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Welcome back both new students and previous students. We have had eight wonderful weeks of lessons so far. The staff and I hope you are enjoying your experience here at CDC and would love to hear

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from you if you have any concerns about your child's training. We strive to have fun and inspire creativity in our classrooms while continuing to deliver the high quality education you have come to expect. Our teachers have already seen some great strides from students and are looking forward to a wonderful 25th anniversary year! Stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook and Instagram, as well as stopping by the studio and viewing the amazing bulletin boards. Our website is also a great place to view information about what is happening here at CDC!

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CDC hosted Cecchetti Day for students from around CT and from upstate NY. It was a fun day of ballet and contemporary classes for all levels of dancers. Congratulations to Hannah Krutz for earning the tuition scholarship to CUSA's

summer school, and to Meaghan McNulty for being the runner up.

That same weekend, for three days, teachers from CT, NY, MA, and SC, joined Ms. Seibert for a Teacher's Professional Development Retreat. They were fully immersed in ballet and even went to see contemporary ballet at NY City Center.



CECCHETT Ballet THEATRE The Nutcracker 2019 25th Season

Date

Dec. 14, 3:00 p.m.

Hamden High School



Ms. Seibert modeling for Talbots Fall Trunk Show in early October.



Summer Recap





Happy (Belated) Birthday

- 8/1 Ray Boucher
- 8/3 Katherine Bradley
- 8/4 Aaralyn Hunter
- 8/8 Camryn Murasso
- 8/10 Audrey Wang
- 8/20 Kaitlyn Buczek
- 8/24 Meaghan McNulty
- 9/6 Rachael Skowron
- 9/6 Lily Coleman
- 9/7 Cecelia Brin
- 9/10 Summer Canney
- 9/11 Anna Reese Carrigan
- 9/13 Emilie Lederer
- 9/18 Sophia Field
- 9/28 Kelcy Gooman
- 9/28 Anna Curran
- 10/2 Nadia Bauco
- 10/10 Ava Capuano
- 10/29 Annabelle Sarojak
- 10/30 Hope Mallon

Ms. Durham enjoyed a wonderful week of Fairy Princess Camp this summer! Each day began with a ballet class followed by arts and crafts. From wings to crowns, fairy dust to wands, students became "Fairies" by the end of the week. Students also enjoyed story and movie time, as well as choreography. Parents enjoyed an end-of-week performance.

Look for information on Summer Camp available in March!



On June 17, (yes only 2 days after the recital!), over 25 students joined us for our 4-week summer intensive. Students began each day with a brisk 30minute walk on the beautiful trail by the studio, followed by another 30 minutes of conditioning with Ms. Durham. Classes were then divided up into three levels and students pushed through an intense three hours of dancing. Each day concluded with dance history and a ballet video. At the end of each week, students had the opportunity to earn prizes by taking a quiz. Students that attended on

July 4th also got a little treat! The intensive concluded with a super soaker relay race in the parking lot and, finished with the students taking their ballet exams. CDC had the pleasure of hosting exams, where teachers from out of state, and even out of country, came to take their exams. Everyone celebrated their hard work with success on their exams. Congratulations to all the dancers!

On July 21, Ms. Seibert, Ms. O'Toole, and Ms. Durham escorted three students, Mia Popowyz, Lauren Molnar, and Meaghan McNulty to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for Cecchetti USA's annual summer course. They joined teachers and students from all over the country for a fabulous week of classes. Not only did the students take classes in ballet, but they also had contemporary, variations, pointe, and more. Evening activities consisted of t-shirt exchanges,

swimming, a free night out, and a student surprise for the teachers! The week concluded with a fabulous demonstration of the Cecchetti work. The teachers enjoyed their continuing education classes in musicality, pas de deux, syllabus, pointe, and variations. They are excited to bring back their knowledge and share it with CDC students. Look for more information on next year's summer course available in January.







<u>Calendar</u>

Oct. 31 - Happy Halloween! Studio Open

Nov. 4-9 - Parent Visitation

Nov. 24 - Nutcracker Breakfast

Nov. 25 - Third Tuition Installment Due

Nov. 27-30 - Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!