

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, November 29, 2019

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Nov 27 - Dec 2 - OID Closed for Oireachtas** - **Classes resume Tuesday, Dec 3**
- **Dec 12 - Make-up Costume Day** - 5:30 pm to 7 pm
- **Dec 18 - No PC/OC** - All other classes are held as usual.
- **Dec 19 - Jan 2 - OID Closed for Winter Break** - Classes resume Monday, Jan 6
- **Dec 27 - O'Shea Holiday Party at CJAC** -Friday 6 pm to 10 pm - Mark you calendars!

Performance Opportunity

- **Dec 8 at 12 pm** - Julmarknad at American Swedish Institute - [Form/Rubric](#)

Greetings from the MidAmerica Region Oireachtas!

Hello from Louisville, KY. We're here with 54 OID families comprising 12 ceili teams, 54 solo dancers and 7 trad set dancers competing in our regional Oireachtas. In modern competitive Irish dance, an oireachtas (o-ROCK-tus) refers to an annual championship competition. Oireachtasí (that's the plural form) are held by several Irish dance organizations globally, including our Mid-America Region governing body An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha. Competitions run today through Sunday.

How do dancers qualify to compete at Oireachtas? Well, it varies by age and feis level. You can read the breakdown on page 4 of the [Syllabus](#) for this year's Oireachtas. Once you complete your first year with Natalie she will start talking with you about it.

The word oireachtas means in "assembly" in the Irish language, and comes from the Old Irish airech, meaning "nobleman". While the phrase can be used to refer to any cultural festival or gathering, as well as to the Irish legislature, in Irish dancing it has come to refer to major top-level competitions, and is often casually translated as "championship". After their first Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne (World Championships) in 1970, many regional oireachtas, including ours, became qualifying events for the Worlds.

End of Year Costume Cleanup

Hard to believe it's going to be December next week! Let's make the most of it with an end of year cleanup. We are missing several costume accessories (collars, under-skirts, extra capes, etc.) Please check through your closets at home for any extra pieces you may have. Please also check for any missing class dresses you may have from a dress swap earlier in the year. We don't care that you haven't turned them in until now. Feel free to return them to the kiosk during the month of December.

Makeup Costume Day

If you missed costume day, we have one additional chance for you to attend on December 12th from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. If you aren't able to make this one either, we can schedule you individually with Marlys. FYI, there will be a \$10 fee to cover Marlys' extra time.

Coming Soon to the Kiosk: Gift Cards!

The Kiosk is going to be rolling out stored value cards for dancers to use in addition to cash and credit cards at the kiosk. More details to come!

Celtic Holiday Hooley Tickets are Available Now!

The Celtic Holiday Hooley is a variety show is a party for all ages with Irish music, stories, sketches, step dance, caroling and more. There are five performances at the Celtic Junction from December 19 to December 21. Get your tickets now. Individual links to the shows can be found on the [CJAC Events page](#). Remember, kids 18 and under are free!

Alternative Fundraising Opportunity - This Sounds Fun!

IDPA is exploring fundraising through volunteer concession workers at Twins Games in the 2020 season and wants to know if any parents or other family members are interested. IDPA would need to have a minimum of 10 volunteers at 10 games in order to participate. Volunteers wouldn't have to work all 10 games if we have more than 10 volunteers. [More info about the program can be found here](#).

The first step for IDPA is finding out if there is sufficient interest. [Please fill out this form](#) if you're interested or know someone who is interested in supporting IDPA and our dancers in this manner. Funds raised by IDPA support the end of the year party at Irish Fair, individual dancers with travel stipends, and operating funds to run our local feiseanna.

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.

Stay Connected to OID 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.

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 The Irish Dance Parent Association (IDPA) website and [Facebook page](#).

Follow OID on TikTok: **OSheairishdance**

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