

IMPORTANT!

Dance

AUGUST 2026



DANCE IT FORWARD

NEWSLETTER

MEET NHSDA

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS

Welcome to our newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest STUDENT INFO in our mission of making a difference with dance in our community. Each month, we'll provide you with the latest updates and important information. Access ALL MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS through the **Student Center**. The information in this newsletter supersedes any previous content.

Important Newsletter Content

Enroll in August for the Complete Season Experience! Become a Season Kickoff Member! August members secure their preferred class placement and gain full access to fall auditions and performance opportunities. Students joining later may enroll only where space and opportunities remain.

- The season opens on Saturday, August 22.
- Just added: Happy Feet Tots, Ages 1.5-3 to Monday 5:15 pm & Hip Hop Horray to Tuesdays 4:45 pm!
- Open House - August 22 (10 am to 3 pm)...please share this info!
- Need a size before ordering your shoes, tights or leos before ordering? Stop in August 18 (4-6 pm)
- As the season begins, we remind everyone to be sure to visit the **STUDENT CENTER** of our website for dress code, calendar and newsletters. The newsletters are a very important way for us to keep everyone updated, especially on performance and fundraising happenings.
- Join by August 24 & receive 8 exclusive member perks! \$200 VALUE!!! Sign up today! You will be emailed the details of how to redeem your perks.
- The Open Program now has 50 minute commercial performing classes!
- The Parents Committee starts their weekly meetings next month. Fundraisers to Earn Credits off Dance will soon begin. Watch for details. You are invited to join the committee, too!
- Nutcracker Ballet & The Hip Nut Tickets Will Be On Sale Soon! Performing Student details are in this newsletter.
- Children's Company - Forward Company; still a few openings for Ages 4-7.
- Adult Classes Now Forming...Ballet, Contemporary & Jazz/Tap plus join the Kickstars! Performing Group for all adults including older adults (accommodations may be made).
- Dress Code Reminder Links

> **CLICK HERE FOR OUR HOME PAGE - SCHEDULE GUIDE** <

Add on classes, Join a Dance Company, Learn More About Dance It Forward

Office Hours

Mon 4-8 pm
Tues 4-8 pm
Wed 4-8 pm
Thr 4-8 pm
Sat 10 am-1 pm

HOW TO CONTACT US

Call or text us at 717-755-MOVE (6683)
or Email CS@danceitforward.org.
<https://www.danceitforward.dance>

Thank you for reading!



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**SEASON
KICKOFF**
Member!



2026-2027 DANCE IT FORWARD

Enroll by **AUGUST 24**

and receive exclusive Season Kickoff benefits
available **ONLY** to dancers who enroll!

A \$200 VALUE!

8 EXCLUSIVE SEASON KICKOFF BENEFITS



SEASON KICKOFF MEMBER PRICING ON CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

We host special events such as parents night out, holiday kids dance parties and more!
25% off!



OFFICIAL LOGO DRAWSTRING DANCE BAG



COMPLIMENTARY MINI PRIVATE LESSON

One 15-minute mini private lesson (minimum age 5)



SEPTEMBER ADD-A-CLASS PASS

Try a new style for one month with your September add-a-class pass



\$20 COUPON OFF A SUMMER CAMP



FREE ADULT DANCE CLASSES

1 full month of free adult dance classes...
Choose from Ballet, Jazz & Tap, Contemporary or Join The Kickstars!



FIRST CHOICE OF CLASS SCHEDULE BEFORE CLASSES FILL!

Get the classes, days and times you want before spots are gone. Your dancer doesn't miss out on any dance class fun!!!



FREE PROGRAM BOOK SHOUT OUT TO YOUR FAVORITE DANCER

Watch the newsletters to complete the form by the deadline.

