



Families Making the Difference!

THE TRINITY TIMES

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"Craic" (/kræk/ KRACK), is a term for news, gossip, fun, entertainment, and enjoyable conversation, particularly prominent in Ireland. So, what's the craic this month at Trinity?

In this issue: Pat Roche Wrap-Up, Winter Weekend, Trinity Wear Pre-Order Links, Great Brits Send-Offs, Team and Providence Photos and much more!

***Did you know? ★** It's that time of year to double-check your [class calendars](#), and save the dates below!! Questions? Your teachers and Location Mentors are excellent sources of information and guidance!

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Families Making the Difference!

All of your Trinity emails can be found in the [Parent Portal!](#)



Save the Date

10/26-27 Camp Lake (Teams)
11/2 Dillon Gavin Feis (IL Teams)
1/25-27 Winter Weekend



County Update - October 2024

Congratulations on a successful Pat Roche Feis! Dancers showcased their hard work and passion. While the excitement can linger long after the event, taking time to reflect is crucial for personal growth and future success. Here are three tips on how to effectively reflect after a competition:

- 1. Celebrate the Wins, Big or Small**

Whether you placed or simply nailed a difficult step, it's important to acknowledge your accomplishments. Celebrate progress, no matter how small. This positive reinforcement builds confidence and helps you focus on what's going well in your dance journey.

- 2. Identify Areas for Improvement**

After a competition, review your performance videos or notes from your teacher. Were there areas where you could have been sharper? Did nerves get in the way of focus? Identifying areas for improvement helps set goals for your next competition and guides your practice sessions.

- 3. Seek Feedback from Judges and Coaches**

Constructive feedback is key to growth. Take time to review judges' comments or ask your coach for insights. Feedback provides valuable perspectives and can help you fine-tune your technique, posture, and stage presence for future competitions.

By reflecting thoughtfully after each competition, you'll not only improve your Irish dance skills

but also grow as a competitor and performer.



Dancers are encouraged to wear family friendly Halloween Costumes to class.

No Classes Halloween Thursday 10/31



Pat Roche Feis 2024

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the Pat Roche Feis a great success.

Special thanks goes to our Feis chair, **Beth Grady**. She did an amazing job planning the Feis!

The Feis committee is listed below. We greatly appreciate their commitment to the event and their assistance with making the day run smoothly.

- Feis Coordinator Tricia McAdams
- Treasurer Bridget Sweeney Marino
- Hospitality Meghan Roach
- Awards Joy Schleyer and Nicki Mahone
- Social Media Colleen Korzen
- Day of Setup/Volunteers Deirdre Kochuparambil
- Teacher Liaison Deirdre Kiely
- Stages and Flooring Jeff Conway
- Vendors Megan Sulich

We would also like to thank everyone who signed up and volunteered at a stage, awards and everywhere else:

Brian Hartwig
Jeff Conway
Mike Roach
Erica Minella
Landon Kerwin
Brian Hennessy
Chris Mannion
Craig Schleyer
Erika Long
Casey Bloomer
Dan Vrbancic
David Fawley
Adrian Mannion
Kate Santucci
Erika Long
Carie Lukes
Natasha Stewart
Erin Brown
Liz Zent
Meggie Heilman
Nicole Anaya
Mike Dorsey
Matt Corcoran
Lisa Sweeney
Aileen Wright Bacon
Rhiann Zulfer
Vicki Boucher
Annie Kelly

Kathleen Foley
Karoline
Boehm-Goodnich
Meghan Coghlan
Jen Sullivan
Tiffany Campion
Anne Marie Herlehy
Eileen Murphy
Juliette Zaehler
Kathleen
BarnesLogan
Kavanaugh
Christine Berbaum
Alisa Kapusinski
Karen Anderson
Amy Pollack
Katie Mooney
Michelle O'Sullivan
Scott Biba
Nicole O'Toole
Bridget Sharkey
Bridget Sharkey
Mike Roach
Brian Hartwig
Keith Lukes
Manny Cortez
Jeff Earl
Mike Zent

Moira Simeti
Beth McNamara
Andrew Merrill
Erin Brown
Katie Mooney
Bradley Ruhge
Dion Morales
Molly Owens
Aurora Holder
Karolynn Earl
Kelly Bell
Monica Cauble
Jacqueline Kimble
Michelle Wenborne
Asha McRoberts
Kate Dougherty
Christy Watychowiecz
Jennifer Davis Ruff
Carin Smith
Erin Robertshaw
Susan Kennedy
Amy Qualey Mason
Monica Weiss
Colleen Condon
Jennie Hounshell
Teresa Reid
Audrey Helmke
Jen Sullivan

Carolyn Ruhge
Caitlin Wenborne
Aurora Holder
Julie Siska
Teana Stocco
Lisa Ciarrachi
Maja Pyykkonen
Beth Cortez
Katie Port
Jackie Ruhge
Michael McHugh
Joe Pitterle
Charlie Jackson
Kate Stapley
Vanessa Corley
Sharon Lower
Janey Sarther
Tracy Kaempf
Carrie Collins
Jill Brkovich
Megan Williams
Monica Mikucki
McKeen
Breanna Garrett
Tina Butera
Sarah Strang Maloney
Kathleen Barnes



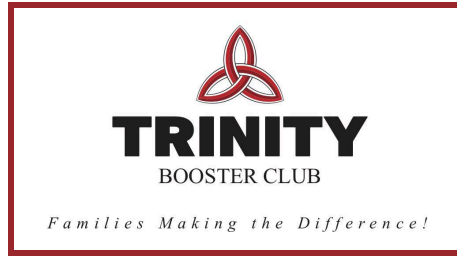
Follow the Feis on Social Media!



