

Hello, Parents and Caregivers!

I am excited to announce that it is officially Nutcracker Season! We have already started our choreography in class, and are working towards a wonderful production of our Nutcracker at Irvington Town Theater!

I am excited about this performance but I do understand that not all dancers/families will want to participate. If this is the case, it is not a problem. If you don't want to participate, please email me to let me know so that I may plan accordingly and notify the teachers. If your child is not performing they will still learn the choreography in class as many of the steps we learn in the classroom will be incorporated into the dance.

The Nutcracker will be performed on Saturday, December 20th with two shows.

- The morning show (11:00am) will feature our younger dancers (K-2), along with a few select older student classes. Some students may perform in both shows if that applies to your dancer, I'll reach out to you directly in the next couple of weeks.
- The afternoon show (3:30pm) will include our older students (3rd grade and up). This performance will be more of a full production, with three distinct acts, while still keeping the show time efficient.

To prepare, there will be a dress rehearsal the evening before for students in the afternoon show (show 2), and a very brief staging rehearsal the morning of the performance for the younger group.

Because we are dividing the performance into two showcases, each show should run in the 1 hour perimeter (show 2 being slightly longer)

As in past years, The participation fee for the show will be \$100 per student which will cover pre-production costs, and costumes and accessories (that you get to keep). If your child is enrolled in more than 1 class, or if you have another child enrolled in one other class the participation fee is \$175. For children and families who are enrolled in more that 3 classes per household, I will reach out to you directly.

Payment must be made by October 25th in order to participate in The Nutcracker. We will start measurement ASAP as there is a lot that goes into getting costumes.

<u>Costumes will be picked up at by parents on Saturday November 15th 10:00-1:00 at Amanda Kupillas Dance</u> Studio. (Please note this date may change due to shipping.. stay tuned)

Tickets will be open for sale in the next couple weeks. This year you will be able to reserve your seat.

Payment can be made via Zelle (name is Amanda Kupillas Dance LLC (917-217-1104), check (Amanda Kupillas Dance LLC) or via square under the "Events and Performance" tab (which will also hold up to fate information regarding the show)

I am very much looking forward to another fun performance!

Amanda Kupillas