

## November News

# It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!



### Halloween Week Wrapped Up

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a festive week with your school spirit and creative costumes! We all had a lot of fun with spooky inspirations in dance classes and staff even awarded some best costume prizes. We hope everyone enjoyed the day off for Trick-or-Treating with family and friends - now on to one of our busiest and most important times of the year as a ballet school - Nutcracker season!

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- ★ 11/05 - Balsam Wreath & Gifts Fundraiser Orders Due
- ★ 11/11 - NC Performer Package Orders due - Classes will run on Veterans Day
- ★ 11/13 - Spiritwear Store Closes - Order today!
- ★ 11/23 - 11/27 - NESD closed for Thanksgiving Break (Tap classes only make-up on 11/23)
- ★ 12/09 - Act 2 In-Studio Dress Rehearsal
- ★ 12/10 - Act 1 In-Studio Dress Rehearsal
- ★ 12/17 - On-Stage Tech Rehearsal & 6 PM Nutcracker Performance
- ★ 12/18 - 3 PM Nutcracker Performance

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## NESD Presents the Nutcracker

If you are new to our dance community and just getting accustomed to all of this Nutcracker buzz, we want to welcome you to our special kind of holiday preparation! While other people are busy shopping, wrapping and researching the best baked stuffed potato recipes, we find ourselves consumed by presenting a time-honored tradition for local communities to enjoy. Origins of the Nutcracker date back to 1892 when it was first presented by the Mariinsky Ballet Theatre with choreography by Marius Petipa in St. Petersburg, Russia. The Nutcracker made its US debut in 1944 and the story has since evolved and been recreated by companies throughout the world. In each retelling of this classic holiday tale, a young girl experiences her coming-of-age on Christmas Eve when she is escorted to her “dream world” in Act 2.

Our dancers dedicate 3 whole months of rehearsals to present a polished and magical pre-professional production for our local community. We hope you’ll invite everyone you know to celebrate the holidays with us at the Stockbridge Theatre on Saturday, December 17th at 6 PM and Sunday, December 18th at 3 PM - we even have cards available in the office! Please share this link to order tickets: <https://1116.recitalticketing.com/r/events/>



If you are a cast member please remember to submit your NC Performance Package Order Form by 11/11 to receive your performance tights, t-shirt and DVD/Blu-Ray. You do not need to be a cast member to order these items - other dancers are welcome to purchase the shirt etc. as well!

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## Health & Safety

As we all could have expected, various viruses are circulating this season and may require your family to take extra care and caution. While we are no longer following a specific COVID-19 protocol at NESD, we do ask that everyone continue to monitor the health and wellness of their family members prior to participating in dance classes. If your symptoms are consistent with the flu or COVID-19, please stay home to hydrate and rest while awaiting test results. Dancing requires great energy and if you're coughing consistently or not well enough to participate we hope you'll e-mail the office and give your body time to recover. Please remember to wash your hands upon entry and stay safe this season!

## Our "Spiritwear" Online Store is Open!

Each fall we work with Select Spiritwear to present a line of NESD apparel just in time for the holiday season! This year, you're able to personalize most of the items, ranging from cute baseball tees and cozy sweatshirts to backpacks, neck warmers and even blankets, for just \$5! These items get delivered to our studio and are expected by 12/10! Are you looking for high-quality holiday gifts? Look no further - shop today before the store closes on Sunday, November 13th!

Shop Here:

[https://www.selectspiritwear.com/v5store/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=612&fbclid=IwAR3YU2B-I3mG\\_plBY4hcGV-q3zhCYrCMo44gESrqPJztUTfJcCVhwLSEG3U](https://www.selectspiritwear.com/v5store/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=612&fbclid=IwAR3YU2B-I3mG_plBY4hcGV-q3zhCYrCMo44gESrqPJztUTfJcCVhwLSEG3U)

