IMPORTANT!

Dance

SEPTEMBER 2026

DANCE IT FORWARD

NEWSLETTER

Important student information, dates, performances and reminders

Welcome to our newsletter and to Season 2026-27!
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 AT A GLANCE

- ***A Note To Our Season Kickoff Members***: Congrats for enrolling in August & getting to enjoy the special perks offered only to you! An email was sent to you explaining your benefits and how to redeem them.
- ***To everyone!*** 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.
- ***Dress Code*** - Can be found here https://www.danceitforward.dance/student-center#DressCode
- ***The Parents Committee*** will soon announce the next Fundraiser to Earn Credits off Dance. You are invited to join the committee, too! We'd love to get to you know!!! They meet Tuesdays 1x/month.
- ***Nutcracker Ballet Auditions*** are held **Sat, Sept. 12, 12:30-4:00pm**. Audition Form Included below. We need ADULTS & ESPECIALLY GUYS OF ALL AGES FROM AGES 4/5-ADULT to be in the Nutcracker. We promise, no tights!!!
- ***Nutcracker Ballet & The Hip Nut Tickets*** Go On Sale Soon! Watch your email for those links.
- ***Performing Student details*** were shared last month and will be repeated below.
- ***Expand your journey:*** Add a style or Consider joining a Performing Company!
  Add a class or style: The start of a new dance year is the perfect time to try something different!
  Performing Company: These class programs are greatly discounted & as a performance-based school, there are additional performance opps.
  First up: Our performing companies will be dancing in the York Halloween Parade! Sunday, 10/25.
- Adult Classes are about to take off! If you enrolled by Aug 24, there is a free month trial available! Our Kickstars! performing group is already invited to perform at some really great events!
- ***50 Minute Classes*** for Commercial Styles! ***Just added:*** **Tap** Saturdays at 11:15 am Ages 7+

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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YAY! You're Here! *What's Next?*

We warmly welcome you to DANCE IT FORWARD for our 56th season of creating quality dance education for our community. What started as a dream in 1971 by our founder, Shana Garling, has grown into this beautiful nonprofit organization! Be assured...we know that *dreams do come true, and we want to help you to find yours*!!!

Did you know? We are York's leading nonprofit Center for Education & Performance, and home of the Greater York Youth Ballet. We are a proud mission partner of the Cultural Alliance of York County.

Staying Informed

The best way to enjoy your dance experience is to STAY INFORMED. We put everything in writing most often on our website. Be sure to check in with us regularly in the following ways:

STUDENT CENTER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

CALENDAR

DRESS CODE

Office Hours

Our office hours are always listed on the Calendar, and we'd love for you to stop by our front desk anytime to learn more. Typical Office Hours are **Mon-Thr 4-8 pm** and **Sat 10 am to 1 pm**. Summer hours are posted on the calendar as they vary according to the Camps and Classes being held.

CLOSINGS
Because we serve many school districts, we do not follow the closings of just one school. Always go to our Facebook Page or Online Calendar to view closings due to weather or emergencies. Holidays and office hours are also listed on our calendar.

Stay Connected

BE SURE TO FOLLOW US!

Instagram

Facebook

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Website: www.danceitforward.dance

Tuition & Payment Information

- 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 or the number of classes in a month.
- Enrollment remains active until a withdrawal request is submitted through the Parent Portal at least 30 days in advance. Nonattendance does not constitute withdrawal.
- E-payments are available through the Parent Portal and are automatically billed on the last business day of the month in advance. $2/month administrative fee; 2.59% surcharge on credit card payments.

Makeup Classes

If a student misses for any reason, or classes are cancelled, the student may attend an alternate lesson at no charge anytime within that season.
Makeup classes are scheduled through your Parent Portal.
Questions? Just email us: CS@Danceitforward.org.

Dancer Entrance

Please use the Student Entrance at the rear of the building when bringing your dancer(s) to class. If you need to use the front entrance due to a physical challenge, call us at 717-755-6683 to make arrangements.

We Love Our Volunteers!

Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to volunteer. Opportunities include costume altering, making props, dressing-room assistance, backstage crew/scenery, dancer or security check-in, and appearing in the Nutcracker Ballet Party Scene.

Background checks are required for all volunteers.

- Child Abuse History clearance
- State Police Criminal Background Check - New Record Check
- Submit clearances at the Front Desk or email an electronic copy to cs@danceitforward.org.
- Current employment or other volunteer clearances may be accepted if they are not more than 5 years old.

Background-check links are available on the GIVING tab at www.danceitforward.dance.

Dress Code & Performance Wear

Our dress code is designed to foster focus, team culture, and professionalism 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.

Dress Code: https://www.danceitforward.dance/student-center#DressCode

Sizing kits are available at the Front Desk so you can check the correct size before ordering.

December Performances

THE NUTCRACKER	THE HIP NUT
Saturday, December 12 - 3:00 PM Appell Center for the Performing Arts Strand Theatre Tickets go on sale soon!	Sunday, December 13 - 4:00 PM Appell Center for the Performing Arts Strand Theatre Tickets go on sale soon!

