

Weekly Update from O'Shea Irish Dance Administrator

Friday, February 21, 2020

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Feb 24** (4:30 to 6 pm) and **Feb 26** (4:30 to 6:30 pm) - Catch-up Costume Days
- **Mar 15 & 17** - Day of Irish Dance and St. Paddy's performances at Landmark Center
- **Apr 25 & 26** - O'Shea Irish Dance Feis and Leap Into Spring Feis
- **May 9** - OID Spring Recitals

A Special Message from the Celtic Junction Feis Chair

From Feis Chair Katy Fini: *A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Celtic Junction Feis a reality this year! We couldn't have pulled it off without everyone's help. I was so inspired by our community coming together. Both adults and kids were so willing to help and to say thank you. What an amazing community we have!*

February Costume Day - Check Your Costumes

Please try on your class costumes prior to the February costume days so we can give a final fitting to anyone who needs it prior to St. Patrick's Day. Our next costume days will be Monday, February 24 from 4:30 pm to 6 pm and Wednesday, February 26 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. After these dates our costumer will be involved with Kickin' It, so we need to make sure we get anyone with costume concerns addressed by February 24th or 26th.

Get Your Tickets for Kickin' It Irish

The 2020 production of Kickin' It Irish is in rehearsals now will be performing nine shows at the Celtic Junction, one show at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres and one show ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY at the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium! Showtimes, tickets and more info at kickinitrish.com.

O'Shea Irish Dance - All-School Performances at Landmark

Our performance times for Day of Irish Dance (3/15 - whole school) and St. Patrick's Day (3/17 - select groups) are set. The Landmark performances along with Irish Fair in the summer, are our two big all-school performance opportunities of the year. We're looking forward to having everyone perform. Save the dates and times. **Forms and Rubric available on the [Upcoming Performances page](#).**

- March 15 - 11:00 am - 40 minute performance
- March 17 - 10:40 am - 30 minute performance

We are asking Preschool, Beginner, and Primary I to choose one day or the other to perform. Primary II and up, including the Show Training class, are asked to perform both days.

Irish Language Weekend April 17-19 - Absolute Beginners thru Advanced

Beidh Deireadh Seachtaine (Irish Language Weekend) will be held in St. Paul, MN on the 17th, 18th, & 19th of April 2020. There will be classes at CJAC for everyone from absolute beginners to experienced learners. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Our Next Local Feiseanna are April 25 and 26

The next local feiseanna are the O'Shea Irish Dance Feis and the Leap Into Spring Feis on April 25 and 26 in Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University, St. Paul. Registration is available on www.feisworx.com!

Volunteer Opportunities at Landmark for St. Pat's Festivities

IMDA is asking for our help as volunteers for the Day of Irish Dance and St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration events at Landmark Center.

We know that it's a busy time for you and your dancers but if you're able to divide and conquer and help with the events, IMDA would be very grateful. They're providing a good opportunity to help increase the visibility of schools who provide volunteer support: If they have volunteers associated with O'Shea Irish Dance volunteer for at least 18 shifts over the weekend, IMDA will hang a custom 3' by 6' banner from one of the upper balconies thanking O'Shea Irish Dance for our help.

As with our own events, IMDA believes that volunteering is a great way for the community to grow closer. Volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Party with music, dance, catered food and desserts. Volunteers also receive free admission to our event on the day they volunteer, complimentary beverages and snacks and a special IMDA volunteer t-shirt.

Volunteers sign up before February 25 through the IMDA website <http://www.imda-mn.org/volunteer.html> and need to indicate which school they're associated with. The biggest need for volunteers is on Sunday, March 15 for the Day of Dance.

LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020