

April 11, 2026

Happy Friday Dance Families!

I. Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for our year-end shows!

Visit <https://purchasing.yukonartscentre.com/Events>. A reminder of which show is which so you don't buy tickets to the wrong show:

1. The Art is Alive: Beyond the Canvas (aka the Jazz show) May 8-9:

- All Acro, Broadway, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz, and Street Style classes
- Primary 1 and 2 with Janelle
- NOT Novice Jazz with Kylee and Contemporary 4 with Kylee

2. The Art is Alive: Tableaux Vivants (aka the Ballet show) May 13-14:

- All ballet classes
- All Primary classes except Janelle's
- All First Steps Ballet/Tap
- Novice Jazz with Kylee Tuesdays
- Contemporary Intensive 4

For the teachers reading this, ticketing for the school show will be available soon and an email will go to your principal.

II. Summer camps – There are still spaces open in our weekly summer camps. Our camps will be led by Adele Harries, a third-year dance student at York University, assisted by some of your favourite senior dancers from NLSD. Register on [Jackrabbit](#).

Spring session – We will soon announce a short session of jazz funk taught by Adele in May and June. Stay tuned for more details.

III. Fundraiser—Our Three+tea fundraiser continues until April 21, and will be delivered to the dance school by May 2. Here's the ordering link <https://teafundraising.com/>. Use the access code NLSD and include your dancer's name on the order. Thanks for your support-- your efforts mean so much.

If your family and friends don't partake of the sport of tea-drinking, we gratefully welcome charitable, tax-deductible donations to NLSD through our page at Canadahelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/nlsdyukon/>

IV. Intensive survey: To help with our planning for next year, if you are currently enrolled in Intensive, or your dancer is interested in intensive, please answer a couple of questions in this survey (no personal info required).

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf6N85wcmnsGGJmV4d71bziKFGWcxPfyWBxM9IEgMfdn3UOA/viewform?usp=header>

Sincerely,
NLSD

April 8, 2026

Hello Families,

We've received several requests for tax receipts. Here's a reminder about how to access your payment history on Jackrabbit:

- Log into the [Parent Portal](#) and click on "Billing and Payments" to see your transaction history.
- Click on "Full Transaction History" then filter by year and by student.
- If you do not have access to the parent portal, email us to get access.

Sincerely,

NLSD

April 7, 2026

Hello Dance Families,

Be prepared to receive a lot of emails between now and year end. Here's some info about year-end photos.

We will be offering several options for families to obtain photos in costumes for the year-end shows.

A. Live action photos. Starflower Photography will be taking action photos during the tech and dress rehearsals. Digital photos may be purchased directly from the

photographer. For a sample of Starflower's work, see some photos from this year's [Nutcracker](#). They do their best to make sure every child is photographed.

B. Studio portraits. Photo sittings with Sarah Lewis Photography will occur on May 19 and 20 evening. You can view Sarah's work on her [website](#). NLSD will charge a sitting fee of \$5 per dancer. Photo purchases will be directly through the photographer. If interest exceeds the number of slots available, we will consider opening up a third day, pending Sarah's availability.

To sign up for a studio portrait:

1. Go to this signup sheet and select a time slot: <https://signup.com/go/NiuUgiq>
 2. Be sure to include your dancer's name under "Name".
 3. We will charge your Jackrabbit account \$5 per dancer.
 4. On your selected date, arrive at the dance school 30 minutes before your time slot with hair and makeup done. Go upstairs and find your costume(s), get dressed, and wait for your call. Parents, please assist with costumes.
3. **DIY photos.** For those who prefer not to purchase photos, we will have a photo booth set up in the lobby of the Yukon Arts Centre. You may take a photo of your child in costume during the tech or dress rehearsal (but NOT during the public performances). Please limit your time in the lobby to only that needed for photos.

Videos: Stay tuned for more information on videos of the year end shows.

