

# Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance

November 20, 2021

## Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **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!**
- **Celtic Junction Winter Feis** Feb 5 (PC/OC), and Feb 6 (grades), 2022 **SAVE THE DATE**

## Holiday Closures

Hard to believe next week is Thanksgiving! OID will be closed from 11/24 through 11/29 with classes resuming on 11/30. We'll be closed again for the winter holidays from 12/20 through 12/30. Classes will resume on 1/3.

## CIM Advanced Youth Ensemble Concert - Saturday 11/20 @ 3 pm

Celebrate the talents of the Center for Irish Music's fabulous youth ensembles, including the Wren Ensemble, the Swan and the Heron Ensembles! This concert will feature full group arrangements, mixed with solos, duos and trios in what promises to be a magical afternoon of traditional Irish music.

Virtual attendees: Please consider purchasing a virtual ticket for \$5/person or \$20/family to help cover production costs. If you are interested in making an additional donation to support the Center for Irish Music, you will be given the option during checkout. The concert will be streamed live on [YouTube](#) and on the [Center for Irish Music website](#).



## 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” Scheduled for January 8 & 9, 2021

The Irish Dance Parents Association will be hosting the First Annual OID Community Garage Sale fundraiser at the Celtic Junction on January 8 and are seeking your donated items to add to the sale.

IDPA is looking for gently used household items and clothing - no electronics. Drop off priced donated items at CJ on 1/7. 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.

## **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 late in the year. 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 26, 2021**