

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance

October 21, 2021

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **MEA Weekend!**
 - No classes and no COVID testing Thursday, October 21
- **Costume Days - Details Below**
 - Primary I and Up - October 25 - 28
 - Preschool & Beginner - November 1 and 3
- **OID Holiday Closures**
 - No classes from 11/24 through 11/29, classes resume 11/30
 - No classes from 12/20 through 12/30, classes resume 1/3

Fall Costume Days

We will be holding costume days for dancers in Primary I and Up the week of October 25th and for Preschool and Beginner dancers the week of November 1st.

If you have a class costume that is in good condition and still fits, there is no reason to attend costume day. If you don't have a costume or your costume no longer fits, we will be available before and after class time those weeks and require the following sign-up so we know who is coming and when:

- [EVERYONE needs to fill out this form](#) so we have an inventory for 2022.

The annual costume fee is charged to everyone's Studio Director account in November.

Natalie's Email This Week

Here's the info again from Natalie's email this week:

1. PUMPKINS, GOURDS & SQUASH! The remaining pumpkins (organic and locally grown!) are the small ones now, so they are all discounted to \$2, and the decorative gourds are \$1. If anyone is up for squash soup, we also have 5 butternut squash left!
2. APPLES PRODUCTS! The Fireside Orchard Apple sale was so tasty - we have a few treats left for anyone interested - please contact outreach@celticjunction.org to purchase!
 - 5 Caramel tubs
 - 2 Apple Pies
 - 2 Cider
 - 3 Apple Crisp
 - 5 bags Honeycrisp Apples
3. MEA! We are running classes as normal on Wednesday, but are closed Thursday for MEA
4. COVID TESTING: Mints! Stickers! Pop! We have treats for anyone who is participating. If you haven't signed up, check for your email from the Midwest Coordination Center at support@testedandprotected.org. If you need help registering, please let me know.

Wear Halloween Costumes to Class NEXT WEEK!

You're invited to wear Halloween costumes and masks to class next week 10/25 to 10/28! Make sure you can move easily and dance full-out in them. Costume masks are okay as long as you can see

clearly. Face-masks are still required (even under costume masks) per our COVID policy. Please leave any Halloween costume accessories (weapons, wands, signs, etc.) at home.

Solo Costume Sale 10/24, 10/31 and 11/14

We'll have space and time set aside for any solo costumes families are looking to sell on the following three Sundays from noon to 4 pm. Please bring any dress or vest you'd like to sell by 11:30 am the day of the sale so we can get it organized on the rack. We'll keep the costumes at CJ until the week of 11/29 when they should be picked up. Please email oidadmin@osheairishdance.com in advance if you plan to sell a solo costume. We will need to know how many we will be having and what sizes.

New Facebook Group for Selling Solo Costumes!

In addition to our upcoming in-person solo costume sales, we've started a [Facebook Group](#) just for selling used Irish Dance dresses, vests, shoes, wigs and other accessories. It has been difficult to organize on our families page so we've created a public group only for selling used Irish Dance materials. This is open to anyone in the Twin Cities involved in Irish Dance. All members will just need to answer questions to be approved to join. Please feel free to share with anyone trying to sell or buy used Irish Dance accessories or costumes. The group will remain private but visible if searching for this subject. Please note that posts selling anything other than Irish Dance related items will be deleted by the admin.

Fall Orientation Video - Please Watch by October 29

It's Fall Orientation time. Like last year, since we can't safely gather in large groups, we're sharing our orientation video. The video gives a thorough explanation of our school and all the levels, reviews policies, discusses shoes and costumes, talks about volunteering and our weekly newsletter. Please watch at your earliest convenience by October 29.

You can [view the video here](#) and, as always, ask your instructors if you have questions about specifics related to you or your dancers.

Annual Forms Overdue

Thanks to everyone who has filled out the annual forms to date. If you haven't yet, we need you to [visit this link](#) TODAY to complete and fulfill OID's annual required forms and acknowledgements. All students are required to:

- Have a current medical form on file.
- Sign the Release Agreement within the first month of class.
- Read and acknowledge the [O'Shea Irish Dance, LLC Policies and Conditions](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for completing these forms at your earliest convenience. Please complete the forms ASAP. Thanks!

Guidance on COVID-19

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. Thanks to 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, OCT 29, 2021