

# The Dancing Astorian

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## *A note from Maggie...*

Well, Christmas is near and ASB's holiday party is even closer! I know many of you have been anxious to receive the details. First, one note on the party.

Lewis & Clark Elementary has switched its holiday music program to the same night as our planned night of fun! In order to accommodate many of our dancers who attend that school, we will be switching the evening around slightly! The dance portion of the party will now begin at 6pm with the holiday gathering and desserts to be held directly after. I apologize if this causes any inconvenience.

**All ASB students are expected to perform at the party.** Our hope is to show off some of the things we've been working on. Please refer to the section with instructions for your dancer. There will be no regular classes held the night of the party.

We appreciate the enthusiastic feedback we've received regarding the party and hope that if you haven't already, you'll RSVP on our website by Monday, December 15th. Again, seating will be limited, so please reserve your spots sooner rather than later!

Beyond the party, we hope everyone has happy and safe holidays this season. I am already looking forward to starting back in January, when we'll begin working out plans for *A Little Princess*. Thanks to all of you for a great first semester! We hope you will celebrate with us on the 18th!

Sincerely,  
Maggie



*If you haven't received an invitation or need another, extras are available on the counter in the front office.*

## **ASB's Holiday Party**

**Thursday, December 18th**

**Performance: 6pm**

**Party: 6:30pm**

### **Details for Dancers**

- ~ Dancers must be at the studio by 5:45pm.
- ~ The studio will look much different when you arrive. The dressing room will be set up for refreshments, so dancers will remove outside clothing, change into ballet shoes, and store their things behind the mirrors which will be set up on the North side of the studio.
- ~ Female dancers need to wear pink ballet tights with no runs or holes, pink ballet slippers with strings tucked in, and the appropriate ASB leotard for their level. No Underwear! Tights are your underwear for dance. All girls must have their hair in a tight bun, with no loose hairs or bangs. Use gel, hairspray, whatever, to make sure there are no wispy hairs! Hair must be done at home prior to arrival at the studio!
- ~ Dancers need to wear easy-to-slip-off clothes that can go in their dance bags for the performance.
- ~ Boys need to wear black pants with their ASB t-shirts and black ballet shoes.
- ~ The show will begin at 6pm. Doors to the studio will open at 5:30pm.
- ~ The show will last about half an hour.
- ~ Please let Maggie or Nate know if you have any questions or concerns!



*Maggie needs shoeboxes! If you have any you're not using, and don't mind giving them up, bring your empty shoeboxes to ASB this week! Thanks in advance!*

## **A Special Gift**

Our holiday party this month was inspired by and funded in part by an anonymous donation made to ASB in the beginning of September. We'd like to extend our thanks, if you're out there, and for you to know that it was in part because of you that this party will take place!

Thank you, from all of us at ASB, for the incredible gift!



## **Need a last minute gift for your dancer?**

Check out ASB's official gear order form. ASB dance bags, sweatshirts, hats and tank tops are available. Order by Monday, December 15th to receive gifts in time for Christmas!

## **Important Dates**

ASB's winter break will begin December 20th.

Classes will then resume on Monday, January 5th.

Bench Days will be held January 26th-30th.

Classes will continue on through the month of February with no breaks until ASB's planned Spring Break in the last half of March.