

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance

October 30, 2021

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Costume Days - Details Below**
  - Preschool & Beginner - November 1 and 3
  - Primary I & Up - November 2 and 4
- **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
- **Celtic Holiday Hooley - Opens 12/10!**

## Fall Costume Days Continue

We will be holding costume days for all dancers this week. Preschool and Beginner on 11/1 and 11/3 and Primary I and Up on 11/2 and 11/4. This is the final fitting opportunity until January.

ALL: If you have a class costume that is in good condition and still fits, there is no reason to attend costume day BUT YOU STILL NEED TO FILL OUT THE FORM. If you don't have a costume or your costume no longer fits, we will be available before and after class time THIS WEEK 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.

COSTUME FEE REMINDER: The annual costume fee will be charged to everyone's Studio Director account in November. Class costumes are required for all students and are used for recitals, events and performances. This is an annual charge for all OID students.

## Solo Costume Sale 10/31, 11/7 and 11/14

We'll have space and time set aside for any solo costumes families are looking to sell on the next 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](mailto: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.

## Celtic Holiday Hooley opens December 10!

Our Holiday Hooley is bringing warm fuzzies, laughs, and good cheer to a limited in-person crowd – early bird pricing in effect! Youth 18 years and under are free.

This hosted variety show is a party for all ages with Irish music, stories, sketches, step dance, caroling, and more. Beyond that, it's wacky good fun for everyone with brief guest appearances from well-known holiday characters including The Grinch, and yes, even Santa Claus! Presented by the O'Shea Irish Dancers with a world-class band. [Details and tickets here.](#)

## **IDPA Fundraiser “Garage Sale” Coming in January**

The Irish Dance Parents Association will be hosting the First Annual OID Community Garage Sale fundraiser at the Celtic Junction in January and are seeking your donated items to add to the sale. IDPA is looking for gently used household items and clothing - no electronics. More details to follow!

## **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 - Final Announcement**

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.

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!

## **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](mailto:support@testedandprotected.org). If you need help registering, please let [Natalie](#) know.

## **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, NOV 5, 2021**