

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, July 24, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **August 7th** - CJAC Family Outdoor Ceili
- **August 8th** - Socially Distanced OID *FEI*Stival and OID 15 Year Celebration!

Cormac and Natalie - the Outdoor *FEI*Stival is almost here!

We are so excited to be hosting our first outdoor, social distanced event the weekend of August 8th, and to give our dancers a chance to celebrate the end of the summer season and to honor our graduating seniors at our OID *FEI*Stival and our OID 15 year anniversary! [RSVP here](#).

A separate email was sent last night. That info is attached again today. Dancers and families have been pre-registered for the *FEI*Stival (if you are not able to attend, please mark that on the RSVP form.) Attendees will be assigned an outdoor social-distance area and the event will require masks.

Reservations for the ceili and 15 year anniversary party are by invitation only - with priority going to YOU, our OID families. If you would like to attend these extra events, please note that on your *FEI*Stival RSVP form. Procedures & safety logistics will be sent out in advance of the event.

- Friday, August 7th 6pm - CJAC Family Outdoor Ceili - LIMITED RESERVATIONS! [Tickets available here](#).
- Saturday, August 8th - *FEI*Stival, Anniversary Party, Virtual Irish Fair and Champ Performance
 - 8:30am - 5pm OID *FEI*Stival (all dancers are registered; dance times below)

8:30 AM	Preschool & Beginner
9:00 AM	Primary 1
10:00 AM	Primary 2
11:00 AM	Intermediate
11:30 AM	Adult
12:00noon	Lunch
12:30 PM	Junior Champ
2:00 PM	PC
3:30 PM	OC

- 5pm - 8pm - OID 15 Year Anniversary Party - LIMITED RESERVATIONS!
 - 5 pm-5:30 pm Staggered Check Ins
 - 5:30 pm Two Tap Trio band LIVE!
 - 6:00 pm Irish Fair Virtual Event Launch from CJAC stage
 - 6:30 pm Champ Dancers Live Line Performance for Virtual Irish Fair Event

TENTS ARE NEEDED!

If your family has a camping tent (8', 10', or 12'), we are looking for 16 tents for the FEIStival. If you could lend us yours for the weekend, please let us know by [filling out this FORM!](#)

Fun CLRG Hornpipe Together Video Participation Event

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](#).

Our Younger Dancers Need Shoes!

Have your dancers outgrown their shoes? That's good - because our younger dancers have grown too and need shoes. We're looking for hard shoes in particular for kids 6 to 12 years old. Shoes can be dropped off at the CJAC door with the attending teacher during the following times:
Monday/Wednesday 5-8; Tuesday/Thursday 5-9;

- Make sure the shoes are bagged with your price and contact info to help you get paid.
- Drop them at the door with your dancer
- If you are looking for shoes, only one family can "shop" at a time. Come before or after your class and ask your teacher if the shoe cupboards are open for shopping.

OID Athletic Masks 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.

Latest Guidance on COVID-19

As we continue to bring more students back to the studio, we'll all need to keep working hard to avoid crowds, and follow good distancing and mask protocols so we can keep Minnesota cases down and help ensure safe usage of studios. The state's new mask mandate applies to CJAC so it's good we've been planning ahead!

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, JULY 31, 2020