

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, August 16, 2019

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **NO CLASSES on these dates:**
 - End of Year Break - August 12 through August 22
 - State Fair Performances - Thursday, August 29
 - Labor Day - Monday, September 2
- **Fall Season Starts**
 - Primary I and up - August 26
 - Preschool and Beginner - September 9

Upcoming Performance Opportunities - SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES!

- [All Available Forms/Rubrics can be found here.](#)
 - **Epic Family Fair - Target Field - Sun, August 18 - URGENTLY NEED MORE DANCERS - PRIMARY I and UP. More info below.**
 - **Minnesota State Fair** - Thu. August 29 ALL DAY 9 am to 5 pm (open to all KII and Limited Performance Class Registered Kids)
 - **Mac/Groveland Fest** - Sat. September 7
 - **Ice Cream, Peanut Butter & Jam** - Sat. September 14
 - **St. Ambrose (SAW) Fest** - Sat. September 21 (*for dancers not participating in our local feis the same day*)
 - **Marydale Arts Festival** - Sat. September 28

DANCERS NEEDED THIS SUNDAY

Primary I and Up: We really need your help! There are only four dancers signed up for the performance opportunity this Sunday, August 18. Ideally we need 8 to 12 dancers. I know we've just finished a big weekend of dancing, but if you've got the time, we could use your help! Please take a look at your schedules and sign up if you're able. Thanks again! The details follow:

Epic Family Day - Target Field Station

Who: Primary I and up

Times: Practice at CJAC at 10 am, Transfer to Target Field by 12 pm, Perform at 12:45 pm

- [Rubric](#)
- [Form](#)

Free Trial Day and Open House on August 28

Help us spread the word. We are hosting a free trial day for prospective Preschool, Beginner, and Adult dancers. Visitors who are curious about OID can come and try the class, meet the teachers, and ask questions. Please share with your networks. Remember you can get your yearly registration fee waived or refunded for the year if you refer a new student to us and they register for classes. Share your love for O'Shea with your friends and family! Please feel free to share the attached flyer.

Fall Feiseanna Volunteers Needed!

Our upcoming feiseanna require lots of volunteers. There are tons of jobs that don't require any experience and arrangements can easily be made so you don't miss seeing your kids dance. Please visit the Feis Volunteer Sign Up links below and plug in. Volunteering is fun, easy, and **necessary** to help us keep the local feis opportunities available for our dancers!

- [Minnesota State Championships Volunteer Sign-Up](#)
- [St. Paul Autumn Feis Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Register for Fall Feiseanna

As some of you may be aware, the Minnesota Feis has retired. We are so very grateful to Mary Thomas and Kate Poole for their leadership and dedication over the years in making the MN Feis such a success. We are also grateful for their support as we have hosted several feiseanna under their advisement and guidance. As a result of their decision to retire, IDPA has acquired the date of their event and has renamed it the Minnesota State Championships. This new feis will be on Saturday, September 21st with the 6th annual St. Paul Autumn Feis on Sunday, September 22nd. Registration for both events is now available on FeisWorx (www.feisworx.com). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Heidi Shaback (heidi.shaback@gmail.com) or Galena Schirmer (galena.schirmer@gmail.com). Please watch for the volunteer sign-ups coming in August.

Irish Fair Raffle Ticket Success

Thank you dancers and families for working hard to sell Irish Fair Raffle Tickets. You sold 260 tickets earning \$2,300! Half of that goes to Irish Fair to help them keep the event free and the other half goes to IDPA for the party we had and Irish Fair and to help support their efforts on behalf of our dancers. Thanks again! What a great accomplishment!

Check Your Fall Registration

Classes for the fall start **August 26** for Primary I and Up, and **September 9** for pre-school and beginner classes. To simplify registration, Cormac has registered your dancer for the classes he or she should be in. This is the time of year when some (not all) dancers may move up a level. We ask that you check your registrations [here](#) and let us know if you have any changes or questions.

**HOW'S EVERYONE'S END OF YEAR BREAK GOING SO FAR?
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY AUGUST 23, 2019**