Join Us Go to: www.danceitforward.dance

Details & Reminders

OBSERVATION, VIDEO RECORDING & MONITORING

- Our viewing windows are usually open and parents may watch through them.
- Absolutely no video recording by parents is allowed as part of our child protection policy.
- Photographs of your own child are permitted.
- Be advised that all studios are under video monitoring and other security cameras. Only Dance It Forward admin staff have access to this information.

PARKING, DOORS, DROP OFF AND PICKUP

- Our main parking lot is in the rear of the building. Students and parents should enter and exit from the Eastern Blvd (rear) door only.
- All dancers ages 12 and under should be escorted in and out of the building.
- Please ask your dancer to wait inside the building for their pickup rides as they shouldn't wait outside alone.
- Parents who choose to remain in their cars need to park in the (rear) Eastern Blvd side of the building, not the front near Market Street which is for staff only.*

* If you need to use the front entrance, where there are no steps, due to a physical challenge, call us at 717-755-6683 to make sure the door is open.

WAITING ROOM/LOBBY AREA

- Our Company dancers have purchased locker space to keep their dance belongings since most study many days and hours a week.
- There are several tables and chairs available throughout the lobby. Please note: the tables towards the front of the lobby near Studio A are reserved for Company dancers.

SEASON ENROLLMENT REMINDER

Season Tuition: School-year tuition is based on the complete August-June season and divided into 11 monthly installments. Installments are not payment for individual calendar months. Your enrollment remains active until a withdrawal request is submitted through the Parent Portal at least 30 days in advance. Nonattendance does not constitute withdrawal.

NEW! CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

Membership is continuous and remains active until a withdrawal request is submitted through the Parent Portal by the 1st day of the month to stop billing for the following month.

Performing Student Packages

At Dance It Forward, performances are an extension of the classroom. Dancers build confidence, teamwork, stage presence, discipline, and lifelong memories through our signature productions: • **The Nutcracker Ballet** • **The Hip Nut!** • **The June Show**

All Performing Classes are attached to a Performing Student Package that supports choreography, creating productions, rehearsal hours, venue & theatre rental, staging, staff, props, sets, lighting & digital designs, music editing licensing fees, and other performance-related costs. Performance tickets are sold separately. Watch the Monthly Newsletters for updates on performance preparations. Tickets to our performances are separate & extra.



