

# My Day at the Ballet

## 1. I'm going to the Nutcracker

- On Saturday, December 7 I am going to the ballet. The show I will see is called The Nutcracker. The ballet dancers will tell the story of a girl named Clara and her dream about her toy nutcracker who comes to life! The show is a fun story and is pretend, so it's not real



## 2. The show is on a school campus

- The ballet will be in the Vance Brand Civic Auditorium. It is located inside Skyline High School. The show will begin at 1:00pm.

## 3. The building opens early for the show

- On Saturday afternoon, I will ride with my family or friends to the show in Longmont. I may be dropped off in front of the school, or we might park and walk together. The walk from the parking lot to the entrance is very short. The doors will open at 12:00pm.



#### 4. There will be people inside to help me

- When I walk in, I will see people in red aprons in the lobby. These are called assistants. They can help us and answer any questions we have. Before I can enter the auditorium, I will give my ticket to the usher. The usher will take my ticket and look at it. Then the usher will show me where to go.

#### While I wait for the show to start...

- Before the show starts, I can go to see the boutique! The boutique is a table displaying nutcrackers, ornaments, and other trinkets that my parents can buy. These things can break, so I will not touch them. But I can look at these pretty things. Assistants will be there to help me not to touch.



## It will be busy inside!

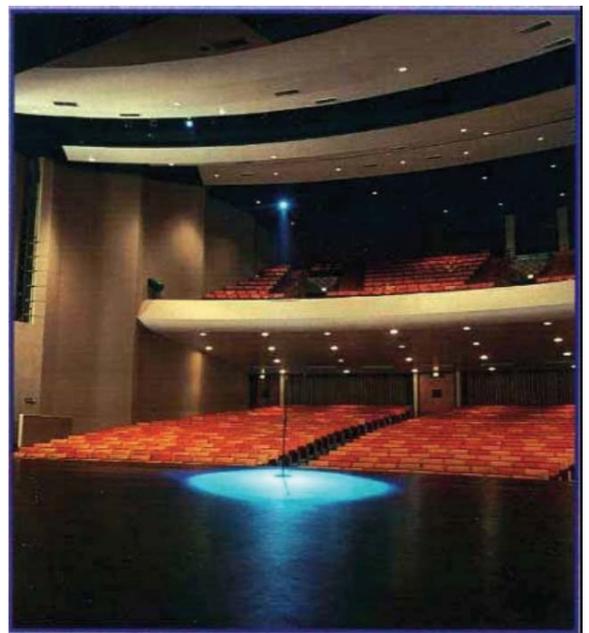
- There will be a lot of other people coming to see *The Nutcracker*. I will stay close to my parents or friends I came with, so I don't get lost.

## I will sit down with my family and friends

- The doors to the auditorium will open at 12:30. Seating in the auditorium is general admission, so my group can sit anywhere we want. I will wait for my group to decide where to sit. When I find a seat, I will sit down and wait for the show to start.

## I will...

- While I sit, I can watch members of the orchestra warm up! During the show they will be in the orchestra pit in front of the stage. There is a drop into the pit so I can't get too close.



## The show starts when the lights dim

- I will know that the performance is about to start when the lights get a little bit darker. They won't turn off, so I can still see and move around safely during the performance.

## The dancers will wear costumes

- In this performance, there are dancers of all ages. Some even as young as 8 years old! The dancers will be wearing different costumes throughout the show. These costumes help to show what character they are and to tell the story. The dancers will go on and off stage many times. They aren't disappearing, just going behind a curtain. In one of the dances, Mother Ginger, there is a very tall lady with a large skirt and I will see some dancers come out from under the skirt!

