IN HAIR/COSTUME...NO MAKE-UP NECESSARY) will be held **at the studio** MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND, 23RD, 24TH
- + TECH Rehearsal (NO COSTUMES) will be held JUNE 25TH **at** PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL in Paramus, NJ. **See Schedule in folder.
- + Dress & Tech Rehearsals are **MANDATORY.**
- + Please arrive and check-in for attendance in the lobby **AT LEAST A HALF HOUR BEFORE SCHEDULED REHEARSAL TIME.** You will then be directed to the Dressing Rooms etc...
- + Your child should arrive at the Studio for Dress Rehearsal with their hair done and in their first costume. This is our only chance to familiarize the students with how their Dances move in their Costumes and to ensure all the pieces stay in place.
- + The TECH REHEARSAL at Paramus Catholic is WITHOUT COSTUMES. The kids should arrive in their Class Uniforms/ Dress Code. This will give our students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the stage and spacing and also gives our technical staff the opportunity to practice music and back stage cues. We cannot stress enough the importance of attendance (and patience) at this rehearsal.
- + All orders placed for Showcase T-Shirt's will be handed out the week of our IN-STUDIO Dress Rehearsal.
- + A Limited amount of Snacks, Flowers, T-Shirts, Mascots & Candy/ Flower arrangements will be available for purchase at the Showcase. Please Pre – Purchase to secure availability (and discounted price!)
- + Trophies are being handed out the last week of classes. If your child is absent, we will have them at the Dress Rehearsal.
- + Registration for next season's classes will begin in MAY!!

DRESS REHEARSAL F.A.Q.

- **When should my child arrive?** Please arrive at Dress Rehearsal 20 – 30 minutes before scheduled time to give us time to take attendance and organize the students.
- Will there be a dressing room available? At our IN-STUDIO Dress Rehearsal we will utilize the small studio for the boys & the back studio for the girls as Dressing Rooms. Students should arrive with hair done and 1st Costume on (if they have multiple). At our TECH Rehearsal at Paramus Catholic High School, we will have NO dressing rooms since they can wear their normal DRESS CODE dance attire. **Be sure to have proper dance shoes and dance attire... NO JEANS. Please dress IN DRESS CODE as if attending class. If a student takes multiple classes, they do not need to change simply wear ALL BLACK DRESS CODE and have proper Dance Shoes with hair properly secured.
- **Can parents stay for Dress Rehearsal?** Parents are asked to drop their child off for our IN-STUDIO Dress Rehearsal. All TV monitors will be off and there will be no chairs set up in Lobby areas. Parents MAY STAY and watch our TECH Rehearsal at Paramus Catholic High School.
- **Why is DRESS Rehearsal so important?** Dress Rehearsal gives us an opportunity to be sure costume/ headpieces etc., stay secure and in place while giving the staff an opportunity to be sure everyone has the proper shoes, accessories etc., It also provides the student with the opportunity to run their routine in costume without the distraction of feeling differently (sequin, fit, itchy etc...)
- **Why is TECH Rehearsal so important?** Tech Rehearsal gives our crew an opportunity to practice their Music and Lighting cues. This Season we are once again utilizing a projection system for backdrop, so cues will be integral to success. It also gives the students an opportunity to see exactly how and when they enter/ exit and how to transition formations on stage. The stage is much bigger than our studios, so this is an extremely important rehearsal.



Boosters

Want to make your child feel extra special on the Showcase Day? What better way than to put it in print or digital format for everyone to see?!? Whether it's an inspirational message, wish of good luck, or a profession of love... Put it in this year's Annual Showcase Program! We will have one FREE full color printed program available for each family AND we will also have a free Digital QR Code Program readily available for upload for your convenience!

- Simple Boosters are a bargain at \$10.00 per booster, 3 for \$25.

*****If you want to add more value, add your child's Photo or a Business Ad to your message for the following costs:**

- \$40 for a quarter page
- \$50 half page
- \$75 for a full page

All you have to do is send us a digital copy of your photo with your message and we will take care of the rest!!

Be creative and let someone special know how you feel.

Please submit your Boosters with CASH ONLY payment to the office by May 16th . Please see examples below! **You can also ask Carmen to see last year's program.

These are Boosters with NO Photos:

Susie- We are so proud of all your accomplishments and couldn't be any happier to see you today, Love, Mommy and Papa xoxo

Jenny, We are so proud of how you've grown as a dancer this past year! Love, Mom and Dad!

We are blessed to be part of such an amazing studio! Best wishes to all of the Dancers! Love, The Cruz Family

Eliot- You're my heart!!! Keep Dancing!! Love, Daddy

These are Boosters with Photos:

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Mackenzie,

Congratulations on your third recital, you are a beautiful dancer. Mommy & Daddy will always be your biggest fans.