Program	What's Included	Season Package
Youngest Dancer Performer Package HAPPY FEET ACADEMY PERFORMING CLASSES: <i>Discover Ballet 3-4, Happy Feet Combo 3-4</i>	Covers the cost to perform in the June Show and a June Show costume to keep! <i>Note: Students in the Happy Feet Academy taking Discover Ballet 3-4 or Happy Feet Combo 3-4 are not yet eligible to audition for the Nutcracker Ballet or the Hip Nut. These class levels perform in the June show only.</i>	\$125 per performing class; due on 10/30.
Performing Student Performer Package HAPPY FEET ACADEMY PERFORMING CLASSES ARE: <i>Pre-Primary Ballet 4-6, Primary Ballet 5-7, Happy Feet Combo 4-5, Happy Feet Combo 5-7, Hip Hop Horray! 4-7, FWD Pom Squad & Cheer 4-7, Forward Company</i>	HAPPY FEET ACADEMY CLASSES • The Performance Package cost is the same for all students, regardless of whether they sign up to participate in one December production, both productions, or neither. • It covers the cost to perform in the our Signature Productions: the Nutcracker Ballet, The Hip Nut & the June Show; Includes studio & stage rehearsals; Includes a June Show costume to keep! • The Nutcracker Ballet and The Hip Nut will be held December 12–13 at the Appell Center for the Performing Arts. June Show dates and details are coming soon. • Dancers who are ages 4-7 do not need to audition for the Nutcracker Ballet or the Hip Nut participation. All you do is sign up and attend the rehearsals listed below. These Winter Production rehearsals begin in October and meet weekly through the December show(s) at the following times: December Show Rehearsals for all dancers ages 4-7 who wish to participate – The Hip Nut: Tuesdays, 6:45–7:15 PM – Nutcracker Ballet: Saturdays, 11:15–11:45 AM June Show: Dances for the June Show are rehearsed during the regular class.	2 installments of \$125 per performing class; due on 10/30 & 1/29. (Mid-season enrollments will be charged the full \$250 on January 29.)
Performing Student Performer Package OPEN CLASS PROGRAM PERFORMING CLASSES ARE: SCHOOL OF BALLET: <i>Variations Class</i> SCHOOL OF COMMERCIAL DANCE: <i>Hip Hop, Pom Squad & Cheer, Musical Theatre/Jazz, Contemporary</i> PERFORMING COMPANIES: <i>(charged in monthly installments/performing class): Hip Hop Crews, Youth Ensemble, NHSDA Ensemble, Forward Force Competition Dance Team, Greater York Youth Ballet</i>	OPEN CLASS PROGRAM • The Performance Package cost covers cost to perform in the our Signature Productions: the Nutcracker Ballet, The Hip Nut & the June Show; Includes studio & stage rehearsals and production support. Costumes are mostly lent from our large inventory. • Students in the School of Ballet who wish to perform should be enrolled in the Ballet & Variations classes (same day) to their schedule of at least 1 ballet class/week. Dancers will learn their Nutcracker piece during the Variations Rehearsal Class Thursdays 6:45-7:15pm. Ballet Students who wish to be considered for more than one role may sign up for the Nutcracker Ballet Audition to be held on September 12. • Students in the School of Commercial Dance will learn their Hip Nut choreography during their regular Commercial Dance classes (Hip Hop, Pom, Musical Theatre/Jazz & Contemporary). Commercial students who wish to be considered for Hip Nut additional or lead roles may sign up for the summer Hip Nut workshops.	2 installments of \$125 per performing class; due on 10/30 & 1/29. (Mid-season enrollments will be charged the full \$250 on January 29.)

Nutcracker Auditions

PERFORM IN THE NUTCRACKER BALLET & THE HIP NUT
AT THE APPELL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS!

DECEMBER 11-13, 2026

OPEN AUDITIONS

Students ages 4 & up are invited to audition for our annual production of the Nutcracker Ballet.

This is a professional production and not a recital.
Nutcracker 2026 features members of the Greater York Youth Ballet & Special Guest Artists

Sat, September 12

12:30 – 1pm - Adults (Age 16+)

We are seeking Adult ladies with Ballet experience and men willing to be their partners in Act 1

Please attend to show your interest and learn more.

1 – 2pm Girls & Boys (Ages 4 & up)

1 – 3pm 1-3 GYYB

2 – 4pm - GYYB Co. 3-6 GYYB

**PLEASE COMPLETE AN AUDITION FORM
IN ADDITION TO ENROLLING ONLINE.**

Those auditioning may be asked to stay longer and possibly dismissed earlier if casting is complete.

See previous page, Performing Student Packages how to be a part of this production

Nutcracker Ballet



A Traditional Classical Ballet



THE HIP NUT
COMING SOON!

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

A high-energy, multi-style hip hop production

REMEMBER

Office Hours

Mon	4-8 pm
Tues	4-8 pm
Wed	4-8 pm
Thr	4-8 pm
Sat	10 am-1 pm

CLOSINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

- **Sat, Aug 15** - Open House & Forward Force Competition Dance Team Placement Auditions; Shoe fittings 3-5 pm
- **Tues, Aug 18** - Shoe fittings 4-6 pm
- **Sat, Aug 22** - OPEN HOUSE & OPENING DAY! 2026-2027 School Year Session
- **Sept 3-7** - CLOSED Labor Day Break
- **Sat, Sept 12** - Nutcracker Ballet Auditions
- **Dates TBA** - Bring a Friend & Dress Up Celebration Week
- **Sat, Oct 31** - CLOSED for Halloween

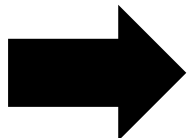
NUTCRACKER BALLET 2026 AUDITION FORM



Dance It Forward is delighted to offer this opportunity.
Students ages 5 & up are invited to audition for our annual production of the Nutcracker Ballet.

