

Nutcracker 2026



What
should I
know for
my performances?

December 2-5, 2026

Important Dates

These rehearsals will take place at:

Leffler Chapel @ Etown College

1 Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Wednesday,
December 2

Studio Rehearsal

5:00 pm Report Time

5:30pm Start Time

**Ballet A/B will be dismissed by 8:30. All other levels be prepared to stay until 9:30pm.

Thursday, December 3

Dress Rehearsal

4:00PM Report Time

5:00PM Start Time

7:00 Dismissal**

**if you are not participating in the holiday show.

Saturday, December 5

Show Day

12:00 pm Report Time

1:00 pm Performance

Studio Rehearsal

Drop Off

All Dancer Drop Off Time: 5:00 pm

DROP OFF LOCATION: E-Dance!! Please come to the studio and warm up and stretch. be ready to start the dress rehearsal at 5:30

Dismissal

Ballet A/B will be dismissed by 8:30. All other levels be prepared to stay until 9:30pm.

HAIR



First Act (Party scene) should arrive with hair half up, half down and curled.

Then second act, you will need to have your hair in a bun with NO PART!

December 2

5:00 pm Report Time

5:30pm Start Time

Do I have to wear my costume?

NO. Costumes will be at E-dance for you. No costumes will leave the studio. Please arrive in leotard and pink tights.

The first run will be done with no costumes, and then costumes will be reset for the second run so please be patient as we do that.

As a reminder, if you change costumes, you **must have** a nude camisole underneath. We have them for sale (\$15) at the front desk if you need one. They can be purchased now up to the wee of the recital.

Make sure your shoes are labeled with your name.



Things to Bring:

1. Lots of Water
2. Snacks - Please bring snacks that are peanut-free and mess-free!
3. Things to keep you entertained (phone, coloring, games, etc.) NO MARKERS!

Dress Rehearsal

Drop Off

ALL DANCERS DROP OFF TIME: 4:00 pm

DROP OFF LOCATION: Right side of building double doors to Leffler Chapel (see image below). There will be signs and guides to help you find drop off location. (When facing the main entrance, the side door is on the right side of the building.) All dancers must be dropped off at this location and checked in by staff.



December 3

4:00-7:00PM

Do I have to wear my costume?

NO. Costumes will be at the college for you.

No costumes will leave the college. Please arrive in nude leotard and pink tights. If you change at all during the nutcracker you will be backstage and must have a nude leotard.

As a reminder, if you change costumes, you **must have** a nude camisole underneath. We have them for sale (\$15) at the front desk if you need one. They can be purchased now up to the wee of the recital.

Make sure all costumes and shoes are labeled with your name.

Dismissal

Dancers aged 12 and under must be picked up from the lobby. They will be dismissed to a parent after our rehearsal ends. Parents, please stay in the lobby and we will bring them out to you.

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Show Day

Drop Off

ALL DANCERS DROP OFF TIME: 12:00 p.m.

DROP OFF LOCATION: Right side of building double doors to Leffler Chapel (see image below). There will be signs and guides to help you find drop off location. (When facing the main entrance, the side door is on the right side of the building.) All dancers must be dropped off at this location and checked in by staff.



Dismissal

Dancers aged 12 and under must be picked up from the chapel stage. They will be dismissed to a parent after our rehearsal ends. Please stay in the lobby. We will bring them out to you.

Dancers aged 13+

Older dancers ages 13+ are to pick up all their belongings from their dressing room and then exit through the side doors where they were dropped off.

December 5 CALL TIMES

12:00 pm - Arrival Time

1:00 pm- Show Time

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Show Nights

Show Guest Information:

WHEN DOES THE LOBBY OPEN FOR GUESTS TO SHOW TODAY?

The lobby doors will open at 12:00PM for ticket sales, concessions and Candygrams. **NEW THIS YEAR** - we can accept credit cards (there is a \$5 minimum).

All seats are reserved and tickets will be scanned before entry into the auditorium. You must have your ticket on your phone or printed to be shown to the ushers at the door.

WHEN CAN WE ACTUALLY GO IN THE THEATER AND SIT? Auditorium doors open at 12:00PM



Things to Bring:

- Lots of Water
- Snacks - Please bring snacks that are peanut-free and mess-free!
- Things to keep you entertained (phone, coloring, games, etc.) **NO MARKERS!**

For guests watching the show: No flash photography, video, food or drink!



WHAT IS A CANDYGRAM?

A Candygram is a sweet and thoughtful way to brighten someone's day! It's a special little treat, featuring candy and a personalized message, that you can send to a fellow dancer, friend or teacher. Whether it's to say "You're Amazing!", "Great Job!", or simply "Thinking of You!", Candygrams are a fun way to spread kindness, encouragement, and smiles!

WHO CAN SEND A CANDYGRAM?

Anyone! Parents, grandparents, siblings, family members, friends, and fellow dancers can all send Candygrams! It's the perfect way to celebrate your favorite dancer, show appreciation for a teacher, surprise a friend, or spread a little extra love throughout our E-Dance family! All Candygrams are \$2 - available in the lobby.



TIGHTS:

PINK TIGHTS

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