

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, January 18, 2019

Upcoming Important Dates

- **SOLO DRESS AND VEST EXCHANGE** - Jan 19 - 11 am to 12:30 pm. Bring dresses and vests to sell between 10:30 am and 11 am that day.
- **OPTIONAL COSTUME DAY** - Jan 24 from 6 pm to 8 pm - Please plan to visit with our costumer Marlys if you have questions or concerns about your **class costume**. (Questions about solo costumes should be addressed to Natalie.) Costume accessories purchased on Costume Day will be distributed this week. Ask for them at the Kiosk starting Monday. Anyone who missed the previous two costume days, this is your last chance to get fitted for a class costume before the practice feis.
- **OID FEIS FAIR and PRACTICE FEIS** - Feb 2 - Check this week to make sure you have all your costume pieces!
- **ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND PERFORMANCES** - Mar 16 and 17
 - Saturday on the Main stage at 11:20 am for 30 minutes
 - Sunday on the Main stage at 11:50 am for 40 minutes
 - Adult Dancer Showcase on Sunday beginning approx 3:30 pm (to be confirmed)
- **SCHOOL DAY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**
 - St. Odilia School - 8:30am-1pm Thursday, February 7 - Primary I and Up - [Form/Rubric](#)
 - Parkview Center School - 8:30am-1 pm Friday, March 29 - Primary I and Up - [Form/Rubric](#)

OID Feis Fair and Practice Feis

Feis Fair is **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 from 9 am - 1 pm**. Dancers will not need to be there all day - we will issue a schedule based on level (see below). The Feis Fair is a fun opportunity for dancers and families to try a feis for the first time, learn about volunteer opportunities, and practice for the real thing. See previous newsletter for more detail. **PLEASE EMAIL OIDADMIN@OSHEAIRISHDANCE.COM IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND.**

SCHEDULE: The OID "feis" will start at 9 am at The Celtic Junction & will progress through the levels:

- 9 am - 10 am PreSshool through Beginner
- 10 am - 11 am Primary 1 & 2 dancers
- 11 am - 12:30 pm Intermediate through Advanced dancers (non-champ)

Remind App

Due to changes in fees for text messages, the Remind App is no longer sending texts to Verizon customers. We recognize that while messages still delivered to the app itself and to email, many people have come to rely on the text message notifications from Remind. As a result, we will be discontinuing our use of the Remind App in favor of another solution. We will continue to use email and will keep posting in the Facebook groups in the event we need to communicate about school closings or other urgent matters. Please make sure you belong to those groups. Contact oidadmin@osheairishdance.com with any questions.

Private Lessons

From time to time we get requests to schedule private lessons. These have been used in the past to brush up on a specific dance, overcome an obstacle in competition, or to get some additional focused work done. Scheduling is handled by filling out [this form](#) and is arranged at the convenience of the instructor. Fees are handled through Studio Director and vary by level. There are no regular hours for private lessons.

What's Coming Up at CJAC? *KICKIN' IT IRISH!*

Our annual March production, Kickin' It Irish, is coming up March 8 through March 17 at the Celtic Junction Arts Center. Tickets and more info at <https://www.celticjunction.org/events/kickinitirish2019/>.

Dates and showtimes:

- MARCH 8: 7:30 pm
- MARCH 9: 3 pm and 7:30 pm
- MARCH 10: 3 pm
- MARCH 15: 7:30 pm
- MARCH 16: 3 pm and 7:30 pm
- MARCH 17: 3 pm

Also check out and share these educational classes January through April 2019. [More info here:](#)

- No Sweat Irish 2
- Introduction to Irish Language Literature - Children's Books
- Preparation for the European Certificate in Irish/TEG (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge)
- Drawing Celtic Mythology
- Under the Influence: William Blake's poetic genius, a model for the poetry of W.B. Yeats
- Stave Incantations: The Magic of Chanted Poetry
- Reading Irish Poetry: John Montague and his contemporaries
- Irish Literary Biography and Intergenerational Trauma
- Celtic Heroes and Living Mythically

**I CAN ALREADY SEE THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER!
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY JANUARY 25, 2019**