

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, November 1, 2019

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Nov 16 - Class Costume Day**  
9 am to 2 pm
- **Nov 27 - Dec 2 - OID Closed for Oireachtas**  
Classes resume Tuesday, Dec 3

## Costume return happening now through 11/7

All-school Costume Day is November 16. please return your class costumes to the Costume Return rack in the hallway between the upper and lower levels. We ask that you fill out [this simple form](#), print and attach to the costume so we can better track our costume inventory. **We require that ALL COSTUMES be returned by November 7** so we have time to evaluate and repair prior to mandatory costume day on November 16.

## Did You Know, You're All Members of IDPA?

All OID parents and caregivers are members of our booster organization, the Irish Dance Parents Association (IDPA) and all members are invited to attend board meetings if you wish. We talk about our support of our dancers through fundraising and other activities, as well as planning and logistics for the feiseanna we manage. We welcome new ideas and and look forward to seeing you if you'd like to attend. Our next meeting is **Sunday, November 10 at 2:30 pm at CJAC**. That's the same time as the Oireachtas Teams Intensive so many parents may be at CJAC anyway.

## Add CJAC tenant Irish Fair of Minnesota to your 2019 planned giving

The Board of the Irish Fair of MN announced a fundraising appeal to help keep IFMN going. The bad weather this year on Saturday cut their normal attendance in half and depleted their cash reserves. They've rolled out an aggressive goal of \$150,000 by the end of the year. The good news is they've received a matching grant of \$25k, so the first \$25k is automatically doubled. There are many appeals at this time of year, including other organizations and groups under our roof at the Celtic Junction. Please consider adding IFMN to your planned giving in 2019. Visit <https://www.irishfair.com/donate> to make a contribution.

## IMDA's Decade of Dance Awards

Have you been dancing for 10 years or more? 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 15, 2020. The award is presented to dancers who have studied Irish dance for at least ten years. For the 2019 presentations, the dancer would have begun their study by the Fall of 2009 or before and studied continuously. **Eligible dancers must complete an application for the award documenting their 10-year study of Irish dance.** The deadline for applications is Dec 2, 2019. Dancers will receive confirmation by Feb 1, 2020. The application is available on the [IMDA website](#).

## Myofascial Release Therapist at CJAC on Wednesdays

Bodywork therapist, Derrick Lundberg, LMT is at CJAC on Wednesdays from 5 pm to 8 pm. See last week's newsletter for more info. We have a private page link for CJAC appointments only, although he does treatments all around the cities, which you can see on his homepage. You can book a CJ based appointment at [derricklundberg.com/cjac](http://derricklundberg.com/cjac).

## OID is now on TikTok! Stay Connected through Web and Social Media Links

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](mailto:oidadmin@osheairishdance.com).

[www.osheairishdance.com](http://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: [osheairishdance](#).

[O'Shea Irish Dance on Hulafrog](#). OID's page on this website focused on local events for kids.

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

Follow OID on TikTok: **OSheairishdance**

Add **osheairishdance** to your Snapchat contacts.

## Reminder about Weather-Related Closure Policy

Reminder: 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, Instagram, Facebook, Remind App).

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**IT'S NOVEMBER ALREADY! WAIT, WHAT?!**  
**LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019**