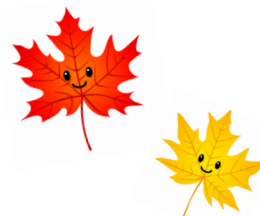




# "In The Wings"

TDS Monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2024



## TDS STAR OF THE MONTH

Each month, all TDS dancers are eligible to receive our "Star of the Month" award, nominated by our faculty.

"Star of the Month" recipients receive:

- \$25 tuition credit **OR** \$25 gift certificate to *Village Dancewear* in Sturbridge, MA **OR** *WOW Dancewear* in Auburn, MA – their choice!
- A TDS Star of the Month certificate
- Dancer's photo on Facebook, website, studio bulletin board + Recital 2025 program



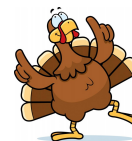
**CONGRATULATIONS  
NADIA GAWRYCH**

**You are our November 2024  
TDS Star of the Month!**

## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK

The Dancer's Sole will be **CLOSED** in observance of Thanksgiving:

**Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
through  
**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**



Wishing all of our dancers, their families & friends a safe, healthy holiday!



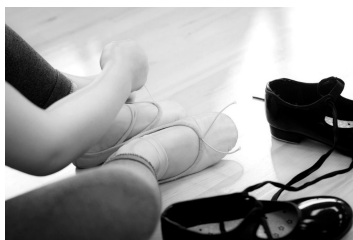
### **Recital 2024-25 Costume Balances**

are due with November tuition no later than

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 2023**

If you are uncertain of your balance, you can log-in to your Parent Portal to view your current balance(s) or email the office. Our office will be open from 9:30a-11:30a on Saturday 11/16 for payments and questions. Thank you!

## DRESS CODE REMINDER



All dancers should now be equipped with the appropriate dance shoes and attire for their class(es). Please be sure that your child is coming to class prepared and presentable.

- Pink tights & a clean, neat bun should always be worn for **any** class that features Ballet!
- Beginner/Intermediate dancers – **tights** and a **leotard** are required for every class (except hip-hop). Leggings and a t-shirt without the above items are not permitted.
- Some classes require **TWO** pairs of dance shoes. Please be sure your child has **BOTH** required pairs.

If you are uncertain of your child's dress code requirements, please contact us. Thanks!



**Veterans Day  
Weekend:  
Saturday 11/9  
& Monday  
11/11**

The studio will be **OPEN** for all regular classes on Saturday 11/9 & Monday 11/11. TDS would like to extend our sincere gratitude and honor to all Veterans, past and present – thank you for your service.

## 2024 HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS

We had a BLAST seeing everyone's amazing costumes during Halloween week at the studio ☺ We were so impressed by the number of students who participated and showed their creativity and spooky spirit!

### A special congratulations to this year's winners:

**Most Creative:** "Reese's Cup" – Elise Rodier

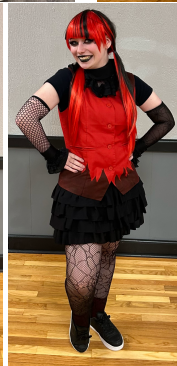
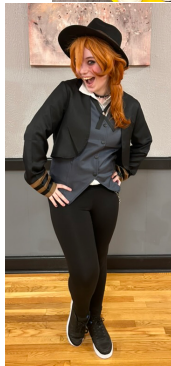
**Funniest:** "Hot Dog" – Mary Carmignani

**Cutest:** "Cute Kitty Cat" – Nora Cazeault

**Scariest:** "Anime Villain" – Michael DiFillippo

**Best All-Around:** Claudia Tetreault – different costumes and cool makeup every day of the week!

**Awesome creativity and diversity, everyone – congrats ☺**



As usual, it was SO difficult to choose the winners this year – we had almost 100% participation across the studio! Winners will receive their prizes from Miss K + Miss Greta during parent/guest observation week.

Thank you to everyone for a fun week ☺

## GUEST OBSERVATION WEEK #1

**STUDIO I + II CLASSES:**

Monday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

**STUDIO III CLASSES:**

Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

We are breaking up the weeks this season to accommodate for parking. Please plan accordingly. We cannot make accommodations to switch weeks for some families and not others. We also encourage carpooling when possible. Additional week(s) will be available for observation later in the season if you are unable to this session.

All dancers are welcome to invite no more than TWO Adult Guests to observe their dance (classes). Siblings will not be allowed to attend as observers due to limited space AND as potential distractions for the participating dancers / teachers.

Please remove street shoes & silence cell phones upon entering the dance spaces. TDS Instructors will review photo/video policies at the start of each session.

## NOT FEELING WELL?

Dancers are asked to stay home from class if they are experiencing a fever, COVID-19 symptoms (cough, runny nose, sore throat), stomach flu symptoms, etc.



We kindly ask to consider having your child wear a mask to class if they are feeling well + fever-free, but might be experiencing a persistent cough, etc.

We appreciate your consideration and cooperation to make the studio a safe, comfortable & healthy place for everyone ♥





## FILL OUR STUDIO WALL WITH GRATITUDE!

Visit Studio 1 hallway to participate. Open to dancers AND their parents/families!

Grab a leaf and a marker.

Write what you're grateful for this Thanksgiving. **Don't forget to write your name!**

Drop your leaf in the envelope on the wall & we'll hang it up ☺

We're THANKFUL for YOU! All leaves will be entered into a drawing over Thanksgiving weekend for a \$25 tuition credit for December!