This is a professional production and not a recital.

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Please complete this form and bring to your audition.

MANDATORY
Costume Fitting
Saturday, Sept. 26

See our calendar for a
complete list of Nutcracker
Rehearsals -
www.danceitforward.dance
Student Center Page

AUDITIONS ARE SEPT 12

REHEARSALS START SEPT 14

MANDATORY 1ST PARTY SCENE REHEARSAL
SEPTEMBER 19

PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES OF ALL ROLES YOU WERE IN PREVIOUSLY:

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| ☐ CLARA | ☐ HARLEQUIN DOLL | ☐ MOUSE | ☐ SNOW QUEEN | ☐ DEMI COFFEE | ☐ CANDY CANES | ☐ MARZIPAN | ☐ SUGAR PLUM |
| ☐ FRITZ | ☐ VICTORIAN DOLL | ☐ MOUSE QUEEN | ☐ ANGEL | ☐ COFFEE | ☐ LEAD CANDY CANE | ☐ LEAD MARZIPAN | ☐ DROSSELMAYER |
| ☐ PARTY SCENE GIRL | ☐ SURPRISE DOLL | ☐ SOLDIER | ☐ DEMI CHOCOLATE | ☐ DEMI TEA | ☐ DEMI CANDY CANE | ☐ FLOWERS | ☐ NUT PRINCE |
| ☐ PARTY SCENE BOY | ☐ PARTY SCENE ADULT | ☐ SNOW | ☐ LEAD CHOCOLATE | ☐ LEAD TEA | ☐ GINGERBREAD KIDS | ☐ DEW DROP | ☐ MAID |
| | | | ☐ CHOCOLATE | ☐ TEA | ☐ DEMI FLOWER | | |

PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES OF ANY ROLES THAT INTERESTS YOU:

(this does not mean the role is promised to the dancer)

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| ☐ CLARA | ☐ HARLEQUIN DOLL | ☐ MOUSE | ☐ SNOW QUEEN | ☐ DEMI COFFEE | ☐ CANDY CANES | ☐ MARZIPAN | ☐ SUGAR PLUM |
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| | | | ☐ CHOCOLATE | ☐ TEA | ☐ DEMI FLOWER | | |

Dancer Name: _____	Phone: _____
Dancer Age: _____	Email: _____
Dancer Audition Number: _____	Parents Name: _____
The following dates are mandatory and I understand that if I do not attend these, I will not be able to participate: the First In Studio Dress Rehearsal for each of my roles is Sat., Nov 7, and rehearsals and dress rehearsals during the Weeks of Nov 29-Dec 13 w/Dec 8-13 the week of the show. I will be in attendance at all Nutcracker rehearsals and performances. One absence is permitted. Signature of Dancer: _____	
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DRESS CODE & MERCH



DRESS CODE & PERFORMANCE WEAR ORDERING

Please find Dress Code items here:

<https://www.danceitforward.dance/student-center#DressCode>

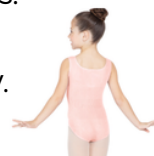
NEED A FITTING? STOP IN BEFORE CLASS START ON SAT, 8/15 3-5 PM OR TUES, 8/18, 4-6 PM

Our dress code is designed to foster focus, inclusiveness, and equality among all dancers.

By adhering to a uniform dress-wear, we create an environment where teachers can assess technique, alignment, and other crucial aspects of dance training effectively.

Let's embrace the dress code with confidence and unity.

Sizing Kits are available at our front desk to check correct size prior to ordering.



OFFICIAL DANCE IT FORWARD MERCHANDISE ORDERING

Check out our logo merchandise - **CLICK HERE.**



Online Calendar

Click HERE to view important dates and closings on our Online Google Calendar. You can select to view in *Week, Month or Schedule List Format*

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