

# Lake Shore Dance

## Committed to Excellence

### DECEMBER

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Dec. 4** Nutcracker Shows-  
12:45 Private School Showing  
6:00 Public Showing  
(Backstage tour to follow)
- **Dec. 5** Nutcracker Show-  
1:00 Matinee
- **Dec. 5** Port Washington  
Christmas Parade - 6 PM
- **Dec. 7-12** Color Week
- **Dec. 14-19** Winter Party  
Week!
- **Dec. 12** Final Day to Return  
Nutcracker Costumes
- **Dec. 21- Jan. 1** Winter Break  
(Classes Resume Jan. 2)

December is the month of Holiday cheer and preparation for a new year! Our studios are displaying glistening decorations and everyone is getting filled with Holiday cheer! Our company performers are ready to show off all of their hard work early this month in their annual production of "The Nutcracker" which is held at Port Washington High School. They are ready to perform a fun-filled routine for the Port Washington Christmas parade, and they had a blast at the Grafton Holiday parade last month! Be sure to get out your festive colors for our color week during the middle of the month! Bring your family and friends to our Winter Party Week at the studio. Dress in red and green dance wear and be prepared for an exciting

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Class before we say farewell for our Winter Break! Your guests are invited to watch you and your classmates in motion! Watch your mail for a surprise from the dance studio at the end of the month! We wish you a blessed Holiday season! Enjoy the break from classes with your family and we'll see you in January!



*Happy Holidays from  
Lake Shore Dance*



It's The Holiday Season— also known as "Nutcracker Season!"

Here are a few fun facts about the New York City Ballet's Nutcracker performance.

- A total of 57 people work backstage to coordinate the scenery, lighting, and costumes during each performance.
- During each performance, 150 costumes will appear onstage.
- The giant Christmas tree grows to a full height of 41 feet, weighing in at 1 ton.
- Each Candy Cane costume contains 144 jingle bells.
- The metal-framed skirt of Mother Ginger weighs 40 pounds.

### A JOB WELL DONE!

Lake Shore Dance wants to shout out a job well done to our students, Lindy Couwenhoven, Alyssa Albers, Hannah Albers, and Alex Michalowski for their great work in Port High School's production of "Grease." Lindy did a splendid job performing the role of Frenchy, one of the Pink Ladies. Alyssa was able to especially show off her great dance training in the

role of "Cha Cha DeGregorio" where she rocked the *Hand Jive* song! Alyssa also appeared as an Angelette in Lindy's *Beauty School Drop Out* scene, where she sported a pink wig...stylish! Hannah was a great peppy cheerleader and Alex shined as part of the chorus. All four girls used their dance ability and performance quality that they learned right here at Lake Shore Dance!

### SHOWS AROUND THE AREA

**Dec. 10-13:** UWM Dance Department: *New Dancemakers* (Miss Carrie is in this production)!

**Dec. 11-27:** Milwaukee Ballet: Nutcracker at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts in Milwaukee.

**Dec. 18-19:** *Annie* the musical at The Milwaukee Theatre.

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DANCE QUOTE OF  
THE MONTH

It takes an athlete to dance, but  
an artist to be a  
dancer. ~Shanna LaFleur



Words can be  
diagonal, up,  
down, sideways  
and  
backwards!

“ T H E N U T C R A C K E R ”  
W O R D S E A R C H

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**PARTY SCENE WORDS TO FIND:**

BALLET CLARA COLUMBINE FRITZ GUESTS HAR-  
LEQUIN MAID  
NUTCRACKER PARTY PIERROT  
PIROUETTE PRINCE  
\*BONUS\* (FIND THE THREE WORDS - LAKE, SHORE,  
DANCE)

L A K E S H O R E D A N C E C O M P A N Y P R E S E N T S T H E  
“ N U T C R A C K E R ”

The members of Lake Shore Dance’s company have spent many hours of preparation for “The Nutcracker” and are ready to perform! You can still get your tickets at the door for this fantastic Christmas favorite!

Last month we learned about Clara’s dream where she was awoken by life-sized rats who were battling her Nutcracker soldier who came to life and his army. Clara finds herself in the middle of the battle and decides to take her shoe off and throw it at the rat king! With some good aim, she sends the rat king falling to the ground and she victoriously exits the battle scene with her Nutcracker soldier and the rats help their wounded leader on his way. Suddenly, beautiful snowflakes frolic onto the stage led by the beautiful snow queen! Clara has transformed from a little girl to a young lady and is

greeted by her prince in the Pine Forest. They do a graceful duet and he whisks her away in a swan to the Kingdom of Sweets, where they are greeted by the Sugar Plum Fairy. She leads them to their throne as some angelic angels take the stage and dance with glowing candles. Many more exciting performers entertain the Prince and Clara, such as Chinese Tea, Marzipan, Russian dancers, and Mother Ginger– to name a few! Once all the characters dance for the Prince and Clara, a beautiful forest of flowers appear and dance a farewell dance to the couple. The Prince and Clara dance together for one last time before Clara must leave. Was it just a dream? Come to our show on December 4th and 5th to find out! Order your own DVD copy of “The Nutcracker” to capture the magic and memories from this season! Order forms will be available at the studio soon!

**Behind the Scenes Fact:**

Did you know that both girls who dance the role of Clara this year share the same name, but are spelled differently? Alysa Williams plays our “younger” Clara, and Alyssa Albers portrays our “older” Clara! Come watch these beautiful dancers in action! Good luck, girls!



C O N G R A T S !

We would like to congratulate  
Madeline Raffanti on being  
promoted from a classroom  
demonstrator to an assistant!  
Great Job!