

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

May 19, 2021

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **May 20 - Final Class Costume Fitting before the recital**
- **May 22 - OID Spring Recital - On-Stage Outside!**
- **May 22 - 24 - MidAmerica Spring Online Feis**

OID Spring Recital - On-Stage OUTSIDE! Expanded Performance Levels!

Recitals are divided by class day and will take place on May 22 at 1 pm and 2:30 pm on-stage & outside in the south parking lot under the mural. Each recital will run approximately 35-40 minutes.

There is no charge for the event and any number of guests are welcome. Please bring your own camp or lawn chairs and be prepared for the weather (sunscreen, hats, parasols!)

The recital schedule on May 22 will run as follows:

- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - **MONDAY** Preschool, Beginner, Primary I & II, and Intermediate (Dancers arrive at 12:30 pm)
- 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm - **WEDNESDAY** Preschool, Beginner, Primary I & II, and Adults (Dancers arrive at 2 pm)

We can't wait to see you on the outdoor stage! *In the event of rain, the recital will be May 23.*

MidAmerica Spring Online Feis

The MidAmerica Spring Online Feis will be held May 22 through May 24. Registration opens on May 7 and runs until May 20. Videos may be uploaded no sooner than May 22. All videos must be uploaded no later than 8 pm on May 24. Register on [QuickFeis](#). More info in the [Feis Syllabus](#).

We are organizing a time this Sunday, May 23 from 2 pm to 4:30 pm to help dancers record their videos. In order to best manage the time and the number of dancers, we are running the day like it is a Feis.

Please plan to be there 30 minutes early so you're ready to dance right away at your group's start time. We'll rotate through dances by level according to the schedule below. When you arrive at the junction, please stage yourselves in Studio 2 and wait for the call to come in to dance and record in Studio 1.

- Grade Level Dancers only (no PC or OC) - Arrive at 1:30 pm. Dance from 2 pm to 3 pm.
- PC/OC only - Arrive at 2:30 pm. Dance from 3 pm to 4:30 pm.

Masks are still required inside the Celtic Junction. Dancers may dance maskless.



FINAL Class Costume Fittings TOMORROW

Dancers who need to be fitted for a class costume before the Spring Recital, and anyone else without a class costume or with one that's too small, please sign up for an upcoming fitting session. Donna and Kristo will be at CJ from 5 pm to 7 pm on Thursday, May 20. Please use [this sign-up form](#) to pick a time to stop by.

Multi-School Solo Dress/Vest Exchange

On **Friday, May 21 from 5 pm to 9 pm** we're organizing a solo dress/vest exchange with other local CLRG* schools. Families bringing a dress to sell will be admitted free of charge. Families not bringing a dress to sell will be asked to make a \$10 contribution. Admission proceeds will be donated to IDPA. To organize the evening we are breaking it down into four separate periods:

- 5 pm to 6 pm - Dancers up to 10 years old
- 6 pm to 7 pm - Dancers aged 11 to 14
- 7 pm to 8 pm - Dancers aged 15 and up
- 8 pm to 9 pm - All ages

Families bringing a dress/vest to sell will be admitted first so we can get organized in each hour. Then others will be admitted as capacity allows until everyone is through. Dresses need to be clearly marked with contact name, price and phone number clearly printed or written on a 8.5x11 sized sheet of paper, preferably in a plastic sleeve attached to the dress, bag or hanger.

A note about solo vs class costumes in competitions (feiseanna): Irish dancers that are dancing at the competition level of Novice and above need to have solo costumes. Dancers at the beginner competition level can dance in class costumes. Please check with your instructor if you have any questions.

* CLRG (An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha) is the world irish dance governing body that our school operates under.

It's time to update those Black OLD Jackets!

I know a lot of you have outgrown your jacket and/or are behind on sleeve dates. IDPA will be collecting jackets during the month of May to have the sleeves updated. Be sure to fill out the attached form completely so we know what you need on the sleeves. If you're in need of a new jacket, please order from [THIS WEBSITE](#) now through June 1st.

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be allowing dancers to try on jackets for sizing so please see the size chart in the above order link or talk to your friends or other parents about what sizes have worked for them.

A new jacket (back piece, name on front, all sleeve work) will continue to cost \$85.00. This year, IDPA will NOT be covering the cost of the sleeve updates. Sleeve updates are \$10 per event. You must fill out the form that's attached indicating what years you want added under which event (Nationals, Oireachtas, Worlds). All jackets will be available for pick up at the Celtic Junction by the end of June.

Print the attached form and pin it to the jacket, there will also be forms available near the bins inside Studio 1. Please contact Galena with ANY questions: galena.stcroix@gmail.com. Thank you!

Guidance on COVID-19

All OJD dancers and families may access the interior of the building for their classes. Masks and social distancing are absolutely still required indoors - most of our school-age dancers are only beginning their vaccinations or will not have a chance to be vaccinated until fall.

- PreSchool and Beginner family members may wait in the Lower Lobby Primary students/caregivers may arrive/wait on the LEFT side of the Main Lobby (Elevator)
- Intermediate through Champ dancers/caregivers may arrive/wait on the RIGHT side of the Lobby (Fireplace).

if the area seems momentarily congested, please be aware and adjust appropriately. Thanks everyone for remaining vigilant in adhering to these protocols.

If a family member is sick or has been exposed to covid, please stay home and wait 10 days before returning to the facility. We continue to monitor local, state, and federal guidance and will provide updates as needed. State info can be found [here](#) and the City of Saint Paul's info is [here](#).

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021