

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

July 10, 2021

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **SUMMER BREAK**
  - July 5 - 16 - OID Closed for Summer Break!
  - July 19 - OID Classes Resume
- **UPCOMING LOCAL FEISEANNA** (Feiseanna are for dancers Primary & up)
  - July 31 - Celtic Junction Feis! Register now at [www.Feisworx.com](http://www.Feisworx.com).
  - October 2 & 3 - St. Paul Autumn Feis and MN State Championships Feis
- **UPCOMING PERFORMANCES - More Info and Signups Linked Below!**
  - July 15 - Irish Night at St. Paul Saints - [Rubric for invited prior Saints Game performers!](#)
    - Get tickets and watch some of our Kickin It Irish dancers perform on the dugout!
  - August 7 - [Washington County Fair Performance](#)
    - Dancers Primary & up
  - August 12 - 15 - Irish Fair of Minnesota
    - ALL dancers & Families - Performing Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Form and Rubric coming as soon as we have them.
  - September 11 - [Mac/Grove Fest Performance Opportunity](#)
    - Dancers Primary & up
  - September 11 - [World Fest Performance Opportunity](#)
    - Dancers Primary & up

## 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 performances connected to Irish Fair!**

## IDPA Board Member Opening

The OID booster organization Irish Dance Parent Association (IDPA) met last weekend and elected two new members to the board of directors, Mahin Hamilton and Natalie Murray. The IDPA Board has one additional opening for an at-large member. Serving on the IDPA Board is a great opportunity to help organize and run events and activities that raise funds to support our dancers. If you're interested in exploring this opportunity, please contact Shannon Motl, Board President or Galena St. Croix, Board Vice President. Or simply attend the next meeting to see what it's all about.

Another way to participate without joining the board is to serve on IDPA committees. Look for those opportunities throughout the year.

## **Irish Fair Performance - Updated Performance Dates!**

We are confirmed to perform on Thursday, August 12 in the showcase taking place between 5 pm and 9 pm, and also have performances on Friday and Saturday. Times and groups to be determined. The performance schedule is nearly sorted. We'll continue to keep tabs on this and update everyone as soon as we know more. FUN!

## **Guidance on COVID-19**

All OID 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, JULY 16, 2021**