\*One entry per dance family/account that participates. Begins Thursday 11/7/24.



The Dancer's Sole is holding an athletic shoe drive fundraiser in October and November 2024. TDS will earn funds based on the total quantity of gently worn, used, and new sneakers collected. Anyone can help by simply donating gently worn, used, and new sneakers.

GotSneakers has developed a unique fundraising program that asks communities to reach into their closets, not their pockets! The sneaker recycling program helps keep sneakers out of landfills, which has harmful effects on our environment, and helps organizations like ours raise funds. The program is truly a win – win!

Learn more about GotSneakers by visiting their website at [www.gotsneakers.com](http://www.gotsneakers.com).

## TDS Recitals 2024

Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Recitals will be held  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
at Tourtellotte Memorial High School  
in Thompson, CT

\*Dress Rehearsal: Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the high school  
We will provide additional details as the date gets closer. We are so excited! ☺



## Christmas Cards for the Elderly

Our TDS Crew will be performing at Christopher Heights (CH) in Webster on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:45pm.

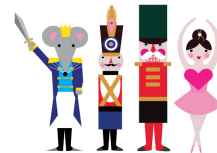
We would ♥ to send some **homemade Christmas + holiday cards** with our TDS Crew for the CH staff to distribute to their residents for the holidays!

We invite all our dancers (and their families/siblings) to visit us at the studio for:

### CARD-MAKING DAYS

**Saturdays 11/16, 11/23, 12/7 :: 9:30-11:30a**

*We'll provide the card supplies...  
you provide the creativity!*



## "THE NUTCRACKER" Cast Roles for TDS Dancers

Congratulations to TDS Dancers **Eliza Kalwarczyk** (Senior Company Member) and **Josephine Porter** (Petite Company Member) for being cast in The Hanover Theatre's Annual Production of "The Nutcracker" in Worcester MA. Performances are Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are available at [www.TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://www.TheHanoverTheatre.org).

Congratulations to TDS Dancer **Eleanor Susienka** (Teen/Senior Company Member) for being cast in "The Nutcracker" at The Dancing Art Center in Holliston MA. Performances are Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at The Norwood Theatre, Norwood MA. Tickets are available at [www.NorwoodStage.com](http://www.NorwoodStage.com).



We've heard a few families/dancers ask...

## Where Can I Find Studio Information?

such as payment due dates, studio closings, upcoming events & more?

With today's on-the-go hectic lifestyle, we understand that it can be difficult to keep track of your child's or children's busy schedules. We utilize many tools to keep our lines of communication open with our dancers & their families. Connect with us & learn more:

- **TDS WEBSITE:** [www.TheDancersSole.com](http://www.TheDancersSole.com)
  - Updated monthly with important dates & events; Company information; & much more
- **TDS FACEBOOK PAGE:** [www.facebook.com/TheDancersSole](http://www.facebook.com/TheDancersSole)
  - Who doesn't love Facebook?! Updated at least a few times per week, this is a great place for last-minute announcements, including inclement weather cancellations/delays
- **TDS INSTAGRAM:** Find us on your Instagram app @TheDancersSole
  - A fun, yet informative way for us to share class photos as well as important "save the dates," dance education videos, etc.
- **"In The Wings" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:** Several ways to access!
  - Emailed to all dance parents/guardians during the first week of each month
  - Downloadable from our website each month: [www.TheDancersSole.com](http://www.TheDancersSole.com)
  - Posted to our bulletin boards in both studios the first week of each month
- **In-House BULLETIN BOARDS:** Studios I & II
  - We strongly encourage both dancers & parents/guardians to check out our studio bulletin boards monthly. Learn about upcoming local events in our community, read our monthly newsletter or check out our "Star of the Month" photo

**Are you receiving our monthly newsletters & other informative emails each month?  
If not, stop by the office to ensure we have your most up-to-date information on file.**

*Please visit and "like" us on social media – Spread the word, Share with your friends!*



The Dancer's Sole will be **CLOSED**  
in observance of Winter/Holiday Break:

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**  
through

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Classes resume Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Kolby Campbell  
Emilia Dziobak  
Jocelyn Evans  
Hope Grasso  
Yutso Lama  
Savannah Lepage  
Olivia Macek  
Gianna Manzano  
Isabella Nalepa  
Elaria Nyad  
Coraline Swift  
Freya Williamson

## TDS COMPANY TEAM FAMILY NEWS:

- **Collect** Wine for Wine Pull Fundraiser (1 bottle per Company Team Family) – Monday 11/4 through Saturday 11/16
- **SELL** Wine Pull Fundraiser Tickets Thursday 11/21 through Friday 12/6
- **Comp. Fee Payment Plans WILL** be available again this season – Miss K will be emailing more information in December. Plans will run Jan-May 2025. Payment plan participation is optional and is for comp fees ONLY.
- **Annual Company Team Christmas Party!** Wednesday 12/18, 6-8pm in Studio II. **Mandatory Team Event.** Gift swap, Annual Sole Mate Match-Up, activities, games, craft and more! Company Team Dancers only.
- **Diva Dance Competition Fees Due** (mandatory for all solos/duos/groups) – Monday 12/2
- **Company Makeup Tutorial** – Saturday 1/11/25, 11:30a-12:15p, Studio III...FREE + Open to all Company Dancers and a parent/guardian! Bring your Company makeup colors (see Company tab of our website), false eyelashes & glue, makeup brushes, & makeup removing wipes.