Sincerely
NLSD Childhood Memories Division

April 7, 2026

Hello Dear Dance Families,

A few people have asked about making donations to NLSD. We will happily and gratefully take any donations. You can donate at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/nlsdyukon/>. NLSD is a registered charity, so be sure to download your tax receipts at the end of the year. Thank you for your support!

NLSD

April 3, 2024

Dear Dance Families,

Presenting our [Three+tea](#) fundraiser! To be honest, we weren't going to do a spring fundraiser, but this one was irresistible. Here's the tea on tea:

- [Three+tea](#) is a Canadian company that sells loose tea, matcha, hot chocolate, bubble tea, and accessories at great prices.
- Shipping to NLS D is free, or ship anywhere in Canada for a flat \$10 fee. Perfect for sending directly to family Outside (ahem...Mothers' Day).
- Orders close on April 21 and arrive at NLS D by May 2.
- Order from <https://teafundraising.com/> by entering access code NLS D (make sure you're on the fundraising site, not the regular retail site).
- Include your dancer's name under Member Name.
- You will be responsible for picking up and distributing your customers' orders (unless they pay for shipping directly to them).
- The website also asks for the dancer's class, but this is optional. You can put your class, or "unknown".
- Yes, there are fabulous prizes for top sellers!

Attached is an info sheet you can forward to friends, family, coworkers, neighbours, or tea-lovers in your life (with your dancer's name).

Thank you for your support of NLS D. It means the world to us. Keep calm and drink tea!

Sincerely,

NLS D Warm Beverages Division

Attachment: [4-26 Northern Lights School of Dance Letter \(1\).pdf](#) (671.4kB)

March 24, 2026

Hello Dance Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a glorious spring break. We've had a few enquiries about year-end show dates, so here are the quick and dirty deets. We'll be sending out a more comprehensive schedule and a volunteer signup in the coming weeks.

1. The Jazz show

- Includes all Acro, Broadway, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz, and Street Style classes AND Primary 1 and 2 with Janelle, but NOT Novice Jazz with Kylee and Contemporary 4 with Kylee.
- Required dates:
 - Technical rehearsal at YAC Weds May 6
 - Dress rehearsal at YAC Thurs May 7
 - Performances May 8 evening, May 9 matinee, May 9 evening
 - May 10: make your mom breakfast in bed

2. The Ballet show

- Includes all ballet classes, First Steps Ballet/Tap, all Primary classes except Janelle's, and Kylee's Novice Jazz and Contemporary 4.
- Required dates:
 - Technical rehearsal at YAC Monday May 11
 - Dress rehearsal at YAC Tuesday May 12
 - School matinee May 13 (this involves missing an afternoon of school)
 - Evening shows May 13 and May 14

If you don't know which classes your child is in, log into the [Parent Portal](#) to see your registration.

3. Photo Day for studio portraits will be held AFTER the completion of the year-end shows on a booking basis, the week of May 19. The photo day originally scheduled for early April will not occur. Action photos will be shot during tech and dress rehearsal and available for order shortly after the shows.

All the best,

Team NLS D

January 26, 2026

Dear Dance Families,

It's been a moment since you've heard from HQ. Here are a few notes to pass along.

Return of the Ick

Another nasty illness is winding its way through our school. Please be diligent about handwashing, and if you're not well, stay home from class. Send healing vibes to our instructors, who face millions of germs each day and are feeling the effects.

Spring Break Camps

There are still spots available in our three spring break camps. Register on Jackrabbit by looking for "Spring Break Camps". We welcome new families without dance experience, so send your friends to the [NLSD website](#) for more info.

Summer Camps

Someday it will be summer and this cold, germ-y winter will be but a faint memory. We have 9 weeks of summer camps lined up. Get ready for creative movement, crafts, and exploring nature. Camps are \$350/week with special 2-day camps the week of Canada Day. Existing families can register on Jackrabbit, and new families can link from [the website](#) to register.

