

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, July 26, 2019

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Irish Fair Family Party**
 - **5-7pm Sunday, August 11** following the final OID performance (at 4pm). Join Cormac and Natalie at The Scattering (the end of Irish Fair event) at the Main stage at 7 pm!
- **NO CLASSES on these dates:**
 - **End of Year Break - August 12 through August 22**
 - **State Fair Performances - Thursday, August 29**
 - **Labor Day - Monday, September 2**
- **Fall Season Starts**
 - Primary I and up - August 26
 - Preschool and Beginner - September 9

Upcoming Performance Opportunities - SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES!

- [All Available Forms/Rubrics can be found here.](#)
 - **Washington County Fair** - Sat. August 3 - **URGENT! MORE DANCERS NEEDED!**
 - **Irish Fair of Minnesota** - Sat. & Sun. August 10 - 11
 - **Epic Family Fair - Target Field** - Sun, August 18
 - **Minnesota State Fair** - Thu. August 29 ALL DAY 9 am to 5 pm (open to all KII and Limited Performance Class Registered Kids)
 - **Mac/Groveland Fest** - Sat. September 7
 - **Ice Cream, Peanut Butter & Jam** - Sat. September 14 (*more details coming soon!*)
 - **St. Ambrose (SAW) Fest** - Sat. September 21 (*for dancers not participating in our local feis the same day*)
 - **Marydale Arts Festival** - Sat. September 28 (*more details coming soon!*)

Costumes for Irish Fair

If you do not yet have a class costume for Irish Fair, Marlys will be at CJAC Thursday 8/1 from 6 pm to 8 pm for any new costume fittings. For those who have costumes already, please try them on as soon as possible and check in with Marlys this week with any issues.

If you can't make it this Thursday, please let us know immediately so we can plan for another time. **IMPORTANT:** There will be NO FITTINGS the week before Irish Fair so please try your costume on this week and let us know right away if you have questions or concerns.

Register for the Fall Feiseanna!

As some of you may be aware, the Minnesota Feis has retired. We are grateful to Mary Thomas and Kate Poole for their leadership and dedication over the years in making the MN Feis such a success. We are also grateful for their support as we have hosted several feiseanna under their advisement and guidance. As a result of their decision to retire, IDPA has acquired the date of their event and has renamed it the Minnesota State Championships. This new feis will be on Saturday, September 21st with the 6th annual St. Paul Autumn Feis on Sunday, September 22nd. Registration for both events is now available on FeisWorx (www.feisworx.com). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out

to Heidi Shaback (heidi.shaback@gmail.com) or Galena Schirmer (galena.schirmer@gmail.com). Please watch for the volunteer sign-ups coming in August.

It's Irish Fair Raffle Ticket time!

Each year we ask families to sell Irish Fair Raffle Tickets to help promote the fair and our appearances in the dance tent and to raise money for the OID school party on Sunday the 11th at the Pavilion at Irish Fair. end of the year party at Irish Fair.

Cost of the tickets is \$5.00 each. 50% of the proceeds go to IDPA for the party! The Raffle Tickets will be available in the lobby on the following days beginning next week.

- Mondays (7/29 and 8/5) from 5:00 to 6:30
- Tuesday (7/30) from 6:30 to 8:00
- Wednesday (7/31) from 4:30 to 9:30

Contact Maria Pasquerella at 612-240-1662 to arrange an alternate pick up times. Tickets are to be turned in (money and stubs as well as unsold tickets) to the kiosk by August 6th. Each dancer is encouraged to sell at least 5 tickets.

Change in Process for Fall Registration

Classes for the fall start **August 26** for Primary I and Up, and **September 9** for pre-school and beginner classes. To simplify registration, Cormac will be registering your dancer for the classes he or she should be in. This is the time of year when some (not all) dancers may move up a level. Registrations will be added later this week. We ask that you check your registrations [here](#) and let us know if you have any questions.

You'll see there is a new look to StudioDirector. It has a more intuitive and user-friendly design now and is easy to use on your mobile devices. Contact oidadmin@osheairishdance.com if you can't find what you're looking for.

Remember you can get your yearly registration fee waived or refunded for the year if you refer a new student to us and they register for classes. Share your love for O'Shea with your friends and family! We do have gift certificates available for purchase on request!

Summer Flexi-Schedule - *Our summer dance schedule does not change!*

Summer is a time for amazing growth and strength in your dancers. We have a "Flexi-schedule" so you can come whenever you want and travel when you wish:

- Come any time (double up a week or month, take off a week or month).
- More strength and fitness work!
- Dance & keep up steps with your friends
- If you can't get to classes in your own level, audit the level above (like an upgrade!)

*Summer enrollment allows your dancer to perform at the **Irish Fair!***

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES? MANY TO CHOOSE FROM!
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY AUGUST 2, 2019**