Nutcracker Checklist
For 5A/B, 6A/B. 7A, Ballet Tech

Clara & Clara's Friends
Please refer to the costume items needed list sent earlier.
A note on hair: Before you roll the hair pull the sides back into a ponytail. Roll the pony tail separate from the rest of the hair. After you unroll the hair you need to spray the sides that were pulled back with hair spray so no wispies are sticking out.
Party girls also need false eyelashes. Please purchase a few pairs early and practice! Heavy stage make-up will be required.

Fritz & Fritz's Friends
Please refer to the costume items needed list sent earlier.
Party Boys will wear wigs.(except actual boys) They will also need a wig cap to wear under the wig. Party Boys should also wear heavy stage makeup. False eyelashes are not needed.

Candy Canes
Please refer to the costume items needed list sent earlier.
Hair should be slicked back in a high bun with bow bobby pinned on top of the bun.
Send plenty of bobby pins with your dancer.
Note on hair- If your dancer needs to go from curls to a candy cane bun, our cast coordinator will handle it. You will pick them up after every show so you can work on getting their hair back to curly if you have a back-to-back show. I don't think this happens to too many of you!
Do not put their red cheeks on their face. We will do that at the theatre because we need them all to match.

Lead Dragons

They need two double loops in their hair like the Dragonettes, white tights (solid not sheer), black ballet shoes, they have bows for their hair so please send bobby pins, same performance makeup they wear for other parts.

During rehearsals and performances I (Ellen) need the Lead Dragons to come up and sit with the Dragonettes so I do not have to panic looking for them.

During performances, I need you to come up at intermission fully ready and sit with the Dragonettes so you can help us line them up as we head to the stage. I know some of you will have a change from Act I to Act II, but please come up at intermission regardless even if you have to finish getting ready upstairs with the Dragonettes. I will be there and can help you.

Soldier Fleet/ Flag Soldiers/Nutcracker's Sergeants//Lead Musical Soldier:
Hair needs to be slicked back into a HIGH bun or braids on top of the head to fit underneath the hat. Each dancer needs heavy stage make-up (RED lipstick) We also want all soldiers to wear false black eyelashes. These can be purchased at any local drug/supermarket. Do not apply the soldier cheeks on your dancer. We will do those at the theatre because we need them to all look the same.

Musical Soldier:
All listed above and white tights, red pointe shoes (needs to buy a LARGE red sharpie on Amazon in order to color them in a well ventilated area)

Mouse King Lackeys/Mouse King Lieutenants/Mouse Minions/Cheese Mouse:
Please secure your hair in a bun as close to the head as possible. Don't let the bun make a huge bump. Braids also work great. Mice are wearing mice heads so no make-up is needed.

Gingersnap Girls:
Hair needs to be parted down the center and braided on both sides. The brown bows go on the end. The cast coordinator will help them. Each dancer needs heavy stage make-up. We also want all gingersnaps to wear false black eyelashes. These can be purchased at any local drug/supermarket. Do not apply the gingersnap cheeks on your dancer. We will do those at the theatre because we need them to all look the same.

Gingersnap Boys:
Wear your hair in two braids like the girls but pin the braids very close to your head so you don't have a big bump under your hat. Each dancer needs heavy stage make-up. We also want all gingersnaps to wear false black eyelashes. These can be purchased at any local drug/supermarket. Do not apply the gingersnap cheeks on your dancer. We will do those at the theatre because we need them to all look the same.

Maids:
Hair should be in a high bun with your hair piece wrapped around it. Please wear stage make up and false eyelashes.

Court Princesses:

Seamed Capezio tights, false eyelashes, heavy stage makeup

Spanish:

If your dancer is in Spanish they will need the same as court princesses but any other specific directions will come from the pre-pro teachers.

We have Cast Coordinators available at each show to help. They will be the same people for each show and rehearsal. They will help with any makeup, costume or hair issues that come up.

Parents are not permitted in the dressing rooms at all during rehearsals or shows. (no exceptions)

All hair and makeup instructions listed below are for both the performances and the dress rehearsals.

Cast Coordinators will be with the dancers in the dressing rooms. This will be the same people for each show and rehearsal. They will help with any makeup, costume or hair issues that come up and they will be in charge of when the dancers are to come to the stage. We can handle any hair changes needed. Trust me we are experts at this!

Also make sure that they do not bring too much stuff with them! Space is limited in the dressing rooms and they will need to carry all of it up and down the stairs themselves.

Drop off & Pick up procedures dress rehearsals-

Drop off at the double glass doors on the left side of the building. Follow the schedule for all times that they need to be there.

Drop off & Pick up procedures performances-

You will bring them to the outside double doors on the left side of the building and drop them off there. If you have tickets to the show, after dropping off your dancer at the double doors, you will go around to the main doors at the front of the theatre and enter there.

Pick up will be at those same double doors after the show if you are not in the audience. If you are not watching that show, please pick up your dancer an hour and 55 minutes after the start time of the show at the double doors.

Dancers in the downstairs dressing rooms: If you are watching the show, we will allow your dancer to walk upstairs and meet you in the lobby at the end of the show.

Make sure they have something nice to wear if they are going into the lobby. (not sweats or pajamas!)

No food or drinks will be permitted in the dressing rooms. Please make sure your child eats a decent meal/snack before drop off. They will be permitted to bring their own water bottle and it needs to be labeled.

On a day where they have two performances in one day, you will need to pick them up and take them home or to get something to eat. Please follow the times they need to come back (only a half hour before the show starts) They cannot hang out at the theatre between shows. There is plenty of time to leave.

All Battle Scene Only Dancers & Party Scene Only Dancers will need to be picked up at intermission. (one hour after the show starts) Please send one parent to the double doors on the left side of the building to pick them up.

If your dancer is going into the lobby or the theatre after the show or at intermission (early pick up- party only) make sure they are dressed appropriately. No stage make up, no sweats or hoodies, etc. Thank you!