

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, March 13, 2020

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Mar 16 - 26 - OID Closed for Spring Break**
- **Apr 25 & 26 - O'Shea Irish Dance Feis and Leap Into Spring Feis**
- **May 9 - OID Spring Recitals**

## Update on Coronavirus Preparedness and Early Spring Break

We are watching the unfolding Coronavirus situation closely and continue to advise students and families to follow [preventive strategies](#). CJAC's COVID-19 Policy is attached.

Governor Walz and Health Commissioner Malcolm spoke at a press conference today rolling out community guidelines to slow the spread, and emphasized that, in agreement with the CDC's recommendations, there are no statewide plans to close schools at this time.

One change we are making involves the timing of our Spring Break. **We are moving our Spring Break from April to begin instead this coming Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 26.**

**Regular classes will resume again on March 30** (barring any unforeseen changes or guidance from MDH or CDC). This will not change the total number of classes in the year and anticipate there will be no interruption in our dancers' learning and training.

## Performance Cancellations

### Landmark:

Once again, thank you, dancers, for your hard work practicing for our performances at Landmark. We were sad to see the event canceled but agree it is a prudent approach. Keep on practicing and working hard! Our Spring Recital is May 9th!

### Kickin it Irish:

Out of an abundance of caution and in cooperation with the recommendations from Gov. Walz and Commissioner Malcolm regarding performance venues, all remaining performances of Kickin It Irish are canceled. The O'Shaughnessy announced its closure related to coronavirus concerns yesterday and Chanhassen Dinner Theatres announced today. The Celtic Junction is not exempt from the recommendation so we are also canceling our four remaining performances this weekend. We are grateful for the enthusiastic audience support we received on our opening weekend. Deepest thanks to the talented dancers, musicians, artistic staff and crew for a brilliant--albeit short--run!

## Irish Language Weekend April 17-19 - Absolute Beginners thru Advanced

Beidh Deireadh Seachtaine (Irish Language Weekend) will be held in St. Paul, MN on the 17th, 18th, & 19th of April 2020. There will be classes at CJAC for everyone from absolute beginners to experienced learners. [Learn more and register here.](#)

## **Our Next Local Feiseanna are April 25 and 26**

The next local feiseanna are the O'Shea Irish Dance Feis and the Leap Into Spring Feis on April 25 and 26 in Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University, St. Paul. Registration is available on [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com)!

Parents and friends had such fun volunteering at the February feis. Join us for more fun in April. Many roles require no prior experience! Sign-ups for both days appear below:

- Volunteer for [O'Shea Irish Dance Feis - April 25](#)
- Volunteer for [Leap Into Spring Feis - April 26](#)

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