

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, September 14, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

- September 15 - Fall Orientation. See you tomorrow at the times below. Links to forms follow.
 - [Policies and Conditions](#)
 - [Medical Form](#)
 - [Release Form](#)
 - Orientation Times:
 - 10:00am PreSchool-Beginner
 - 11:00am Primary & Intermediate
 - 12:00pm **Solo Dress Check & Exchange. Got a dress to sell? Bring it!**
 - 1:00pm Advanced & Championship

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES:

- September 22 - **MORE DANCERS NEEDED:** St. Ambrose Festival - [All Levels Form/Rubric](#).
- October 6 - **DANCERS NEEDED:** Hamline/Midway - [All Levels Form/Rubric](#).

Fall Open Studio schedule begins next weekend on September 22.

Online OID Logowear Store is OPEN!

The O'Shea logowear website 2018oshea.itemorder.com is open from now until 9/26 with item delivery mid-October. The store will be open longer that we've done previously because **this will be our only sale time for the rest of this year** so get started on your holiday shopping early! Please contact Galena with any questions: galena.schirmer@gmail.com.

Fall Feiseanna Deadline TONIGHT!

The Minnesota Feis and The St. Paul Autumn Feis (SPAF) are coming up on the 29th and 30th of September. **The deadline for registration is Friday, Sept 14. A late fee of \$25 will be incurred for any registration after Sept 14.** These feiseanna are great opportunities for your dancer - they are a lot of fun, and a great way for your dancer to build confidence and meet new friends from all over the region. Register for both feiseanna at www.feisworx.com. IDPA will have parent volunteers in the CJAC lobby to answer questions and help with registration. Sept 14 is the last day to sign up before late fees kick in.

Finally, both feiseanna are in need of volunteers. Don't worry if you've never volunteered for a feis. There are MANY roles that do not require any experience. Please consider volunteering for both!

- [Volunteer for SPAF here.](#)
- [Volunteer for MN Feis here.](#)

Thanks all for supporting these great local feiseanna!



Reminder about Weather-Related Closure Policy

Reminder: OID follows the St. Paul Schools' announcement of snow days. In general, if classes and after school activities are cancelled for the St. Paul School District, OID will also be closed. There are two exceptions:

1. If school/activities are cancelled because of low temps and NOT because of excessive snow, OID will be open;
2. If school is cancelled, but after-school activities are NOT cancelled, OID will be open.

As always, we'll let you all know in a variety of ways (email, Facebook, Remind App).

Coming Up at CJAC – [More Info Here](#)

The Irish History Book Club, 9/12

Irish History Book Club will meet in the Eoin McKiernan Library from 7:30-9:00 pm. We are reading from episodes 121-130 in Jonathon Bardon's magnificent A History of Ireland in 250 Episodes and (an optional extra reading) also reading the 'Introduction' from Barry Cunliffe's The Ancient Celts (2nd Edition; Oxford University Press). This free event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend and contribute to the group's conversations. Any questions can be directed to leader [Patrick O'Donnell](#).

Irish language Literature, 9/20 - 11/8

Deepen your knowledge, appreciation and comprehension of the Irish language by reading plainly written selections from its literature. Instructor will supply readings of accessible Irish language short stories. Eight Thursday sessions 6:30-8:00 pm. Sep 20 - Nov 8. Class fee: \$144 (email instructor to pre-register) or \$160 (first night of class). Contact instructor: [Lavinia Finnerty](#).

Prep for Certificate in Irish, 9/22- 12/8

Preparation for the European Certificate in Irish/TEG (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge). Adult learners, from experienced beginners to intermediate learners, undertake a structured curriculum to prepare for the only internationally recognized general Irish language proficiency exam for adults in 2019 (or 2020). 12 Saturday sessions 9 am-11 am. Sep 22 – Dec 8. Class fee: \$324 (email instructor to pre-register) or \$360 (first morning of class). Contact instructor: [Lavinia Finnerty](#).

**ARE YOU READY FOR OUR FALL FEISEANNA?
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**