Lily,

Your smile lights up our lives!
We love you and are so proud of you!

Mommy & Daddy



½ PAGE

FULL PAGE :



You are one of the greatest blessings our hearts will ever know. We are so proud of the beautiful person you are. We love you Emmy Lu!

Mom, Dad & Paige



ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____

SELECT WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | ¼ PAGE AD \$40.00 | Quantity:_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ½ PAGE AD \$50.00 | Quantity:_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FULL PAGE AD \$75.00 | Quantity:_____ |

TOTAL DUE:_____

AMOUNT PAID: _____

DATE SUBMITTED:_____

*****DEADLINE MAY 16th**

**If selecting Photo option, please send digital photos and message to Empire_pa@yahoo.com
We will set up the ad for you!

PLEASE ATTACH A SHEET OF PAPER WITH THE TEXT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR BOOSTERS OR EMAIL THEM TO Empire_pa@yahoo.com



"GLOBAL BROOVES"

JUNE 27, 2025 @ 5:00 P.M.

PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

425 PARAMUS ROAD PARAMUS, NJ 07652

SHOWCASE TICKET SALE: MAY 2ND @ 9:00 A.M.

We are SO EXCITED to quickly be approaching Showtime!!! Tickets will go on sale **May 2, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** Tickets are reserved seating, and for your convenience this season, sold ONLINE through Dance Recital Ticketing. You may begin purchasing your Tickets May 2ND but they **WILL NOT** be released for printing until **ALL** outstanding Tuition (through June) and any outstanding account balances are paid in full. Tickets **MUST BE PRINTED** in order to enter the Showcase. Receipts and screenshots will not be acceptable forms of ticketing. Beginning May 2ND AT 9:00 A.M. you may follow this Link or scan the QR Code to purchase tickets: Each Ticket is \$30.00



<https://29802.danceticketing.com/>

Everyone over the age of 2 requires a ticket to enter the Showcase. Students who are in the performance do not need a ticket as they will be backstage the entire length of the Showcase and participate in the Finale. For the safety of the dancers, we ask that once they are checked into the Dressing Room they are not picked up until the conclusion of the Showcase. Each Family will receive 1 color coded bracelet to have access to the Dressing Room to pick up their child/ren at the conclusion of the Showcase. Please help us keep your kids safe and abide by the rules.

The Showcase runs approximately 2 and a half to 3 hours, which includes a 10-minute Intermission. We will have plenty of Faculty, Staff & Chaperones caring for the students and some coloring and crafts to keep them busy. All Male performers will have a Dressing Room Backstage and a Male Faculty member assigned to care for them.

HAIR & MAKE-UP PRE-PRIMARY

PICTURE DAY ON: SUN., JUNE 7TH
SHOWCASE DAY: SATURDAY, JUNE 27th

HAIR: In A HIGH Bun with NO Part

Please Match Hair Elastics, Bobby Pins & Hair Nets
With Hair Color



MAKE-UP: All Female Students Are To Wear: *Earth Tone Eyeshadows (Tan/Brown/Gold/Green) *Eyeliner Top & Bottom *Mascara *Brown/ Rose Colored Blush *Pink Lipstick



ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY (BRACELETS/NECKLACES/RINGS)

****YOU CAN PURCHASE RHINESTONE EARRINGS AT DESK
\$5.00**

REMOVE NAIL POLISH.

HAIR & MAKE-UP PRIMARY LEVEL & UP

PICTURE DAY ON: SUN., JUNE 7TH

SHOWCASE DAY: SATURDAY, JUNE 27th

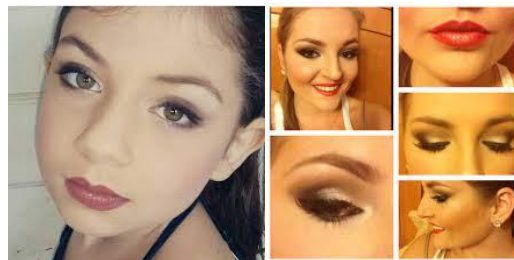
HAIR: In A Low Bun with a Center Part

Please Match Hair Elastics, Bobby Pins & Hair Nets

With Hair Color



MAKE-UP: All Female Students Are To Wear: *Earth Tone Eyeshadows (Tan/Brown/Gold/Green) *Eyeliner Top & Bottom *Mascara *Brown/ Rose Colored Blush *Red Lipstick



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your
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STUDENT NAME: _____

PYMT INFO: _____

DEADLINE: JUNE 13, 2026

CONCESSION MENU

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