

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **August 10th to 23rd** - OID is closed for our End of Year Break (classes resume for Primary I and up on 8/24 and for Preschool/Beginner on 9/8).

OID FEIStival at CJAC - THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who attended and supported dancers through the day at the FEIStival and in the evening for our special Riverdance Performance and 15th Anniversary Celebration at the Irish Fair of MN Irish Porch Pour event. If you haven't seen the video of our 44 current student and alumni dancers, [you can watch it here](#).

Huge thanks to our IDPA and parent volunteers for literally doing the heavy lifting and so many other roles that made the day a huge success: **Erin, Katy, Galena, Mary, Jim, Melissa, Ken, Jon, Shannon, Jill, Jennifer, Maria, Amie, Emily, and Randi.**

Check out Facebook and Instagram for tons of great photos from the event. Thanks to everyone for making it a great day!

Pop-Up Tent Pick Up

If you didn't get your tent at the end of the event on Saturday, Kristo will be at CJAC from 6 pm to 7:30 pm on Monday, August 17. If you can't swing by during that time and need it before classes resume next week, please email me at oidadmin@osheairishdance.com to arrange a pick up time. Kristo and I live close by and can easily swing by.

St. Paul Autumn Feis is OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

2020 St. Paul Autumn Feis will be held again at Concordia but this year it is on on two separate days:

- Saturday 9/26 (Champs)
- Sunday 9/27 (Grades)

This will be a black-out event, please wear a black t-shirt and shorts or a skirt with no school identifying marks and keeping in mind the NAFC rules around modesty. Due to restrictions related to COVID, each registered dancer will only be allowed to bring in one guest.



SPAF WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT SAME DAY REGISTRATIONS, SO [REGISTER NOW!](#)

CLRG Hornpipe Together Video Participation Event

The deadline is coming up! All entries must be emailed before Sunday, August 30.

Another fun participation event! Cormac is happy to discuss with any O'Shea dancers how to join in with anyone that is interested:

The CLRG International Workgroup and Rince Agus Ceol (Music and Dance Committee) invite all teachers and dancers worldwide to participate in a CLRG Global Choreography Challenge named "Cornphíopa le Chéile" (Hornpipe Together) to keep dancers involved, unified, as well as going back to their Traditional Irish Roots. The purpose of this challenge is to promote our dance, our culture, our music and our heritage while allowing dancers all around the World to engage with their teachers and learn a new piece of dance that they might never have the chance to learn again. This is a combined challenge between our wonderful musicians, teachers & dancers from across the Globe. More info can be found on the [CLRG Facebook page](#).

OID Athletic Masks Still Available!

OID athletic masks come in two sizes (S/M & L/XL) and are [now available for order](#). Masks are available for pick up MONDAY-THURSDAY at CJAC!

Cost is \$15 per mask. Charges will be added to your StudioDirector account. All wholesale proceeds go to the ALL CLEAR FOUNDATION to help in improving the life expectancy and wellbeing of First Responders.



Mask Details:

- 83% Polyester/17% Spandex moisture management fabric
- Non-medical grade - does not replace N95 mask
- Serves as an additional barrier to the outside environment for essential outings
- On the Flat Dimensions (S/M) Length 9"; Width @ Top 8"; Width @ Bottom 7"
- On the Flat Dimensions (L/XL) Length 10"; Width @ Top 10"; Width @ Bottom 9"
- Washable/Reusable

The O'Shea Family have been trying them out in classes for the last two weeks (Natalie's even fits over her ponytail). These masks are in high demand and are currently recommended for sports applications such as hockey, lacrosse, soccer, baseball and softball teams. They are made of comfortable, breathable performance material. We have plenty available, so parents and siblings are welcome to order too. We'll have a sample available at CJAC at the evening classes.

Please note, these specific masks are not REQUIRED. These masks are a recommended, safe, athletic style mask. ANY TYPE OF MASK WORN OVER THE NOSE AND MOUTH IS WELCOME IN OUR CLASSROOM.

Fall Registration and Latest Guidance on COVID-19

Please see Natalie's email from earlier today (attached) for info on Fall Registration and the latest approach and protocol for the Fall season.

We continue to carefully monitor for further guidance on next steps. State info can be found [here](#) and the City of Saint Paul's info is [here](#).

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020