Stay tuned for more info about summer workshops and intensives.

Sets and Props Help

The props division (aka Marcy) has a vision for a couple of sturdy benches to be used onstage. If you have the skills and tools to build such a thing, please get in touch. Will pay in glitter.

All the best,

NLSD

December 7, 2025 Silent Auction and Other News

Hello Dance Families!

Hope you've got your fur-lined leotards for winter. Here's a bit of news.

1. **Silent Auction** - Our competition dancers have been hard at work to bring you the best silent auction ever. Experience the thrill of bidding and the relief when someone outbids you! And it's so, so silent. Click this link, and please share with your network:

<https://www.32auctions.com/nlsd2025>.

2. **Lost and Found** - Here's a gift idea for Christmas: just give your kids back things that they've lost. Check our lost and found, and the hooks in the entry hall. If you want to stop losing stuff, our fundraiser with Lovable Labels is ongoing. Shipping is free and they make great gifts:

www.NorthernLightsDS.lovablelabels.ca

3. **Last day/First day** - Tomorrow Dec 8 is the last day of regular classes for this term. Classes resume on January 5. All classes are full-year classes EXCEPT Come Dance with Me and Primaries. For those dancers, check whether you're enrolled in Term 2, by logging in to the [Jackrabbit Parent Portal](#) to see your schedule. There are still spots left in Saturday's Come Dance with Me, Primary 1 (3-4yrs), and Primary 2 (4-5yrs) starting in January.

4. **Christmas Break Camps** - We're planning some short programs for December 22-24 to keep our dancers on their toes during the break. Stay tuned for details.

5. **Hoodies** - We still have NLSD hoodies in all sizes if you're looking for a gift or just want to stay warm. You can pay through Jackrabbit, or by cash, debit, and credit in the office and contact director@nlsdyukon.com for a pickup time.

Sincerely,

NLSD Central Agency

November 24, 2025 Various news

Hello Families!

A few items to share from NLSD headquarters:

1. **Tights** – We have a small stock of various sizes of dance tights available for \$15/pair. There are two colours: Ballet Pink and the awkwardly-named Suntan. We also have two pairs of leather jazz shoes, size 5 and 7.5. You can buy these from the office Mon & Weds 3-6 and Saturdays 8:30-3.
2. **Absences** – Sniffle season is here. A reminder that you can book absences through the Jackrabbit [parent portal](#), which lets instructors know at a glance who is away and why. We're aware some people have had trouble using this function, but it works for most. Instructions are attached.
3. **Last day Dec. 8** – The last day of regular classes for this term is Monday Dec. 8. Classes resume Jan. 5.
4. **Performances** – You can cheer on our Nutcracker dancers this weekend Nov 29 & 30 at the family-friendly Velvet Antler Christmas Kickoff. And of course, you can see the full Nutcracker Dec. 12-14. Tickets for both are available here: yukonartscentre.com

Have a great week!

November 4, 2025 Wicked and other news

Dear Dance Families,

We hope you all survived Hallowe'en and did not suffer any prancing Sparkle Unicorn attacks. We have some info to pass along:

1. Wicked Part 1 – The NLSD Youth Committee invites dancers 10+ to watch Wicked Part 1 at the studio on November 11 at 1pm. Here's what you need to know:

- Sign up on Jackrabbit by selecting Wicked.
- There's no fee, but there is a limit of 30 children, so please cancel if you can't make it.
- Parents can accompany, but ...
- Bring a mat, cushion, or pillow – no chairs! There are a limited number of acro mats.
- You may bring water and snacks, but nothing sticky, oily, or powdery – these compromise our floor.
- See the [review on Common Sense Media](#) to decide if this show is right for your family.

2. Nutcracker Photo Day – Thanks for responding to our survey. We will continue to do portrait photos, but they will occur during the tech and dress rehearsals, so November 22 will no longer be photo day and will be a normal day of rehearsals. Stay tuned for more info about both portrait and action photos.

