

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

May 28, 2021

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- May 31 - OID is CLOSED for Memorial Day
- June 19 & 20 - 10,000 Lakes Feis and Northern Mid-America Championship Feis
- August 12-15th - Irish Fair of Minnesota (Save the Dates!)

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!**

Thank You Recital Dancers and Supporters!

Our outdoor recital on May 22 was an awesome event. We estimate there were 300 attendees including dancers and families. It was a great day and a great way to kick off dance performances on CJAC's outdoor stage.



You can see more pictures from the event on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts. Please like and share!

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?

The Multi-School Solo Costume Exchange on May 21 enabled a handful of our dancers to get into beautiful solo costumes at reasonable prices. At least one of these got put to use in the online-feis the following Sunday. While we wish competing was only about the skill of the dancer, when everything else is equal, the dancer with the solo costume will have an advantage over the dancer in blackout-wear. 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.



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 4, 2021