

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, October 23, 2020

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Oct 24 & 25 from 10 am - 4 pm - CJAC Fall Produce Sale (Apples & Pumpkins!)
- Oct 24 - CJAC Online Fall Fundraiser
- Oct 29 - Solo Costume Exchange

**EXPOSURE REMINDER** - If your child has been exposed to COVID-19 or if any of your family members have shown COVID-like symptoms, please stay out of OID 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!

## CJAC Fall Fundraiser - MORE PUMPKIN SALES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Part of the annual CJAC Fall Fundraiser involves the sale of pumpkins, apples, baked goods, and cider. Sales started this week (thank you, volunteers!) and run through the weekend. We're still looking for **dancers aged 14 and up and adult volunteers** (especially those with Kiosk experience) to help with the sale. Please visit the [CJAC Fall Harvest Sale Volunteer Sign-Up](#) - to see the unfilled slots. **Feel free to sign up for multiple 1-hour shifts**. Kiosk experience is nice, but not required. Training will be provided on using the point-of-sale tablet (the same one we use in the Kiosk).

Thanks in advance for volunteering and for any purchases you may make! All proceeds benefit CJAC programming. **To make a financial contribution look for the details in [CJAC's Fall Fundraiser Event](#).**

## Online Feis Opportunity! Register by Sunday, 10/25

The second CLRG Trial Online Feis is happening! The syllabus has just been released and is attached along with a PDF describing the registration process and a PDF with important updates. The plan for this feis is to have 1000 dancers from all over the world compete. Cormac and Natalie would love to see a lot of OID dancers compete. all participants must be registered and paid by Sunday, 10/25. Recordings of your dances need to be uploaded by 10/29. Judging takes place the weekend of Halloween and results are to be posted by 11/2. Sashes and certificates will be awarded. Fees by level:

- €5 for grades per dance
- €20 for PC
- €30 for OC

Please contact Cormac with any questions.

## Solo Costume Exchange - Thursday, Oct 29

Dancers and families with costumes to sell or with dancers who need solo dresses/vests, we will be holding a solo costume exchange on **Thursday, October 29 from 5 pm to 8 pm**. [Please use the Sign-Up Genius to select a time](#). We will work with three dancers/families at a time to maintain appropriate distance and will work in 20 minute segments.

Dancers and families wishing to sell a solo dress/vest **MUST BRING IT TO THE JUNCTION ON 10/28** between 6 pm and 8 pm and hang it on the rack in the lobby. If you can't bring it or make arrangements for someone else to bring it that night, please contact me. To keep the time organized and COVID-safe, we cannot accept drop-offs on the day of the exchange.

Sellers, before you drop off your solo costume for sale, please print your name, phone number, photo of the costume, and price and attach to the costume in a plastic sleeve. REMINDER: O'Shea is not responsible for the selling, buying or pricing. All transactions are solely between seller and buyer. Solo costumes will be available for pick up after the exchange on Thursday, 10/29 from 8pm to 9pm in the lobby or on Friday, 10/30 between 4 pm and 6 pm. All unsold costumes need to be picked up.

If you haven't already seen it, solo dresses and vests are now being showcased in a [photo album on the OJD Dancers and Families private Facebook group](#).

## **CJAC Event: Frederick Douglass Symposium**

The Frederick Douglas Symposium is a Zoom-based webinar and conversation about history, solidarity, and racial justice in Ireland and the US which takes place during Ireland's Black History Month featuring opening remarks by Ireland's Consul General to the Midwest, Kevin Byrne.

Presenters and panelists include African-American Irish Diaspora Network founder Dennis Brownlee, Quinnipiac's Great Hunger Museum director Christine Kinealy, Minnesota artist and filmmaker E.G. Bailey, and more.

[Register here](#). Registrants will be sent a Zoom link in order to connect to the event.

## **Orientation Video Replays - Annual Forms Due**

Thank you to all who attended our Orientation sessions on Zoom last weekend. We enjoyed spending time with you and answering your questions. Links to video replays of both sessions appear below:

- [Preschool through Primary II](#)
- [Intermediate and Up](#)

FYI: Annual forms are now overdue. If you haven't already, [please follow this link to fill them out](#).

## **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](#).

**LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020**