Early Childhood Links To Enroll in Nutcracker & The Hip Nut

NUTCRACKER BALLET **THE HIP NUT**

Early Childhood Parents of dancers ages 4+ enrolled in performing classes as listed below need to enroll their dancer in the rehearsal for one or both of our December productions. Note: Early Childhood classes work on skills and not just dances the first half of the year. **Click the links above** to join the rehearsal class and perform in whichever production you choose. The only charge is the Performing Student Package that is already charged to Early Childhood classes either way. See Performing Student Packages below for details.
Watch for an email from CS@danceitforward.org with additional details.

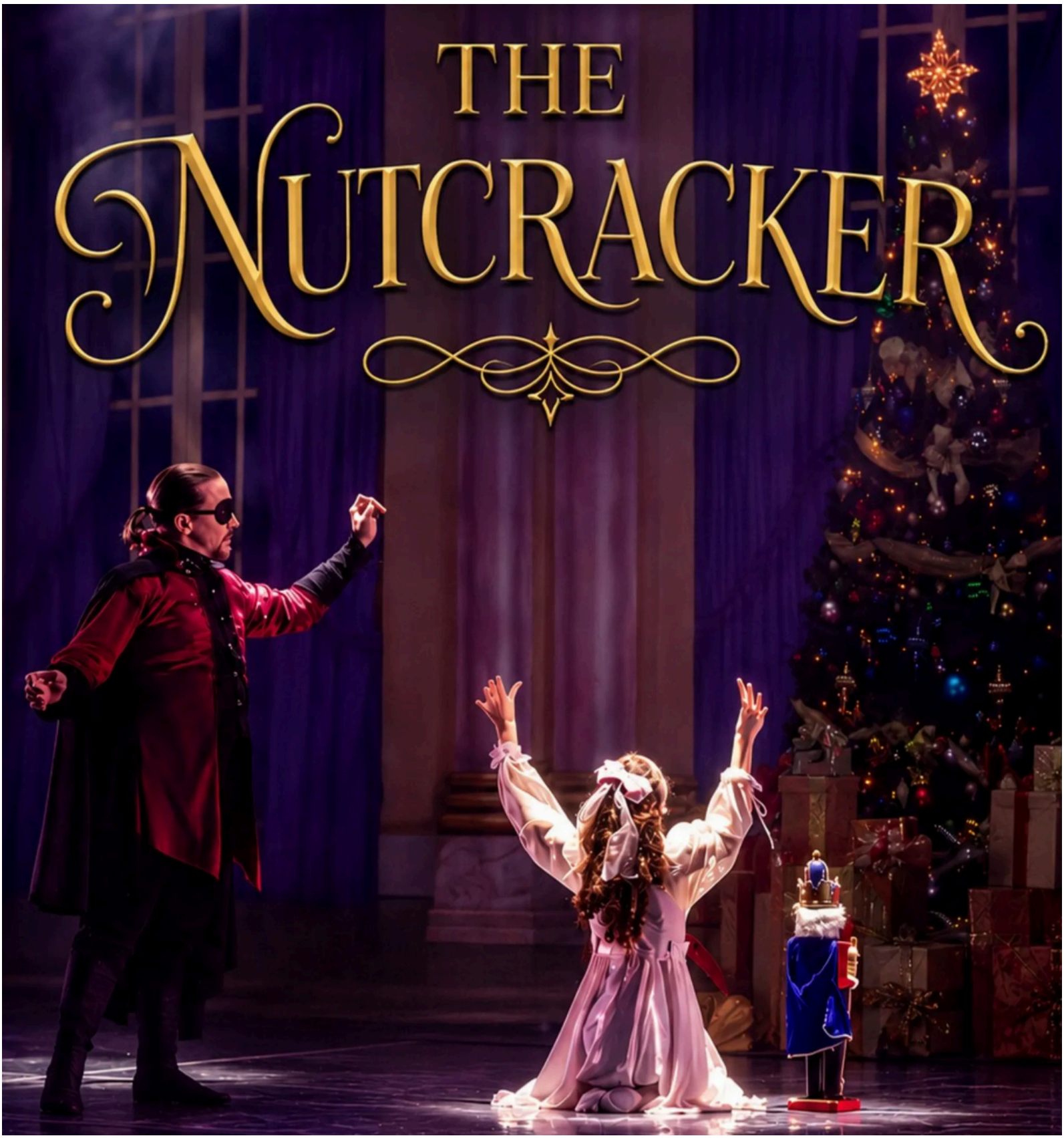
Performing Student Packages

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:** *Discover Ballet 3-4, Happy Feet Combo 3-4*	Covers the cost to perform in the June Show and a June Show costume to keep! *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.*	$125 per performing class; due on 10/30.
Performing Student Performer Package **HAPPY FEET ACADEMY PERFORMING CLASSES ARE:** *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*	**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: *Variations Class* SCHOOL OF COMMERCIAL DANCE: *Hip Hop, Pom Squad & Cheer, Musical Theatre/Jazz, Contemporary* PERFORMING COMPANIES: *(charged in monthly installments/performing class): Hip Hop Crews, Youth Ensemble, NHSDA Ensemble, Forward Force Competition Dance Team, Greater York Youth Ballet*	**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.)



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