

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, August 2, 2019

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Irish Fair Family Party**
  - **5-7pm Sunday, August 11** following the final OID performance (at 4 pm). Join Cormac and Natalie at The Scattering (the end of Irish Fair event) at the Main stage at 7 pm!
- **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.](#)
  - **Irish Fair of Minnesota** - Sat. & Sun. August 10 - 11
  - **Epic Family Fair - Target Field** - Sun, August 18
  - **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

## Last Chance for Irish Fair Raffle Tickets!

Monday 8/5 is the last day to pick up raffle tickets to sell. Ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets need to be turned in at the Kiosk by Tuesday 8/6. The cost of the tickets is \$5.00 each. 50% of the proceeds go to IDPA for the all-school party at Irish Fair and the other 50% helps keep Irish Fair free. Contact Maria Pasquerella at 612-240-1662 to arrange an alternate pick up times.

## 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!

## EXTENDED PRACTICE Irish Fair Performance Class and KII

Performance Class and KII dancers for Irish Fair will have a final EXTENDED practice on Thursday, 8/8 beginning at 5 pm. The practice will end at the usual 8 pm stop time.

## Costume and Accessories Check for Irish Fair

Reminder, for those who ordered chokers and/or earrings, those will be distributed at practice on Thursday evening. If you haven't already let me know but need a choker or earrings, please email me ASAP.

If you haven't tried on your class costume and made sure you have all your accessories, please do so immediately. We have almost no time left to deal with issues or missing accessories.

Finally, if you haven't already responded to me with which type of cape you have with your costume (crochet, satin, or sequin) please let me know ASAP. Watch for further email about bringing in your costumes on Thursday. We may be doing some rearranging of capes by level for uniformity.

## Change in Process for 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.

## Register for the 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](http://www.feisworx.com)). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Heidi Shaback ([heidi.shaback@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.shaback@gmail.com)) or Galena Schirmer ([galena.schirmer@gmail.com](mailto:galena.schirmer@gmail.com)). Please watch for the volunteer sign-ups coming in August.

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**ONE WEEK 'TIL IRISH FAIR!**  
**LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY AUGUST 9, 2019**