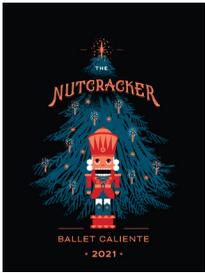
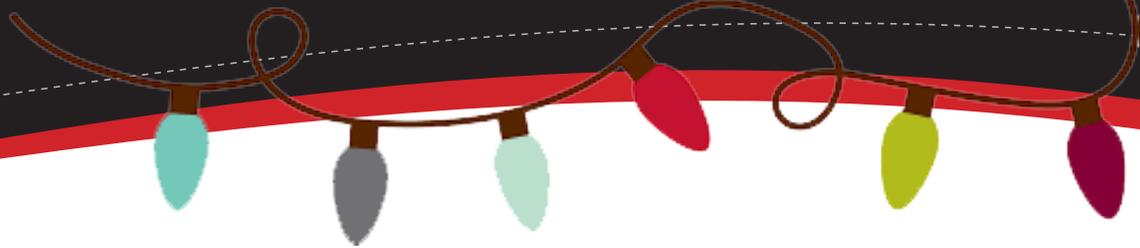


# THE POINTE

DECEMBER 2021

*Dedication ♦ Discipline ♦ Determination ♦ Devotion*



## DRESS REHEARSAL

Our dress rehearsal for The Nutcracker will be on December 4. Rehearsal schedules have been e-mailed to families and are posted on the website. Please note that rehearsal will take place at Ballet Caliente.

## PERFORMANCE DAY INFORMATION

A Performance Handbook was emailed to all participating families and is posted on our website as well. Please take a moment to read through it as it contains important information to ensure your dancer has a successful experience. [Click here to access the handbook online.](#) If you have additional questions about the performance, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara Hanks at: [patronservices@balletcaliente.com](mailto:patronservices@balletcaliente.com)



## TICKET SALES FOR CHRISTMAS SHOW

Our performances are always well attended! Though we encourage patrons to purchase tickets ahead of time, they will also be available at St. Mary's Ryken just prior to the performances. Please note that tickets are general admission. **A link to purchase tickets is posted on our website at [www.balletcaliente.com](http://www.balletcaliente.com).**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still need volunteers in a few key places to make our performance run smoothly. If you are able to help bring some of our sets, can scan tickets, or have a teen willing to pass out programs, we'd love to hear from you! View the [Sign Up Genius](#) here - or send an email to [patronservices@balletcaliente.com](mailto:patronservices@balletcaliente.com).

## DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

To ensure dancers can spend time with their families during the Christmas season, Ballet Caliente will not hold classes between December 20 and January 2. Classes resume on Monday, January 3.



## DATES TO REMEMBER WINTER 2021-2022

Dec. 1 Costume Fees Due for Spring Shows	Dec. 5 <b>Nutcracker Performance!</b>	Dec. 6-18 Costume Measurements Taken	Dec. 20 - Jan. 2 Christmas Holidays NO CLASSES	Jan. 4 Culminating Event Fee invoiced	Jan. 17 NO CLASSES MLK Jr. Day
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# In the Spotlight

## SUMMER INTENSIVE INFORMATION LECTURE

Is your dancer interested in auditioning for intensives outside of Ballet Caliente? Would you like to learn more about what's available at our studio during the summer? Mrs. Dunaway will cover these topics during a special lecture in January. Additional information will be available online in the near future.



## BALLET CALIENTE STUDIO APP

Did you know that Ballet Caliente has an app? Register for classes, pay your bill, access account information and read our newsletter - all from your phone or tablet. You'll even be able to upload pictures of your dancer and access our social media pages! Download this free app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.

## BALLET WARM-UP ATTIRE

With the chilly months upon us, it can be tempting to bundle up in the studio! However, this prohibits our teachers from seeing correct alignment and poses a safety risk to our dancers. For those who prefer a cover-up, please wear a sweater or warm-up gear intended for dance and leave the bulky, baggy clothing in the dressing room.

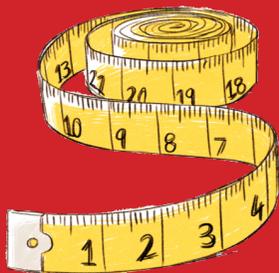
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## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Inclement weather cancellations are usually made one hour prior for morning/early afternoon classes and by 2 p.m. for classes beginning after 3:30 p.m. We DO NOT follow the St. Mary's County Public School weather cancellations as conditions can change throughout the day. Please check the website and the studio's social media pages for updates. If conditions at your location do not permit you to drive, you may schedule a make-up class for your dancer through the parent portal.



## COSTUME MEASUREMENTS BEGIN DECEMBER 6

During the month of December, Mrs. Okoniewski and Mrs. Sami Dunaway will measure each of our dancers for costumes. We often get questions about taking measurements now for a costume that won't be worn for five to six months. **How do we account for growth?** We look at costume sizing very carefully. If a dancer's measurements are close to the next size up, the larger size is ordered. This ensures that costumes fit comfortably and properly when our performances begin!



## STAY IN TOUCH!

We are so glad that you and your family have made the decision to enroll for our 2021-2022 season!

We are planning several exciting performance opportunities for our dancers this year, and look forward to sharing those with you in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have questions, here's how to contact us:

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