



# "In The Wings"

TDS Monthly Newsletter

APRIL/MAY 2026



## RECITAL NEWSLETTER – COMING SOON!

Stay tuned SOON for our annual **Recital Newsletter** coming in early May! This newsletter will be a step-by-step guide for our dancers and families regarding everything "Recital Day"!



## May Tuition is due on or before Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Our office will be open 9:30a-11:30a on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> for anyone wishing to make a cash or credit payment, or to answer any questions you may have.  
Stop by or give us a call: 508.949.1508

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Recital T-Shirt Size Submission/Orders + Years of Dance Deadline (link will be emailed/on website)
- **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Recital Business Ads / Good Luck Messages Deadline (link will be emailed/on website)
- **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> + Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Picture Days w/ Mike Nyman (at TDS)
- **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Memorial Day Weekend – NO CLASSES
- **Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Dress Rehearsal at the high school – timed schedule will be available on our website + studio bulletin boards after April School Vacation Week. Mandatory for ALL TDS dancers!
- **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual TDS Recitals! Tourtellotte Memorial High School, Thompson CT
- **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Company Team Evaluations, Season 14

## TDS STARS 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 future tuition credit **OR** \$25 gift certificate to *WOW Dancewear* in Auburn, MA – their choice!
- A TDS Star of the Month certificate
- Dancer's photo on Facebook, website, studio bulletin boards + Recital 2026 program

CONGRATULATIONS, **ISABELLA NALEPA**

You are our April 2026  
TDS Star of the Month!

CONGRATULATIONS, **NELLA COPELAND**

You are our May 2026  
TDS Star of the Month!

## RECITAL FAQ's

- What show(s) will be my child's dance(s) be in?
- When do Recital tickets go on sale? How many tickets can I purchase? How much do they cost?
- What is the hair/makeup style needed for my child's dance(s)?
- What/When is Stage Rehearsal?

ALL of these questions – and *much more* – will be answered shortly after April School Vacation Week. You can visit the **RECITAL 2026 tab on our website, the waiting room of Studio 1** & your **TDS emails** for continually updated info. Our Recital Newsletter will also be released in early May.

Don't worry – we've got you covered! ☺

**RECITAL will be held SATURDAY JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>  
at Tourtellotte Memorial High School in  
Thompson, CT**

## TDS CREW BANQUET PERFORMANCE

Our TDS Crew will be holding a banquet & performance at Oxford VFW – Post 5663 on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6pm!  
Pre-Sale Tickets: \$6 each / \$10 at the door (cash only)  
Cash Bar Available – Awards Ceremony - Snacks  
Open to all! Contact the studio office for tickets.



*Congratulations! Prizes will be distributed in classes by our teachers ☺*

- "Musical Monday" – Josephine Porter as "Pitbull"
- "Future Career Day" – Aniya Reyes as "Scientist"
- "Hollywood Red Carpet Day" – Caroline Sherry
- "Fantasy Day" – Giorgios Sgouritsas
- "TDS Spirit Day" – Nora Cazeault

Thank you to all our dancers for participating! ☺

## TDS STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Dancers that miss EIGHT (8) or more classes after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 will **NOT** be allowed to perform in our annual Recital in June 2026.

Our attending dancers & faculty are working hard on the Recital routines, and it is **very** difficult to practice when classmates are continuously missing.

Please make sure you are coming to class on time and ready to dance. We encourage our students to be team players and fully participate in their classes from start to finish.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Happy Dancing! ☺

## COSTUME PICTURE DAYS

with Mike Nyman Photography

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> + Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
at the studio

Reserve your dancer's spot(s) online anytime:  
<https://mikenymanphotography.com/project/tdsw/>

## RECITAL COSTUMES

As costumes arrive, our instructors will distribute and have dancers try on to check for sizing. Size exchanges will take place if necessary. Tights will be distributed upon returning from April School Vacation week.

Once your dancer receives her/his costume, please:

:: HANG on provided hanger in a safe place at home

:: DO NOT WEAR until Picture Day or Recital

:: Keep accessories together with each costume

Minor alterations are the responsibility of each dancer/parent (i.e. tucking straps)



*Dancers will be trying on their costumes in class - please remember to come dressed in dance attire to all your classes. This means tights, leotard and proper shoes. The studio's dress code for each class must be followed throughout the entire dance year. We appreciate your cooperation!*



## Registration Opens Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>!

[Recreational Schedule]

- Theme Camps (Ages 3-5 and 6-8)
- Mini Dance Sessions (Ages 3 and up)
  - Acro-Dance Workshops
  - Theatre Kids: Matilda, Jr.  
...and more ☺

Space Is Limited – Don't Delay!  
Register Online Via Our Parent Portal

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Isla Atkins  
Ara Carter  
Layla D'Andrea  
Michael DiPhillipo  
Sophia Gawrych  
Olivia Guinto  
Averi Hortance  
Charlie Kelly  
Adeline Kish  
Libby Kokoszka  
Youdon Lama  
Riley Mackowiak  
Aaliyah Maina  
Kennedy Nowicki  
Aniya Reyes  
Persefoni Sgouritsas  
Francesca Zicaro

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Meadow Arena  
Jack Bengtson  
Mary Carmignani  
Nella Copeland  
Paulina Deptula  
Amelia Deptula  
Ava Donovan  
Raegan Duquette  
Nadia Gawrych  
Autumn Griffin  
Joey Kelly  
Emmy Monticelli  
Alayna Pontbraind  
Emery Presa  
Reese Rim  
Bella Roman  
Isabella Valenti