

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, May 24, 2019

Summer Flexi-Schedule - *Our summer dance schedule does not change!*

Summer is time for amazing growth and strength in your dancers. We have a "Flexi-schedule" so you can come whenever you want and travel when you wish:

- Come any time (double up a week or month, take off a week or month).
- More strength and fitness work!
- Dance & keep up steps with your friends
- If you can't get to classes in your own level, audit the level above (like an upgrade!)

Summer enrollment allows your dancer to perform at the Irish Fair as well!

Upcoming Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **OID is closed on Memorial Day** - Mon, May 27
- **Solo Costume Sale and Hair Help** - Thurs, May 30 - 5 pm to 8 pm - **Important detail below!**
- **Upcoming Performance Opportunities - More to come!**
 - Washington County Fair - August 3 - [Form/Rubric](#)
 - Irish Fair of Minnesota - August 9 - 11 - Save the date. More info below.
 - Mac/Groveland Fest - September 7 - Save the date.
 - St. Ambrose (SAW) Fest - September 21 - [Form/Rubric](#)

Solo Costume Exchange / Hair and Wig Help

We are holding another solo costume exchange to catch up with new costume needs due to feis advancements and to keep up with our dancers' ever-increasing talent and physical growth. Plan to attend on **Thursday, May 30**. We'll spend the first hour on wigs and hair help and then will assist with solo costumes. The schedule is:

- Wigs and Hair - 5 pm to 6 pm
- Solo costume exchange - 6 pm to 8 pm

All-School Performance at 2019 Irish Fair of Minnesota

Save the dates of **August 10th and 11th**. We will be performing both dates (times TBD). This is an opportunity to show dancers from all levels as we recently did for St. Patrick's Day weekend at Landmark.

Performance Teams and KII dancers plan on dancing both days. All classes will pick one day or the other (or both if you wish!) This is one of our biggest and most fun performances of the year. More info and forms/rubrics to come. Again, save the dates!



Summer Feiseanna Planning - Important Info

In addition to the feiseanna this weekend, other local or nearby feis opportunities include:

- Northern Mid-America Championship Feis / 10,000 Lakes Feis - June 15 & 16 - quickfeis.com
 - Registration for these feiseanna is handled by QuickFeis - If you haven't registered with QuickFeis before, you'll have to create family and dancer profiles. Please note, if you've previously been on a team or competed at Oireachtas, you will have an account already since the MidAmerica Region Oireachtas uses QuickFeis..
 - As we've communicated previously, Nationals Ceili Teams are **required** to perform in teams at the 10,000 Lakes Feis on Sunday. Solo competition at the June Feiseanna is at your own discretion, though we encourage you to compete.
 - These feiseanna are hosted by the Mulhern school. Other than the teams competition and Natalie's support of first feis dancers, Cormac and Natalie will not be there. It is the same weekend as a large CIM event at the Celtic Junction. We will encourage other teachers to be there to support dancers.
 - Please note, Saturday's feis includes a "Second Chance." Dancers may enroll in the Second Chance to dance again that afternoon. It's basically a double feis in one day! See attached for more information.
- Badger State Feis / Cream City Feis July 20 & 21 - feisworx.com
- Greater St. Louis Feis - August 25 - feisworx.com

SPREAD THE WORD: Summer Camp for New Students

Our OID New Student Beginner Summer camps are **Monday, June 17 through Thursday, June 20** OPEN TO CURRENT BEGINNERS TO start learning the reel. Share the joy of Irish dance with a friend, cousin or sibling! **Registration information coming soon!** If you're interested or know someone who's interested, please email oidadmin@osheairishdance.com. Registration is now open on StudioDirector. Select Summer Camp 2019 as the season and register for each of the four days.

- 9-10 am preschool (ages 3-5)
- 10-12 beginners (ages 5-12)

What's Coming Up at CJAC's [*Irish College of Minnesota*](#)

College quality classes for community audiences. Spring Quarter runs April-June 2019 and includes multiple classes in Irish Language, History & Literature, Celtic Creative Arts, and Irish Genealogy. Click the link above for more information.

**HAVE A FUN AND SAFE LONG WEEKEND!
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