

# ARDÁN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE NEWSLETTER

JULY / AUGUST 2017

## JULY CALENDAR

Monday: 10, 17, 24, 31

Tuesday: 11, 18, 25

Wednesday: 12, 19, 26

Thursday: 13, 20, 27

Friday: *no classes*

## AUGUST CALENDAR

There are no classes held in the month of August.

**Classes will resume on 9/11/17**

## **A BOOST FROM THE BOOSTER CLUB**

Hello to all our dancers and families – and happy summer! We would like to congratulate all of our dancers who attended the North American Irish Dance Championships this past Fourth of July weekend. Everyone did a wonderful job and could not have made us more proud.

To all of our families who will be attending the Great Lakes / Glass City Feis – the AAIDBC will be hosting an Ardán Pizza Party at 6pm Saturday night at the Renaissance Hotel. The pizza party will be free of charge and all Ardán dancers and their families are welcome!

Finally, below are a list of important upcoming dates. Be sure to read the entire newsletter, as these are not them all!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**8/7, 14, 21, 28** Drill Class with Michaela at GP studio

**8/12** Trivia Night Fundraiser at AOH

**8/19-20** GL Feis & Glass City Feis in Toledo - consider volunteering!

**8/19** AAIDBC Pizza Party at Toledo hotel

**9/16** Muskegon Feis - consider volunteering!

**10/7** AAIDBC Family Fun Day Bowling at Ford Lanes. Oireachtas practice will start early this day! 9am- 12pm so bowling will start at 1pm. More info to come, but note the time change!!

**10/21** GR Oireachtas practice *\*\* tentative\*\**

**11/4** Fall Fundraiser at AOH

**11/21** GR Oireachtas practice *\*\* tentative\*\**

**12/2** Christmas party and last AAIDBC meeting; officer elections

**3/3/18** Spring Fundraiser at Blossom Heath



## GREAT LAKES & GLASS CITY FEIS

### ***TIME TO REGISTER!!***

We want to remind everyone to register for the Great Lakes and Glass City Feis. These are two of the feiseanna that our school hosts and we need to be sure to show our support. To register for the feiseanna go to [quickfeis.com](http://quickfeis.com) . If you have any questions please contact the office.

### ***Volunteers and Lunch Vouchers***

Sign up for the Great Lakes / Glass City Feis will be online shortly. We are looking forward to having all of our wonderful helpers again this year. Please note – in order to receive the lunch voucher this year, you will need to sign up ahead of the event – by August 10<sup>th</sup>. We will not be able to provide lunch to those who volunteer the day of.

### ***Donation of Drinks***

We are looking for anyone who might be interested in donating alcohol to this year's feis for the hospitality suite this year. If you think this is something that you would be interested in, please contact the school via email.

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*“Life is full of setbacks – success is determined by how you handle setbacks.” -Anonymous*

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## DANCE AT COMERICA PARK ON IRISH NIGHT

All dancers are welcome to come dance on the field for Irish Night at Comerica Park on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be dancing a reel on the field – all steps welcome! **Please note that if you would like to dance at the game, you and your dancer will need to purchase a ticket.** If you are interested and want more information, please email or call the office.

## SUMMER DRILL SCHEDULE

### **Monday**

Taylor Studio – 6:00-7:30pm

Grand Rapids Studio – 6:00-7:30pm

### **Tuesday**

Toledo Studio – 6:00-7:30pm

### **Wednesday**

Grosse Pointe Studio – 5:30-7:00pm

### **Thursday**

Buffalo Studio – 5:30-9:30pm (*Class schedule will stay as is*)

## OIREACHTAS PRACTICE 2017

Practice for those dancers attending the Oireachtas this year will begin on August 26 at the Taylor Studio. Practice will be from 10am – 1pm. Ceili team practice will be held from 9am – 10am. The cost of class will be \$250.00 per dancer (solo and ceili) – this will also include your entry fee. Classes will be held in Taylor every week with the exception of October 21<sup>st</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup> – which will be held in Grand Rapids (more info to come). If you have any questions please contact the office via email or by phone.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR SCRIP COORDINATOR

Thank you to all those who purchased Scrip this past month! I hope you are enjoying the convenience and ease of purchasing your gift cards online and making money for your dancers and the Booster Club.

Scrip is an easy way to make money without selling product. Now what can be better than that? Purchasing and using Scrip gift cards is as easy as 1, 2,3.

### 1. Choose how you want to **Order**:

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- Physical gift card - Face value plastic card
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### 3. Choose how you want to **pay**:

- Check submitted to Scrip Coordinator
- Cash submitted to Scrip Coordinator
- PrestoPay, an automatic bill pay system

Please let me know how I can help you! Contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you again for your support.

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## **COST OF DANCE SHOES**

Standard Soft shoe - \$70

Innis Hard Shoe - \$120

Pacelli Hard Shoe - \$175

Please note that listed prices include MI sales tax and shipping.

## **DRESS CLEANING**

Have your dress cleaned inside and out for only \$30.00 by Jeanenne Gallagher! Interested? Contact Jeanenne at (734)355-5006

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## **ARDÁN TRIVIA NIGHT**

It's the return of the Ardán Academy Trivia Night! Join us at the AOH Hall in Redford on August 12 for our Summer Trivia Night to benefit the AAIDBC Scholarship Fund. A good time was had by all at our first ever Trivia Night in January, and this one is expected to sell out so reserve your table now! The entry form can be found towards the end of the newsletter. You can direct any questions to Marie Heinzman at (313) 613-1471 or [slipjig38@earthlink.net](mailto:slipjig38@earthlink.net). We are also seeking volunteers (high school age and older) to help at this event. See the Signup Genius link on the Ardán Academy Facebook page.

## **ACCOUNT BALANCES**

This is a reminder to our dance families that it is time to pay off any outstanding account balance. We are coming to the close of the 2016/17 dance year and need to settle any bills – our own included!

We enjoy sharing our gift of culture and dance with all of our students and need the economic support necessary to continue to do so. If you have any questions regarding your account or balance, please contact the school via email or by phone.

## **ACADEMY FEIS**

The Academy will be hosting a winter feis on January 21, 2018. The feis will be held in Columbus, Ohio. More information on this to come – but be sure to save the date!