

# Connecticut Dance School

## 2025-2026 CALENDAR: CLOSED / PERFORMANCES / SOCIAL / SPECIAL EVENTS

25 - Sep 6 Choreo Wkshp

AUGUST 2025						
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FEBRUARY 2026						
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13-16 Closed / February Break  
28 - Nutcracker Movie Day

2 - Parent's Night ages 3-10  
3 - Parent's Night ages 11+  
6 - Open House  
8 - First Day of Classes  
13 - Start of the Year Party  
15 - 20 - Bring a Friend Week  
20 - Nutcracker Auditions lvls 4-10  
22 - Nutcracker Casting Announced  
23 - Closed / Rosh Hashanah  
27 - Nutcracker Rehearsals start lvls 5+

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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MARCH 2026						
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20 - Closed / Eid al Fitr  
29 - Spring Benefit  
TBD Ballet Competitions  
(PrePro Ballet 6+)

2 - Closed / Yom Kippur  
9 - Gaynor Art Exhibit 5-7pm  
26 - Nutcracker Photos 9am-6:30pm  
27 - Nov 1 - Spirit Week

OCTOBER 2025						
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APRIL 2026						
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3 - Closed / Good Friday  
12-20 - Closed / Spring Break  
26 - June Concert Photoshoot  
Outreach Shows TBD

1 - World Ballet Day  
11 - Closed / Veterans Day  
23 - Nutcracker Tea  
26-29 - Closed / Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 2025						
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MAY 2026						
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4-9 - Observation Week  
17 - Creative 1/2 Showcase 11am  
25 - Memorial Day  
30 - School Spirit Day  
30 - June Concert Studio Run in Costume  
Outreach Shows TBD

6&7 - Nutcracker Studio Run in Costume  
12-13 - Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal  
13-14 - Nutcracker 6pm, \*1pm & 4pm  
\*Sensory Friendly  
15 - Closed Following Nut Weekend  
18 - Summer Intensive Photoshoot  
23 - Jan 3 - Closed / Holiday Recess

DECEMBER 2025						
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JUNE 2026						
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6 - June Concert Dress Rehearsal  
7 - June Concert lvls PP1 - B 10 + Hip Hop, Contemporary, Theater, & D4AA  
8-13 - Makeup Classes TBD  
15 - July 3 - Drop In Classes TBD

1-3 - Closed / Holiday Recess  
13-18 - Observation Week  
16 - Hip Hop, Contemporary, & Theater Showcase In-Studio  
19 - Closed / Martin Luther King Day  
26 - First day new Spring Semester  
26-31 - Bring a Friend Week

JANUARY 2026						
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JULY 2026						
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SummerDance  
July 6 - 31 SummerDance Weeks 1-4 for ages 3-18

