

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, October 2, 2020

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- October 10 - Online Orientation
  - 3 pm - Preschool through Primary II
  - 4 pm - Intermediate and Up
- October 11 - Annual Forms Due

**REMINDER** - if your child has been exposed to COVID-19 or if any of your family members have shown COVID-like symptoms, please stay out of OI classes for 10 days and avail of the Zoom options. Thank you!

## St. Paul Autumn Feis - Well THAT was fun!

So great to see so many dancers and families out doing and supporting one of the things we love best about Irish Dance. Competing is challenging, fun, happy, sad, hard, rewarding, and above all, an opportunity to grow as people and as dancers. We are so grateful for our amazing Irish Dance community! Thanks again to Galena, Erin and all the volunteers and sponsors for putting on an efficient and safe competition!

## Fall Orientation and Annual Forms

Orientation this year will be handled online via Zoom and will include a video presentation and a live Q&A session on Saturday, October 10. The times based on level are:

- 3 pm - Preschool through Primary II (Natalie's Zoom Studio)
- 4 pm - Intermediate and Up (Cormac's Zoom Studio)

In addition, we've simplified the annual forms process so that now there is a single form covering all three of our annual forms: Acknowledgement of Policies, Procedures, and Conditions; OI Release Agreement; and Medical Information. All three of these forms are required each year for all enrolled families and dancers. [Please follow this link to fill out the annual forms by Sunday, October 11.](#) Updated Policies, Procedures, and Conditions are attached for your review prior to filling out the form.

## CJAC Harvest Sale

We are selling apples from Fireside Orchard and pumpkins from Pumpkin Jack. Everything is locally grown. Produce will be set up outside the Celtic Junction near the main entrance under a tent.

Facemasks and social distancing required and no-touch checkout will be available.

- Oct 19 - 22 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Oct 24 & 25 from 10 am - 4 pm

All proceeds from our Harvest Sale support CJAC's programming!

## Fall Classes at CJAC's Irish College of MN

New Fall classes are open for registration at the Irish College of Minnesota:

- Irish Language / An Ghaeilge
- History and Literature / Stair agus Litríocht
- Creative Arts / Ealaíona Chruthaitheach

All classes are on ZOOM & available at the Irish College of Minnesota's page on the Celtic Junction Arts Center website. [Click for more detail.](#)

### Guidance on COVID-19

We are following a "hybrid" structure in which small (anaerobic) step classes are held *in-person* in small "bubble" groups. Larger (aerobic) fitness classes, including Adult Fitness, Stretch/Warmup and Barre, will only be available *online*. With schools in the Twin Cities mostly online, we are striving to make dance safe and accessible. All of the details about the building rules, class precautions and safety measures are in the following documents:

- [CJ Studio Use](#) | [Bathroom Protocols](#) | [CJ Covid Statement](#)

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, OCTOBER 9, 2020**