

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

June 11, 2021

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars (THAT'S A LOT OF DATES!)

- **COMPETITION PREP**
  - June 15 - Hair Workshop
  - June 17 - Practice Feis
- **UPCOMING LOCAL FEISEANNA**
  - June 19 & 20 - 10,000 Lakes Feis and Northern Mid-America Championship Feis
  - July 31 - Celtic Junction Feis! - More details to come!
  - October 2 & 3 - St. Paul Autumn Feis and MN State Championships Feis
- **UPCOMING PERFORMANCES - More Info and Signups Coming!**
  - July 15 - Irish Night at St. Paul Saints
  - August 7 - Washington County Fair Performance
  - August 12-15th - Irish Fair of Minnesota (Save the Dates!)
  - September 11 - Mac/Grove Fest Performance Opportunity
  - September 11 - WorldFest Performance Opportunity

## HAIR WORKSHOP - Tuesday June 15

Come learn how to do Irish dancing hair for solo competition and for teams. Open to all dancers Primary and up (Primary dancers are asked to start with the easier bun wigs!) We will cover many things you might want to know about bun wigs and full wigs!

- 5-6 - Bun Wigs
- 6-7 - Full Wigs

## PRACTICE FEIS - Thursday June 17th

For dancers Primary through Intermediate (Grades only)

Whether you are getting ready for the feiseanna on the 19th and 20th, the new CJ Feis at the end of July, or the St. Paul Autumn/MN State Championships Feiseanna at the beginning of October, you need to review how a competition works. While we do practice this in classes, we will give dancers a chance to go through and practice competition style dancing with other ages and levels.

## Extra Practice Opportunities for Nationals Soloists

Please take every opportunity to utilize focused weekend and weekday practice times leading up to Nationals. Nationals soloists, Cormac will be communicating with you via email about the schedule. Please check regularly and look for Remind notices.

## Summer Camps - Help Spread the Word

Help share your love of Irish dance by sharing our summer camp with family and friends with little ones looking for an opportunity to try Irish dance. We are holding summer camps for Preschoolers and Beginners July 26 through 29. Preschool runs from 9 am to 10 am each day and Beginner runs from 10

am to noon each day. Look for a separate email from us with info you can forward to friends and family and help spread the word by sharing our posts about it on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Thanks!

## Summer - Flexible Schedule

Summer is some of the best time for dancers' growth and potential, as well as feis season! It is important to stay engaged but also take advantage of a more flexible schedule. If needed, dancers can take a week or a month off, and double up on classes in other weeks - your teachers will be as flexible as possible to make sure all these talented feet keep their skills and build their strength and fitness. Invitations for class advancements and for participation in the Regional Championships will come out mid-July. **We'll also be working toward a performance connected to Irish Fair!**

## Irish Fair Performance - Update

As the state continues to open up more in response to increasing vaccinations and improving infection rates, more performance opportunities may follow. We are confirmed to perform on Thursday, August 12 in the showcase taking place between 5 pm and 9 pm. We'll keep you posted as more performance opportunities are made available. We'll continue to keep tabs on this and update everyone when we know more.

## Sign-Up for the REMIND Group

We use the REMIND app to reach dancers and families quickly and easily. So we know we're getting everyone, we need everyone to join the group. Visit the following link, enter your info and set your preferences.

<http://remind.com/join/osheair>

This helps us communicate important information in the most timely manner. We'll also send email and announce on our social media, but REMIND is often the first notice.



## Guidance on COVID-19

All OI 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, JUNE 18, 2021**