

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, November 9, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

NOVEMBER OPEN STUDIO (No Open Studio in December)

- Nov 10: 2 pm - 4 pm
- Nov 17: 11 am - 1 pm

NOVEMBER COSTUMES - **RETURN BY NEXT WEEK!**

- Deadline Nov 15 - All OID Costumes, other than those assigned to Oireachtas teams, must be **returned and signed into the Kiosk** by 11/15 for inventorying, evaluation, and repair.

MOCK-OIREACHTAS

- Nov 11 - Mandatory for dancers competing at the Mid-America Region Oireachtas. Open to audiences. Adults can even BYOB! Again, Mock-Oireachtas is **MANDATORY** - no exceptions will be made for this date. This is an **extremely important** event, and replaces the "travelling" feis we previously required. Schedule:
 - 12:00pm - CJ opens for warm up and changing/prep
 - 1:00-3:00pm - Teams & Trad Set Dancers
 - 3-8:00pm - Solo Championship Dancers only

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE:

- CLOSED: Wednesday before Thanksgiving - Open Studio for Oireachtas solos only
- CLOSED: Thanksgiving Day
- OID REOPENS: All classes resume on Monday after Thanksgiving **except Cormac's classes** which are cancelled on the Monday after Thanksgiving.

ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL COSTUME DAY

- Dec 1 - All dancers are fit for and reassigned costumes yearly. Oireachtas team dancers have already been fitted & do not need to attend. Parents will sign costume contracts and purchase accessories as needed. The costume fee, charged annually in November, has been applied to your Studio Director account.

ALL-SCHOOL HOLIDAY PARTY - **SLIGHTLY LATER START TIME**

- Dec 1 - **6:30 pm - 9:30 pm** - OID FAMILY HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY with entertainment from Scottish Band **The GunnSlingers**. Come with an item to share as we celebrate the return of teams and solos from the Regional Championships! Join us to eat, dance and be merry. All OID dancers of any age/class and their families are invited!

Reminder about Weather-Related Closure Policy

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

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

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

Decade of Dance Awards

The Irish Music and Dance Association will again present their Decade of Dance Awards to eligible dancers at IMDA's Day of Irish Dance at Landmark Center, St. Paul on Sunday, March 17, 2019. The award is presented to dancers who have studied Irish dance for at least ten years. Eligible dancers must complete an application for the award documenting their 10 year study of Irish dance. **The deadline for applications is Dec. 1, 2018.** Dancers will receive confirmation by Feb. 1, 2019. The application is available on the [IMDA website](#).

Celtic Holiday Hooley Tickets are On Sale Now!

Holiday fun for the whole family! Celebrate the season with a variety show of traditional folk music, Irish step dance, carols, cute kids, and Santa, hosted by comedian Joshua Will and Natalie O'Shea. This family event brings together the stunning O'Shea Irish Dancers and The Celtic Junction Band. Kids 18 & under are free! [More info and tickets here](#).



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



The Roots and Branches of Celtic Music. A cultural seminar to expand your knowledge of the history and transmission of Celtic music (with an emphasis on Ireland) in a research-based survey course featuring live performances of selections of the music presented by Bundle & Go. 4 sessions. Mondays. November 12 -Dec 3. 6:30-8 pm. \$60 or \$54, if you email the instructor [David Rhees](#) to pre-register.

Important Links - Make sure you're connected!

Make sure you're connected to OID on our Facebook groups. We cross-post important communications there as well as other news and announcements. It's also a fun place to connect with other dance families, parents and caregivers. And don't forget to send your feis pictures to oidadmin@osheairishdance.com.

www.osheairishdance.com OID public webpage.

<http://damhsa.osheairishdance.com/> This is the private OID school page for school members only.

<https://www.facebook.com/OIDance/> OID public Facebook page.

[O'Shea Irish Dance \(OID\) Majors Competitions Group \(Closed\)](#) For our students, parents and families that are at the Majors level and compete at Nationals, Worlds and Oireachtas.

[O'Shea Irish Dance \(OID\) Dancers and Families Announcements and Activities](#) For OID fams & caregivers.

Follow OID on Instagram as [osheairishdance](#)..

www.idpamn.org The Irish Dance Parent Association (IDPA) website and [Facebook page](#).

Add **osheairishdance** to your Snapchat contacts.

**YOU GUYS! IT'S TOTALLY SWEATER WEATHER!
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2018**