

Itinerary: 'The Nutcracker Ballet' – performed by Southold Dance Theatre

WHERE: The Morris Performing Arts Center - 211 N. Michigan St. South Bend, IN

WHEN: **Friday, December 08, 2023**

11:00am **Arrive** at The Morris Performing Art Center and look for me outside

Try to find parking so as to meet me **outside** the entrance of the Morris Performing Arts Center by **11:00am**, otherwise you will find yourself without time to use restrooms before the show begins. They are asking us to all gather **outside** this year. I will be holding up a poster sized green and white sign that says *Berrien Springs Partnership*.

If for some reason the weather is such that they let me stand in the lobby. Please let the doorman know that you are with the *BerrienSprings Partnership* as you enter. Be prepared ... the lobby is hectic. LOTS of kids and schools are arriving. Once inside, please **look for ME** (and my sign).. Check in with me, Becky Halcombe Howard, for attendance and to hand me your **payment ENVELOPE**. There are about 160 in our group As smaller groups of us arrive, I will most likely be allowed to release you by usher to be taken to our seating section. I was told early on that we will be seated upstairs this year. But, that might change as well.

I have been doing this for 13 years, every year the procedure is a little different.. So as you approach the ENTRANCE to the Morris PAC kind of 'scan around' for me. I will be PRESENT either outside or inside with a big Poster size SIGN that says *Berrien Springs Partnership*. I will have a 'clip board' and list and also a NAME tag on. Please have your marked envelope ready to hand me. There will be other area Homeschool Groups doing the same as well as BUS loads of Public School students arriving. It is WORTH it ... it is a spectacular performance.

As WELL, ... AFTER the performance the primary dancers are usually in the lobby to greet the children and for a 'photo op'!! *FUN!*

11:30am **Performance begins!** (short intermission 45 min. Into the show)

Only small, dry snacks are allowed before the show begins or at intermission. (animal crackers, goldfish crackers, pretzels, etc). Please be sure to leave your area the way you found it and clean up all trash!

1:30pm **Performance ends and people need to prepare to be dismissed!**

Additional Information:

Cost: Partnership Students - FREE Other students - \$5. Adults - \$10.

PAYMENT: Please have your payment **ready to hand me in an ENVELOPE** upon arrival with your family NAME on the front. You may pay me in exact cash or by check made out to: Berrien Springs Public Schools. I will NOT be able to make change at this event. Exact cash or check only. Thanks!!

PARKING: There are various places to park around The Morris (street parking and lot parking). Please allow some TIME for parking and walking a bit.

STAFF: Becky Halcombe #269-277-4699

(text with last minute changes 'day of' I will NOT be able to hear or take a phone call)