\*AUG 24 - SEPT 5 CHOREO WKSHP\*  
Required for students entering lvls 4-10

## 2025-26 CDS Calendar

*\*updated 6.20.2025*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday, September 8	<b>Fall Semester Classes Begin</b> ( <i>Tuition must be paid or scheduled in full</i> )
Saturday, September 20	1:30pm – 4:30pm Nutcracker Audition for Lead Roles, Ballet 4-10 <i>All other roles PP2 — Level 10 assigned by level.</i> <i>Casting released Mon. Sept 22nd. Rehearsals for Ballet 5-10 start Sat. Sept 27th.</i>
Tuesday, September 23	CDS closed for Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, October 2	CDS closed for Yom Kippur
Thursday, October 9	Gaynor Art Exhibit, 5-7pm at the Pequot Library
Tuesday, November 11	CDS closed for Veterans Day
Wed-Sat, November 26-29	CDS closed for Thanksgiving Recess (Wednesday – Saturday)
Sunday, November 23	Nutcracker Tea
Friday, December 12 & Saturday, December 13	Dress Rehearsal for Nutcracker at Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University; times TBA
Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14	<b>Nutcracker Performances</b> , Saturday at 6pm, Sunday at 1pm and 4pm -- Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University
Monday, December 15	CDS closed following Nutcracker weekend
December 23 – January 3	CDS closed for Holiday Recess
Monday, January 5	Fall Semester Classes Resume ( <i>Fall Semester ends January 24, 2026</i> )
Mon-Sat, January 12 - 17	<b>Observation Week</b> – classes open to families and visitors
Friday, January 16	<b>Hip Hop, Contemporary, and Theater Showcase</b> , in CDS Studio 1
Monday, January 19	CDS closed for Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 26	<b>Spring Semester Classes Begin</b>
Fri-Mon, February 13-16	CDS closed for February Break (Friday - Monday)
Friday, March 20	CDS closed for Eid al-Fitr
Sunday, March 29	<b>Spring Benefit Performance, Reception &amp; Silent Auction</b> at 3pm, Westport Country Playhouse
Friday, April 3	CDS closed for Good Friday
April 11 – April 18	CDS closed for Spring Break
Mon, May 4 – Sat, May 9	<b>Observation Week</b> – classes open to families and visitors
Monday, May 25	CDS closed for Memorial Day
Sunday, May 17	<b>Creative Showcase</b> for dancers in Creative 1 and Creative 2
Saturday, June 6	Dress Rehearsal for June Concert, Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University
Sunday, June 7	<b>June Concert Performance</b> at 3pm at the Quick Center for the Arts
June 8 - 13	Make-up Classes for Snow Days <i>TBD</i>
August 24 - Sept 5	<b>Two-Week Choreography Workshop</b> ; required for dancers entering Ballet 4-10 in the 2026-27 School Year in order to perform in the Spring Benefit and June Concert

# 2025-26 CDS Social & Events Calendar

*\*updated 6.20.2025*

*social events, photo shoots, and workshops open to all CDS registered students*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday, September 2 or Wednesday, September 3	Parents' Night - attendance encouraged: expectations for school year, Q&As September 2: 6:15 - 7:15pm for parents of Elementary School aged dancers September 3: 6:15 - 7:15pm for parents of Middle & High School aged dancers
Saturday, September 6	<b>Open House</b> 10am – 2pm Register, meet faculty, purchase uniforms! 10:00 – 12:00pm FREE Mini Dance Class Ages 3 – 7 12:00 – 12:30pm Placement Class Ages 8-10
Saturday, September 13	<b>Start of the Year Party;</b> 1:30 - 3:00pm Snacks, refreshments, & games to build social bonds among all CDS registered students! All CDS registered students are invited. <i>Students age 7 and younger require chaperone.</i>
September 15-20, Monday through Saturday	<b>Bring a Friend Week;</b> all levels All week, bring a friend for a free trial class in any level or style! All are welcome.
Sunday, October 26	<b>Nutcracker Photo Shoot with Portrait Photographer</b> Sun. 9:00am-6:30pm: Students sign up for appointments in advance. Open to all CDS students (photo session fee for professional portrait photographer, posed by CDS faculty)
Week of October 27 - November 1st, Monday through Saturday	<b>Spirit Week;</b> take class in costume all week, or follow these themes: Monday - Pajama Day Tuesday - Tutu Tuesday Wednesday - Crazy Hair Day Thursday - Color Wars (wear your class color, head to toe, and compete for the most class spirit!) Friday - Costume Day (modified class schedule for Halloween) Saturday - *World Ballet Day <i>* Dancers in Ballet 5-10 follow along with the livestream class of the Royal Ballet! Special events in lower level classes to celebrate the art of ballet.</i>
Thursday, December 18	<b>Summer Intensive Photo Shoot</b> 3:15 - 5:00pm; Audition photos for advanced ballet Summer Intensives, posed by a CDS ballet faculty member.
Week of January 26-31, Monday through Saturday	<b>Bring a Friend Week;</b> levels Creative 1 - Ballet 2, ages 3-10 All week, bring a friend for a free trial class in any level or style! All are welcome.
Saturday, February 28	<b>Nutcracker Movie Day;</b> 1:30pm – 3:30pm After classes are done on Saturday, stay to watch the CDS Nutcracker. All CDS registered students are invited. <i>Students age 7 and younger require chaperone.</i>
Sunday, April 26	<b>June Concert Photo Shoot;</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm for special photoshoot in June Concert costumes
Saturday, May 30	<b>School Spirit Day;</b> Dress head to toe in CDS' school color: purple! All outfits and hairstyles allowed.