



# September News

## Save These Dates:

- ❖ September 14 - Nutcracker Auditions!
- ❖ October 1st - Nutcracker Fees due with tuition
- ❖ October 5th - Nutcracker Costume Fitting Day
- ❖ October 14th - Classes WILL be held on Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day
- ❖ October 14th - Spirit Wear Orders Due
- ❖ October 26th - October 30th - Halloween Spirit Week
- ❖ October 31st - No classes on Halloween
- ❖ December 14th - Nutcracker Tech Rehearsal and Performance at The Stockbridge Theater

## Nutcracker Auditions & Info

**Calling all Ballet Students Ages 5+ - Join Us THIS SATURDAY, September 14th**



**Nutcracker Auditions**

**Saturday, September 14th  
2024**

Ages 5-7: 12:00-12:45 PM  
Ages 8-11: 12:45-1:45 PM  
Ages 12+: 2:15-3:30 PM



Students enrolled in at least one ballet class are invited to join us on Saturday 09/14 for our annual Nutcracker Auditions! Our Primary & Elementary age ballet students will learn one role within their class time, however, many dancers choose to audition for additional roles and enjoy more stage time on the big day! Additional roles do require additional rehearsals and those dates will be communicated as soon as possible once casting is completed. By learning a variety of characters and managing the rehearsal schedule in addition to regular dance classes and school your passionate young dancers will grow as people and as performers and it will surely be an inspiring gift to watch the story come to life on stage in December!

**Q: How should my dancer prepare for their audition?**

**A: Please complete this form prior to Saturday, 9/14 to register for the**

audition: <https://forms.gle/eU6kVVKuAncuEyT99>

**Q: What can we expect the day of the audition?**

**A:** We approach our auditions from an educational standpoint. Dancers as young as five years old will be provided with age appropriate guidance on audition etiquette and presentation as they learn exciting movement combinations from a variety of roles in the ballet. Our goal is for each student to exit the audition with a sense of pride in themselves!

- Arrive fifteen minutes prior to your audition time to get your number & warm-up
- Bring a water bottle
- Audition Attire:

Females - Hair in a neat bun secured with bobby pins and hairnet, pink tights, solid color leotard, ballet shoes & pointe shoes (if on pointe -

wear pointe shoes into the studio & bring ballet shoes in hand)

*Males - Fitted black shorts or tights with a white T-Shirt & black ballet shoes*

- **Audition Cost** of \$25.00 per dancer or \$45 per family will be charged to your Studio Director account. A Performance fee of \$100 will be posted to your account once casting is finalized. Please see Our Student Handbook for additional information.

**Our Show Will Take The Stage On Saturday, December 14th, 2024 in Derry, NH!**

### *Volunteers Needed for Nutcracker Costume Fitting Day:*

Since the Nutcracker is an annual holiday tradition we're able to store and reuse hundreds of high-quality character costumes required to help the story come to life. Each year, our staff members and a team of generous volunteers help clean, mend and fit the costumes to our new cast of dancers. Please let us know if you're able to assist with any of the following volunteer positions on Saturday, October 5th - no experience necessary! This is a great way to learn more about what happens behind the scenes of our magical show and get to know some of the young artists at our school!

- Dressing Room Attendant (zipping/safety pinning and labeling) 9:30-11:30, 11:30-1:30 or 1:30-2:30
- Hand-Sewing Assistant (Small tucks/mending with needle and thread) 9:30-11:30, 11:30-1:30 or 1:30-2:30
- Seamstress on Sewing Machine 9:30-11:30, 11:30-1:30 or 1:30-2:30

*One sewing machine can be provided, but if you're able to bring your own that would be incredibly helpful!*

Thank you in advance to any community members who are able to assist! Please email [nesdoffice@gmail.com](mailto:nesdoffice@gmail.com) by Saturday, September 28th if you're able to volunteer!

### *Office Hours*

Our office is staffed during the following hours if you need to speak with someone in person or over the phone. Any questions or concerns that can be communicated via email will be read daily and replied to as soon as possible. We're happy to schedule a call or in-person meeting outside of these hours if needed as well - email [nesdoffice@gmail.com](mailto:nesdoffice@gmail.com) or call (603) 935-7326 😊

**Monday - 3:00-4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - 3:00-5:00 PM**

**Wednesday - 5:30-8:30 PM**

**Thursday - 5:45-7:45 PM**

**Saturday - 9:00-10:00 AM**

Our teachers arrive 10-15 minutes before their first class to prepare the studio but may be teaching another class prior to your child's; for this reason we ask that you remain with your child as they prepare their hair, put on their dance shoes, use the restroom and ready themselves prior to lining up with their teacher for class. In the event that students need to visit the restroom during their class, teachers will monitor their time out with a pass system. Please note that the security code recently changed and is posted inside our studio for families to reference (this should only be shared with members of our NESD&T community).

Lastly, if your dancer is a teenager who may be planning to leave the building during their break for any reason (ie: driving to Dunkin Donuts or even walking downstairs to pick up Thai Food from Udon) they are required to tell a staff member when they're leaving. In the event of an emergency, any student enrolled that day will need to be accounted for.

We appreciate your support as we work together to remind the children of these safety protocols, ensuring a wonderful school year for all!

### *Spirit Wear Sale:*

Need a new dance bag or cozy sweatshirt? Keep your eyes open for our annual Spirit Wear Sale - coming soon! The online pop-up store will offer new logo wear options such as sweatshirts, tank tops, dance bags and more - there's something for everyone! Our Spirit Wear Store will be open for just a few weeks to ensure holiday delivery. These items also make perfect gifts for your dancer!



Thank you for being a valued member of the NESD&T community! Our 2024-2025 Student Handbook is now available at <https://www.newenglandschoolofdance.com/> for your reference and convenience.

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*We want to wish the following NESD&T students a happy September Birthday!*

*Carol M. 9/2  
Emery H. - 9/3  
Adaline F. - 9/13  
Emily F. 9/19  
Cassidy G. 9/29  
Mary M. 9/29*

