

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

June 4, 2021

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **June 19 & 20 - 10,000 Lakes Feis and Northern Mid-America Championship Feis**
- **August 7 - Washington County Fair Performance - Details TBA**
- **August 12-15th - Irish Fair of Minnesota (Save the Dates!)**
- **September 11 - Mac/Grove Fest Performance Opportunity - Details TBA**
- **September 11 - WorldFest Performance Opportunity - Details TBA**

## Yesterday's Sewer Issue - Extra Practice Opportunities

Following yesterday's sewer problem at CJAC, Cormac emailed some dates, times and TBDs as extra practice dates for the coming weeks before US Nationals.

- Sunday June 6th 1pm - 3pm
- Sunday June 13th - time TBC
- Sunday June 27th - time TBC

Cormac is also working on some weekday morning practice times as well. More info to come!

## Sign-Up for the REMIND Group

Yesterday's short-notice announcement about classes being cancelled is just one of the reasons we need EVERYONE to 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.

## Irish Fair Performance

As you may know, Irish Fair this year is going to look very different than years past. IFM is charging admission for the first time ever and the overall scale of the Fair will be smaller. Because local Irish dance schools' performances are such a huge part of the celebration, those performances are being held on the Thursday evening prior to the Fair's opening on Friday and no admission will be charged for dance performance attendees. The schedule for the evening has not yet been determined, but Cormac and Natalie are working closely with event organizers (they office in CJAC!) and we'll be able to update as soon as the schedule is known. There may be other performance opportunities during the paid portion of the Fair as well. We'll keep tabs on this and update everyone when we know more.

## 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!

## Solo Dress and Vest Event - What's Next?

Whether or not you're competing in the upcoming 10,000 Lakes and Northern Mid-America Championship feiseanna on June 19 and 20, keep an eye on them to see if they'll be hosting a dress sale either or both days of the competition weekend.

If you need your first solo costume or your next one, please take advantage of the opportunity. **ANY TIME you're considering purchasing a solo costume, you need to text a picture of it to Cormac or Natalie for approval.** They are most aware of the current and longer lasting styles. Of the many online solo costume websites, Cormac and Natalie recommend [Irish Encore](#). Check it out if you haven't visited. Cormac's number is 612-703-2147 and Natalie's is 612-703-2167.



## 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!**

## Guidance on COVID-19

All OGD 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 11, 2021**