3. Tights and shoes – We will be making an order of tights and shoes from Stardom Dance Costumes on behalf of students. Prices are:

- [Tights](#) \$15
- Leather [ballet shoes](#) \$25
- Leather [jazz shoes](#) \$35

See the Stardom website for styles and fill out [this form](#) by November 9 if you're interested. This will give us an idea of what sizes to order.

Keep Calm and Dance On.

NLSD

October 17, 2025 Parent viewing and other news

Dear NLSD Community,

If you just can't get enough ... of NLSD, here's your weekly update. You can also find lots of info on our website [Announcements page](#), including our email archive.

1. Parent Viewing Week

Come see what your dancer has been up October 20-25. Please remember the following:

- Do not take videos.
- Do not talk during class. Talking is distracting for dancers and instructors, and often results in parents not getting a true picture of their dancers' experience. Listening ears everyone!

For students of **Miss Kylee's Monday classes**, viewing day will be **Monday October 27** because she will have a substitute on the 20th.

2. Hallowe'en

Dancers are invited to wear their costumes during the week of October 27-30.

Remember, there are no classes on October 31 because we lost that battle a long time ago.

3. Photo Survey

We're looking for feedback on how to manage photos for Nutcracker. We typically dedicate a day for studio photographs in costume. There are pros and cons. On one hand, aspiring dancers should have professional photos, and they can be a cherished record of a child's history. On the other hand, photo day is a lot of work for the studio, and takes away from rehearsal time. Please give us your opinion through this very short survey: <https://forms.gle/WRt8CDoJ9DEPTFvW6>.

4. Purdys

60% of our goal! Deadline Oct. 29. Link [here](#). [**whispers* Jellycats*]

Have a great weekend!

October 13, 2025 Purdy's Update

Happy Thanksgiving, NLSD!

We're thankful for our talented instructors, enthusiastic students, supportive parents, and hard-working volunteers.

We've reached 48% of our Purdys sales goal. Keep up the good work!

- There are now two FANTASTIC INCENTIVE PRIZES for our top sellers. See the attachment for pictures, or check them out in the studio office.
- Some info to help with the Purdys website. Here's the link to our main NLSD site: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1973448-130907>. After you log in, you can get a personalized link to send to family, friends, and colleagues, which links their purchases directly to you. It's okay if a customer uses the main NLSD page, but harder to identify the family, so we encourage everyone to put the dancer's name under "additional info" regardless.
- Feel free to use the attached photos in your campaign.

Don't forget our ongoing Lovable Labels fundraiser. Get that gear labelled and keep it out of the lost and found! Labels make great gifts, and can be ordered and shipped from and to anywhere, so pass this along to your friends in the rest of Canada.

www.northernlightsds.lovablelabels.ca/

Fantastic Incentive Prizes: [Prizes.pdf](#) (713.2kB)

Purdys photo: [Wrapped.jpg](#) (181.4kB)

Purdys photo: [Bundle.jpg](#) (119.9kB)

Purdys photo: [Bark.jpg](#) (186.0kB)

October 4, 2025 Purdys!

Exciting news! Our **Purdy's** fundraiser has begun!

Our goal is to reach \$17,000 in sales. We've had great success with Purdy's in the past, thanks to hard work from you.

The fundraiser is open until **October 29th**. Dancers will pick up orders from the studio on **November 16** to distribute to their customers (items cannot be delivered elsewhere).

There will be FANTASTIC INCENTIVE PRIZES for the first and second highest salesperson. Keep an eye on the office window for the prizes. There are no guarantees, but the word "Jellycat" was whispered in the studio.

Purdy's website can be confusing. Here are some instructions that you can forward to your friends, family, and co-workers:

Please consider supporting Northern Lights School of Dance by buying some delicious Purdy's chocolate. Funds support year-round dance classes, our beloved annual production of The Nutcracker, and our year-end showcase.

