

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, June 28, 2019

Summer Flexi-Schedule - *Our summer dance schedule does not change!*

Summer is a time for amazing growth and strength in your dancers. We have a "Flexi-schedule" so you can come whenever you want and travel when you wish:

- Come any time (double up a week or month, take off a week or month).
- More strength and fitness work!
- Dance & keep up steps with your friends
- If you can't get to classes in your own level, audit the level above (like an upgrade!)

Summer enrollment allows your dancer to perform at the Irish Fair!

Upcoming Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- O'Shea Irish Dance SUMMER BREAK - NO CLASSES July 1 through July 12 - O'Shea Champs/Solos and Teams performing at the National Competition in Vancouver!!
- Upcoming Performance Opportunities - More to come!
 - Hamline/Midway Ice Cream Social - July 23 - Save the date.
 - Irish Night at the Saint Paul Saints - July 25 - Kickin' It Irish dancers
 - Washington County Fair - August 3 - [Form/Rubric](#)
 - Irish Fair of Minnesota - August 9 - 11 - Save the date. More info below.
 - Minnesota State Fair - August 29 ALL DAY 9am to 5pm (open to all KII and Limited Performance Class Registered Kids)
 - Mac/Groveland Fest - September 7 - Save the date.
 - St. Ambrose (SAW) Fest - September 21 - [Form/Rubric](#) (*for dancers not participating in our local feis the same day*)

O'Shea Irish Dancers Head to Nationals Competition in Vancouver Canada

OID solo champs and teams are headed to Vancouver Canada next week for the North American National Irish Dance competition! Good luck to Alana, Delia, Isabelle, Leo, Sylvie, Teagan, Anastasia, London, Natalie, Rielyn, Sophie, Katherine, Anna, Kara, Morgaine, Nora, Katie, Sarah, Jordan, Ruby, Avner, Freya, Pascale, Anna, Dakota, Jameson, Brigid, Ayuna, Allegra, Nevellie, Molly, Lenny, Evan, Violet, Morien, Clover, Jason, Molly, Roisin, Adrienne, Ciara, Liam, Carmen, Corrah, Cecilia, Ava, Ellie, Kaitlin, Greta, Maddy, Eva, Mackenzie, Austin, Hannah, Henry, Anjali, Lailana, and Zachariah! You can watch the awards live on the [Nationals Facebook page](#). More info about Nationals at <https://www.naidc.wcidta.ca/>.

OID Invited Back to Irish Night at Saint Paul Saints - Come See the Saint Paul Saints play the Cleburne Railroaders at CHS Field

OID is performing at the Saint Paul Saints' Irish Night on July 25th. KII dancers are requested for the performance on top of the dugout. All regular Cormac and Natalie's classes are cancelled for that evening. O'Shea dancers and families are welcome to attend the game! Tickets are available for sale at on the Saints website at www.saintsbasesball.com. We will be dancing on the dugouts around the seventh inning stretch. The best place for viewing the performance will be seats right in front of the

dugout but we will be on the big screen visible from anywhere! Get your tickets now!! The Langer's Ball will be the street band that evening with Brian Boru Pipe Band leading the procession into the game. The Center for Irish Music will be busking at the gates. More information to come soon!

Planning for Outreach at Your Dancer's School

We are planning now for Fall, Winter and Spring outreach performances at preschools and elementary schools. If you'd like O'Shea to perform at your dancer's school (featuring your dancer!) with the support of other dancers, musicians, and Irish cultural leaders, let us know or fill out [this form](#).

Summer Feiseanna Planning

In addition to the feiseanna this weekend, other local or nearby feis opportunities include:

- **Badger State Feis / Cream City Feis July 20 & 21** - feisworx.com
- **Greater St. Louis Feis - August 25** - feisworx.com

All-School Performance at 2019 Irish Fair of Minnesota

Save the dates - **August 10th and 11th**. We will be performing both dates (times TBD). This is an opportunity to show dancers from all levels as we recently did for St. Patrick's Day weekend at Landmark.

Performance Teams and KII dancers plan on dancing both days. All classes will pick one day or the other (or both if you wish!) This is one of our biggest and most fun performances of the year. More info, forms/rubrics to come!



Pre-school, Beginner, Primary I & II are all welcome to dance at both or either of the performance days at Irish Fair without any other registration necessary. They will learn the dances they need to perform during their regular class times.

Class Registration for Performance Class is Now Open

Intermediate I & II, Advanced and KII dancers must ALL register for the summer schedule Performance Class for Irish Fair in order to participate in Irish Fair. If you do not register for the class you will not be able to perform. Intermediate I & II will be rehearsing two days a week (Tues and Thurs 6:30pm to 8pm) starting July 16th. KII dancers will only rehearse on Thursday nights starting July 18th (register for the Thursday performance class).

All - Look for the Irish Fair Performance Form that will be coming out soon! We will ask that all O'Shea Irish Dancers fill out the form regardless of whether or not you will be participating in Irish Fair.

Fall Registration is Coming Soon!!!

Start thinking about fall now! Classes for the fall start August 26 for Primary I and up and September 9 for pre-school and beginner classes. Remember you can get your yearly registration fee waived or refunded for the year if you refer a new student to us and they register for classes. Share your love for

O'Shea with your friends and family! We do have gift certificates available for purchase on request! Contact oidadmin@osheairishdance.com for more information. Look for the new four-hand classes!

Thinking Ahead to Oireachtas - Hotel Blocks Are Open

We endeavor to involve as many dancers as possible from Primary I and up for the regional championship called MidAmerica Oireachtas. There are lots of opportunities to dance at Oireachtas other than ceili. There are traditional sets and smaller four-hand dances. FYI, we are going to reintroduce the Family Four-Hand class to give everyone an introduction so we're ready to do this at Oireachtas, if there is interest. Adult teams are also encouraged! So if you wish to participate, go ahead and book a room.

The hotel blocks are open for booking. Details attached. Team dancers who are not qualified for solo competitions are invited to dance their Traditional Set.

Booking Note: All reservation requests will require a credit card guarantee and a non-refundable one-night's room and tax deposit at the time of reservation.

For planning your stay, the days only schedule follows:

- Friday: U14 & over solos
- Saturday: teams & trad sets
- Sunday: U8-U13 solos

Teams will need to be in Louisville and ready to rehearse on Friday by 4 pm.

**CAN'T WAIT FOR FIREWORKS ON THE 4TH OF JULY!
LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE FRIDAY JULY 5, 2019**