

New England School of Dance's

Holiday Newsletter 2022

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!



Nutcracker Weekend Is Upon Us!

There are just THREE days until the curtain goes up on our Nutcracker production at Stockbridge Theater and we have several important reminders to share with our performers and their families. In addition to the details below, please review the emails previously sent to all cast members' inboxes containing Tech/Show Schedules and other information.

Show Day Details:

- ★ 12/17 - Tech Rehearsal at Stockbridge Theater begins at 1 PM (See designated Arrival/Call times in the NC Rehearsal & Show Details Document)
- ★ 12/17 - 6 PM Performance
- ★ 12/18 - All Sunday Nutcracker Performers arrive by 1:45
- ★ 12/18 - 3 PM Performance

Arrival: Please sign your child in at the check in table. If you have not volunteered and been assigned a position by the office in advance you will not be permitted backstage with your child.

For tech rehearsal, students should arrive wearing their regular ballet class attire with clean ballet shoes and hair neatly finished for their first role in Act 1. Please remove all jewelry and nail polish prior to arrival.

Dismissal: Students will be escorted out to the lobby at their dismissal times & must be signed out with Kayla before leaving. Please wait in the sign in/out area until your child arrives with their helper after packing up.

Recommendations:

- Make sure your child eats an energizing meal during the break between tech & show call time. We find it easiest to pack a lunchbox to have a “car picnic” during this brief break (especially given icy roads). We want your child to relax and refuel for a few minutes before returning for an exciting performance, and listening to their favorite music in your car while enjoying familiar food is often a lot more successful than rushing to a long line at a nearby restaurant. We will have light, mess free snacks for the children in their dressing rooms but there will not be time for meals or additional food while backstage. The only people permitted to bring their own snack are those with an allergy. Otherwise please do not bring a lunch box or any food backstage.
- Pack a tube of red lipstick in a labeled plastic bag to help our volunteers find it for any necessary touch-ups. If you’re concerned that your child may wipe at their mouth while waiting, you do not need to apply the lipstick prior to drop-off.
- As with any big day, pack your dance bag (and check the list twice!) the night before. Try to get your child to bed early the night before the performances so everyone can wake up early enough to avoid having to rush the morning process. If your dancer is able to enjoy breakfast before the hair and makeup process (in a cozy robe or zip-up to avoid messing up your hard work!) it will set an organized and upbeat tone for the remainder of the day!

Returning for the Performances:

- Arrive dressed in a nude leotard & clean pink tights underneath with a loose fitting button/zip-up cover-up over it.
- Boys may wear neutral shade fitted shorts & a tank top
- Clean ballet shoes
- Exact performance hair style FINISHED (classical bun or ringlets for party girls)
- Fully completed stage makeup
- A small dance bag with extra bobbi pins, red lipstick, mini hairspray for frizz, extra pair of pink tights, and a full water bottle

Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy is located at: 5 Pinkerton Street Derry, NH 03038 (try typing in Stockbridge Theater)

Don't Let Anyone You Know Miss The Nutcracker Show!

Tickets are still available online until Friday night at 6 PM; after that, select tickets will be sold in the lobby for \$35 30 minutes prior to each show. Often we hear, “Oh we wish we had known - we were available and would have loved to come!” from friends after the show, so we encourage you to reach out and let them all know. Please share this ticket link: <https://1116.recitalticketing.com/r/events/>

Dew Drop & her Flower Corps rehearse at the in-studio Dress Rehearsal last weekend.



Important Dates:

- ★ 12/21 - Studio Open from 11-3 for our “Pop-Up Shop”!
- ★ 12/19-1/01 Studio Closed for Holiday Break
- ★ 1/02 Studio Re-opens for Classes!

“Pink Present Pop-Up Shop”

Have you noticed those beautiful pink boxes tied up with silver ribbon around the studio this week? They're not just for decoration! We know how busy this season can be and that “experience gifts” are gaining popularity, so we're opening for 4 hours on Wednesday, December 21st to help you finish your holiday shopping! We hope you'll take a look at NESD's class offerings and consider adding another class to your child's weekly schedule; benefits of taking multiple dance classes include (but are not limited to):

- Increased CONFIDENCE due to faster familiarity with new steps
- Stronger FRIENDSHIPS with fellow dancers your child will see more often
- Improved STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY & overall health from varied movement exercises
- More dances/time on stage in the spring production scheduled for the first weekend in June!

Give the Gift of Dance this season with a Pink Present for \$15 (plus the monthly tuition for your new class) - Pink Boxes include:

1. Adorable Gift Certificate personalized to present your new dance class!
2. Silk pouch with hair pins and elastic to keep track of your “bun kit”
3. Baby Blue or Pink Velvet Scrunchie
4. Decorative ballerina Ornament OR small wooden nutcracker craft for your child to paint over the holiday break!

Add-on Items & Ideas: Add a crystal tiara, “fairy wings”, ribbon dancing wand complete with step-by-step ballet instructions to practice at home, lavender dance bag/drawer sachet, ornament or an NESD exclusive t-shirt to really personalize this gift! (Add-ons range in price from \$2-\$15).

If you ordered Spirit Wear during the Pre-Sale last month it should be available for pick-up on this day as well! We received notice that it shipped out today but do not have a tracking number (at time of print) to give an exact arrival date. We thank you in advance for your patience with the supply chain delays!

Joyful January!



We're planning to banish the post-holiday blues with a Joyful January Celebration! When students return to classes the week of January 2nd, they'll dance under festive colorful lights and are invited to wear **ANY COLOR** leotard for the first week of January! We look forward to brightening up the chilly winter month with a rainbow of students, new playlists and renewed energy buzzing around the school for 2023! Stay tuned for more Joyful January plans!