

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, November 6, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Nov 8 - Mock Oireachtas (for dancers competing at the regional championships)
- Nov 9 thru 12 - Class Costume Fittings by Appointment

EXPOSURE REMINDER - If your household has been exposed to COVID-19 or if any of your family members have shown COVID-like symptoms, please stay out of OI classes for 10 days and avail of the Zoom options.

MASK REMINDER - Masks must be worn at all times inside the Celtic Junction. No exceptions. Please exit the building if you need to remove your mask to eat, use your phone, etc. Thank you for helping to keep us all safe.

Performance Costume Fittings

Our school performance costume fittings are being handled a little differently this year. Earlier in the Fall we held days to outfit our youngest dancers. We're now opening times up to the whole school (including the littlest dancers) to get fitted for your performance costume. As we did before, if your costume currently fits and doesn't need repair, you do not need to do anything. If your costume is too small or you've got a concern or it needs mending, [please use the Sign-Up Genius form](#) to pick a time to come in. We will be scheduling in 15-minute intervals for 3 dancers at a time to maintain social distance. Masks must be worn. Dates and times follow.

- Monday 11/9 - 4 pm to 6 pm
- Tuesday 11/10 - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 11/11 - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Thursday 11/12 - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Saturday 11/14 - 10 am to Noon

If you're only returning a costume, you don't need to schedule an appointment. We will have a rack by the lower door. Name and phone number must be pinned to any returned costume.

Oireachtas Dancers - Check Your Email

Several emails were sent this week re: Logowear, makeup and wig discounts, the Oireachtas 2020 Facebook and Remind groups, and Mock Oireachtas schedule. Please reach out to me if you're unsure about any of these.

2020 Kickin' It Irish Cast Members - Got all your stuff?

With the COVID-related abrupt end to our KII run last March, many personal items were left at CJ. There are still a handful of wigs, makeup/accessories, and clothing that hasn't been claimed. Please use the performance costume [Sign-Up Genius form](#) to book a time to come to the costume closet to collect any missing items.

Tuition Gift Certificates and New Student Referral Credit

OID has gift certificates available for purchase to give to someone interested in trying classes for a month. Remember there is a one-time \$35 annual-fee credit for students referred to OID who register on StudioDirector and enroll in a class.

Bliain na Gaeilge 2018 - Free Bilingual Seminar

In 2018 the Gaelic League/Conradh na Gaeilge marked 125 years of Irish language revival with a yearlong celebration titled Bliain na Gaeilge 2018. The bilingual traveling exhibition “Éire: Athbheochan/Revival 1893-2018,” created for this occasion, documents aspects of language revival during this 125 year period including teaching, culture, community participation, Gaeltachts, industry and American influence/support.

This exhibition was generously loaned to the Eoin McKiernan Library by the Consulate General of Ireland in Chicago. This bilingual exhibition will be presented by Connemara native Lavinia Finnerty. [More info and registration link here.](#)

Guidance on COVID-19

We are following a "hybrid" structure in which small (anaerobic) step classes are held *in-person* in small "bubble" groups. Larger (aerobic) fitness classes, including Adult Fitness, Stretch/Warmup and Barre, will only be available *online*. With schools in the Twin Cities mostly online, we are striving to make dance safe and accessible. All of the details about the building rules, class precautions and safety measures are in the following documents:

- [CJ Studio Use](#) | [Bathroom Protocols](#) | [CJ Covid Statement](#)

We continue to carefully monitor for further guidance on next steps. State info can be found [here](#) and the City of Saint Paul's info is [here](#).

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