1. Click on the link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1973448-130907>
2. Click on "SIGN IN" for returning customers or "REGISTER" for new customers. You will be automatically connected to the NLSD campaign.
3. Click on "SHOP ONLINE".
4. There are two ways to select items, either using the default Marketplace interface (photos), or using a text list by clicking "ORDER FORM."
5. **To support a specific dancer, put the dancer's name under "Additional Info"**. There are three different buttons that will take you to the spot for this: "ADD ORDER" "EDIT" or "ORDER FORM"
6. Select items and proceed to checkout.

Step 5 is important for matching orders with dancers, and for calculating FANTASTIC INCENTIVE PRIZE winners.

Attached are photos you can use for emails or social media posts. Please also 'like' and share NLSD's posts.

Happy selling and may the force of chocolate be with you!

September 30, 2025 Use Caution at Studio Entrance

Hello NLSD!

The Guild has done repairs at the studio entrance to remove some rotting wood. As a result, it looks quite different. Please tell your dancers to be careful when entering and leaving the building. We are expecting them to install a railing or another stair on the weekend.



September 29, 2025 News

Good Morning NLSD Families!

A few reminders and announcements as September draws to a chilly close.

School Closed September 30

There will be no classes for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. NLSD is grateful for the immense privilege to live, work, and dance in this beautiful place, and we acknowledge and grieve the childhoods that were stolen by the residential school system.

Last Day to Withdraw

It's Decision Time! September 30 is also the last day to withdraw from classes with a pro-rated refund and a \$50 administrative fee. After this date, no refunds will be issued.

Lovable Labels

NLSD is pleased to announce it has a fundraiser through Lovable Labels, a Canadian label company. All orders made through this link will benefit NLSD and will be shipped directly to you: www.NorthernLightsDS.lovablelabels.ca. Labels have a great return on investment—your expensive gear is much more likely to make its way back to you. Please share this link and the attachment with your friends and family.

On that note, don't forget that the lost and found is located in the downstairs hallway. It has new treasures every day ... and none of them are labelled!

Happy Monday!

-Team NLSD

Attachment: Lovable_Labels.jpg (111.9kB)



September 19, 2025

Welcome Package and September News

Hello NLSD Community

We're three weeks into the season! Here are a few reminders from Team NLSD.

DROP OFFs

Please drop off dancers no earlier than 15 minutes before the start of their class. We don't have the capacity to supervise students, and this also helps reduce the chaos in our small hallway.

UPDATE YOUR INFO

Take a moment to update your contact information in [Jackrabbit](#). We use this database to find phone numbers if we need to contact a parent or guardian on short notice, such as for emergencies during class. You can also update us via email or phone. If you don't have portal access and need it, please contact the office.

ABSENCES

The best way to register absences is through the Jackrabbit [Parent Portal](#). The program will automatically send an email to all the instructors who need to know, and this is therefore the fastest and most efficient method. On your dashboard, click on the menu, then "Absences" and enter absences that day or for future dates. See the attachment for detailed instructions.

SHOES

If you're still looking for shoes, we have a selection of used shoes at the studio for \$10/pair. You can pay through your Jackrabbit account (preferred), or in the office by debit, credit, or cash.

VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for volunteers to help out with some of the more time-consuming tasks at the studio—namely, costume repair, set repair, and fundraising. Check out our [SignUp](#) for some of the ways you can be involved. You can register there, or contact info@nlsdyukon.com. We'll also be looking for board members—you can put your name forward at the AGM. Or, if you have a special talent or skill (juggling, jigging, jargon?) you'd like to bring to the studio, feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,
Northern Lights School of Dance

September 16, 2025 Notice of AGM

Dear Members,

The annual General Meeting of Northern Lights School of Dance will occur on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 27-14th Avenue, Whitehorse, starting at 10:00 am. Please read the attached letter outlining special resolutions that will be addressed at the meeting.

