

NEW BEDFORD *Ballet*

Dear Students and Guardians of Ballet C, D1, D2, and E:

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, ballet classes C-E are invited to audition for the New Bedford Youth Ballet.

Auditions:

Ballet C and D1: 12:00-1:30 Mandatory Guardian's Meeting: 1:30-2:00 Ballet D2 and E: 2:00-3:30

This audition is mandatory to participate in The Nutcracker and Spring Youth Ballet. The New Bedford Youth Ballet originated over thirty years ago with the purpose of giving committed dancers the opportunity to practice performing skills the entire school year. The yearlong commitment is great, so we ask guardians and students to read through this information, the performance policies, and performance eligibility, thoroughly before deciding to audition.

Students must commit to the Youth Ballet's two seasons – Nutcracker season and the spring season. Students who have extenuating circumstances and cannot participate in both seasons, can apply for a waiver in writing. The New Bedford Ballet executive board will decide if the waiver is granted.

Below is a list of dates that students **will** have rehearsals. Times will be announced once parts have been decided but all rehearsals will be between **9am and 6pm on Saturday. Please list any conflict dates on the attached paper and return to the office by September 16, 2023.** Ms. Waskiel will review conflicts and determine if the student can audition. Conflicts disrupt the rehearsal process. Students cannot miss more than one rehearsal, preferably none. After Sept 16, if students need to adjust their conflict dates, they must see Ms. Waskiel and it will be her decision whether the student can still participate. We look forward to seeing you, Saturday, September 23, at the audition if both guardians and students can commit to these rehearsals.

Nutcracker Rehearsals Begin: Saturday, September 30

Rehearsals: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 2. All rehearsals are at NBB.

No Rehearsals: October 14, November 11(Veteran's Day), and November 25 (Thanksgiving recess)

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, Dec. 8, at Keith Middle School Auditorium

Performances: Saturday, Dec. 9, at Keith Middle School Auditorium, 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Spring Rehearsals Begin: Saturday, January 6

Rehearsals: Jan. 6, Jan.13, Jan. 20, Jan.27, Feb.3, Feb.10, Feb. 17, Mar. 2

No Rehearsal: February 24 (Spring recess)

Dress Rehearsal: Monday, March 4

Performances in Public Schools: Tuesday, Mar. 5; Wednesday, Mar.6; Tuesday, Mar.12; and Wednesday, Mar. 13

Each cast misses 2 days of school; Either 2 Tuesdays (Cast A) or 2 Wednesdays (Cast B).

Youth Ballet March Public Performance Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, Mar. 9, location TBD

Youth Ballet March Public Performance: Sunday, March 10 (Cast A first show, Cast B second show), location TBD

Evening Performances: TBD, possibly, Thursday, March 7 (**Cast A**) and Thursday, March 14 (**Cast B**)

Please fill out this information and return to the office by Sept.16

Student's Name: _____ Level: _____

I will be auditioning for the NBB Youth Ballet. _____ YES _____ NO

Conflict dates: _____

The Youth Ballet has been successful due to guardian participation. Guardians, please check below any tasks you can assist with.

Performances _____ Sets _____ Sewing _____ Set Up/Breakdown _____ Food _____ Raffle _____

Photography _____ Poster Hanging _____ Driving _____ Other _____

I, _____ and my guardian, _____
Student's name Guardian's name

understand the commitment needed to participate in Youth Ballet. I understand that I need to be at the audition on September 23, 2023, to be considered for the Youth Ballet. If selected, I will attend rehearsals and be an excellent ambassador for New Bedford Ballet.

Guardian's Signature

Student's Signature

Guardian's Cell Phone Number

Student's Cell Phone Number

Guardian's Email

Student's Email