

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, October 16, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- Oct 18 - Preorders due for [pies, crisps, cider and caramell!](#)
- Oct 19 - 22 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - CJAC Fall Produce Sale (Apples & Pumpkins!)
- Oct 24 & 25 from 10 am - 4 pm - CJAC Fall Produce Sale (Apples & Pumpkins!)
- Oct 24 - CJAC Online Fall Fundraiser
- Oct 29 - Solo Costume Exchange

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 OJD classes for 10 days and avail of the Zoom options. Thank you!

Orientation Video Replays - Annual Forms Due

Thank you to all who attended our Orientation sessions on Zoom last weekend. We enjoyed spending time with you and answering your questions. Links to video replays of both sessions appear below:

- [Preschool through Primary II](#)
- [Intermediate and Up](#)

FYI: Annual forms are now overdue. If you haven't already, [please follow this link to fill them out.](#)

Annual CJAC Fall Fundraiser - Volunteers Needed - Pre-Order Links

First, some incredible news: One of Celtic Junction's great friends has pledged a gift of \$100,000 if CJAC can also raise \$100,000 by the end of 2021! There are three ways you can help secure the matching funds: Volunteer in the sale, purchase Fall Harvest Sale items, and make a contribution.

Fall Harvest: Part of the annual CJAC Fall Fundraiser involves the sale of pumpkins, apples, baked goods, and cider. Sales start next week and run through the weekend (except for Friday 10/22). We're looking for **students aged 14 and up and adult volunteers** (especially those with Kiosk experience) to help with the sale. I'm sharing two important links:

- First is the link to the [CJAC Fall Harvest Sale Volunteer Sign-Up](#) - Feel free to sign up for **multiple 1-hour shifts**. Kiosk experience is nice, but not required. Training will be provided on using the point-of-sale tablet (the same one we use in the Kiosk).
- Second is the link to [pre-order baked goods and cider](#). Apples and pumpkins are available to pre-order as well but will be also available without pre-order. IMPORTANT: the deadline for pre-orders is this Sunday, 10/18. Pickup for pre-orders is Sunday, 10/25, from noon to 4 pm.

Thanks in advance for volunteering and for any purchases you may make! All proceeds benefit CJAC programming. Sale dates are:

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

Make a Contribution: [Details in CJAC's Fall Fundraiser Event.](#)

Online Feis Opportunity!

Stay tuned for the official announcement of the second CLRG Trial Online Feis. The plan is to have 1000 dancers from all over the world compete. Cormac and Natalie would love to see a lot of OID dancers compete. The syllabus is expected to be released on Monday. The schedule is:

- Oct 19-25 for registration on Quickfeis
- Oct 27-29 upload your videos
- Oct 31st -Nov 1st judging
- Nov 2nd tabulation and results posted.

Fees:

- €5 for grades per dance
- €20 for PC
- €30 for OC

Sashes and certificates will be awarded. More info to come on Monday, 10/19. We'll share the syllabus and anything new in a separate email.

Solo Costume Exchange - Thursday, Oct 29

Dancers and families with costumes to sell or with dancers who need solo dresses/vests, we will be holding a solo costume exchange on **Thursday, October 29 from 5 pm to 8 pm**. [Please use the Sign-Up Genius to select a time](#). We will work with three dancers/families at a time to maintain appropriate distance and will work in 20 minute segments.

Dancers and families wishing to sell a solo dress/vest **MUST BRING IT TO THE JUNCTION ON 10/28** between 6 pm and 8 pm and hang it on the rack in the lobby. If you can't bring it or make arrangements for someone else to bring it that night, please contact me. To keep the time organized and COVID-safe, we cannot accept drop-offs on the day of the exchange.

Sellers, before you drop off your solo costume for sale, please print your name, phone number, photo of the costume, and price and attach to the costume in a plastic sleeve. REMINDER: O'Shea is not responsible for the selling, buying or pricing. All transactions are solely between seller and buyer. Solo costumes will be available for pick up after the exchange on Thursday, 10/29 from 8pm to 9pm in the lobby or on Friday, 10/30 between 4 pm and 6 pm. All unsold costumes need to be picked up.

If you haven't already seen it, solo dresses and vests are now being showcased in a [photo album on the OID Dancers and Families private Facebook group](#).

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 23, 2020