Sincerely,
Northern Lights School of Dance

Attachment: [Letter to Members re Alterations to Bylaws.pdf](#) (6.9MB)

September 4, 2025

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year to our entire NLSD community! Attached is our better-late-than-never WELCOME PACKAGE with plenty of useful information. Read the attachment, or go to [our website](#). In addition, below is some info about what's coming up.

Key Dates

Fall is a flurry, we know. Dates to be aware of in September include:

- September 7: Nutcracker auditions (more info below)
- September 7: Jr. Can Can auditions
- September 30: School closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Dates and events can be found on the website under [Announcements](#), and on the NLSD [calendar](#). Be sure to check the bulletin board whenever you're in the studio because important info will also be posted there.

Office Hours

You can talk to a live human of the administrative species in the office this term during the following hours:

- Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00 – 6:00
- Saturdays 8:30 - 2:30

Outside of these hours, emailing info@nlsdyukon.com will result in the quickest response.

Nutcracker Auditions

Don't miss it! Auditions for all levels will be held this Sunday Sept. 7. Dancers enrolled in an NLSD ballet class or the primary program are eligible to be cast. Registration and fee payment is required before the audition on the [Parent Portal](#) (select "Nutcracker 2025"). All eligible pre-registrants who audition **will be cast**. Primary and First Steps ballet students must attend the audition with a parent.

Schedule

11:00-11:30am: Primary with Parent sign up and information session (no audition)

11:30- 12:15pm: First Steps with Parent sign up and information session (no audition)

12:15- 1:15pm: Novice, Intensive 1

1:15- 2:15pm: Elementary, Intermediate/Senior, Intensive 2

2:15- 3:15pm: Intensive 3 and 4

Yukon Rendezvous Junior Can Can Auditions

Sunday Sept. 7, 3:30-4:15

Can you kick it? Consider auditioning for Jr. Can Can. To be eligible, dancers must have previous experience and be age 13 - 18 by February 1st, 2026. Pre-register through the [Parent Portal](#) for "Jr. Can Can 2026 - Expression of Interest". For performance, dancers must provide their own black Jazz shoes, and black dance tights for performing.

New Office Staff

NLSD welcomes Janine McJannet to the role of Administrative Assistant. She will be the primary contact on the info@nlsdyukon.com and will be in the studio office on Saturdays. We also welcome Glenda Koh to fill a newly-created position of Director of Operations. She will play a key role in improving our organizational policies and processes. For a list of instructional staff, see the [website](#), or the Welcome Package.

Uniforms

Let's talk about it. At NLSD, we require uniforms for a few different reasons. Uniforms encourage preparedness and responsibility, create an environment focused on learning rather than fashion, and help instructors focus on alignment, technique, and form without distractions. For complete information about the dress code for your class and genre, refer to the Welcome Package.

For fun information about the history of ballet uniforms and costumes, check out these links:

- [Costumes Through the Ages - The Lewis Foundation of Classical Ballet \(TLFCB\)](#)
- [Ballet costume | History, Materials & Styles | Britannica](#)
- [RAD Character Dance – Deanna's Dance Education Blog](#)

Registration and Enrollment

A huge thank you to all families for your patience as we make efforts to improve our business processes by making full use of the Jackrabbit program for all registration, enrollment, and payment. The less time we spend on tracking down payments, the more time we can spend on providing great dance programming.

Member survey

Thank you to all who completed the spring survey. A member volunteer is working to analyze the responses and we hope to have results to share at the AGM.

AGM and Bylaw Amendments

The board has been working on a revision to our society bylaws. The Annual General Meeting will be scheduled once this work has been completed, and after members have had time to review the amendments, likely the end of October. Each family is considered one voting member, as long as the \$10 per family membership fee has been paid.

Attachment: [Welcome Package 2025-26.pdf](#) (284.5kB)