Winter Weekend Save The Date! January 25th - 26th, 2025

Trinity's annual Winter Weekend event will be held at The Grand Geneva on scenic Geneva Lake, WI. For those families new to Trinity, Winter Weekend, hosted by the Trinity Booster Club, is a fun-filled, productive, informative weekend of activities where ALL Trinity families get together, outside of competitions. You'll meet families from all of our locations, learn a lot about Trinity and Irish dance, and have a whole lotta fun! There is something for everyone, from seasoned families to our brand-new families and everyone in between!

There is SO MUCH MORE - You won't want to miss this!!



Team Trinity Pat Roche Wrap-Up

What a debut! We could not be more proud of our 25 Eight Hand and 14 Four Hand ceili teams that took the stage for their first competition of the 2024 season at the Pat Roche Feis! Navigating an early prep time, a new venue, raised stages, multiple adjudicators and so many photos, these 256 dancers gave it their all and learned so much along the way. We are looking forward to the progress each team makes over the coming six weeks as we move through the remainder of our season. Our focus moving forward will be on building confidence and mental and physical stamina. It takes so much mental focus to remember your team dances and perform them at your best, we know we can improve on our first try and make it better every time. Remember that there is no chance to practice on stage at the Oireachtas, so taking advantage of every chance to be in the competition environment and on a competitive stage is vital to each team's success.

Wisconsin teams turned right around the following week and completed their second feis at Beglan, and each one made marked improvement in their second outing. We had a great showing against several teams from other schools and got another chance on the big floors to gain confidence and experience. Illinois and Midway teams, you'll be hitting the stage again in a couple weeks at the Dillon-Gavin Championships back at Canlan sports. Another opportunity to see how we stack up against other schools and also how much we have grown in the interim.

Now our next big milestone is Camp Lake! We can't wait to "hit the beach" with our teams and have the most fun while we build team camaraderie and gain valuable focused practice time. Camp Lake is full of fun activities and learning moments, but it is also where we can get the teams on their own with little to no distractions from outside. The teachers love how much we get done at the Camp Lake practices and have been preparing our plans accordingly. We're hitting our home stretch now...keep up the hard work and enjoy these last weeks together!



Thank You!!!

Our Location mentors play a special role in providing information to their location families and working to create a sense of community at their location. The Shoe Bin coordinators are an important part of keeping everyone dancing by organizing and fitting pre-owned shoes.

Hospitality speaks for itself - every location needs a party.

Our volunteers are such an important part of who we are. Thank you to all who help to make their location work.

Elmhurst

Location Mentor - Sunday - Rebecca VanDeCastele rvandy05@gmail.com

Location Mentor - Tuesday - Alexandra O'Donnell aclark415@gmail.com

Young Families Mentor- Sunday - Catherine Moffo cmoffo2015@gmail.com

Young Families Mentor - Tuesday - Meghan Collins mcollins0502@gmail.com

Shoe bin - Mary Catherine Buckner mchenry1979@yahoo.com

Hospitality - OPEN

IAHC

Location Mentor - Whitney Orlow whit.orlow@gmail.com

Young Family Mentor - Katie Krupa katiemkrupa@gmail.com Erika Tate tate.erika@gmail.com

Shoe bin - Meghan Ochoa megk515@yahoo.com

Hospitality - OPEN

Lakeview

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Young Families Mentor - Meaghan Daly Stallkamp daly.meg@gmail.com

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Hospitality - OPEN

Palatine

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Young Family Mentor - Stacy Golden sbogle@gmail.com & Mary Johnston
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Shoe bin - Carie Lukes carielukes@gmail.com

Hospitality - Carie Lukes

Western Springs

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Hospitality - Maria Cotter cotter.parents1027@gmail.com

Milwaukee: Elm Grove

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Young Family Mentor - Sunday- Jackie Ruhge jackie.ruhge@gmail.com

Erin Griffith - Monday- erinkoller@hotmail.com

Shoe bin - Megan Krell trinitymegankrell@gmail.com

Hospitality - OPEN

Madison: Waunakee

Co-Mentors: Annie Kelly ichiban.kelly@gmail.com

Kate Dougherty cdougherty1@edgewood.edu

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Katie Port katieport2018@gmail.com

Shoe bin - Maia Ouderkirk ouderkirkm@gmail.com

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Young Families Mentor - Carrie Bresette

Hospitality - Carrie Bresette, Katie Port, Tricia Conohan tricia.conohan@gmail.com

*** If anyone is interested in taking on a leadership role at their location, please reach out to Anne Leonard (anne@trinityirishdance.com).*



TPT Registration

Dance in shows for St. Patrick's Day - TPT Registration is NOW OPEN!
Register by November 20th.

Everything you need to know about this year's season is in the [2025 TPT Program Information](#), including information about TPT levels, class schedules, registration info, and important dates!

Be a part of the Trinity performance magic - [REGISTER TODAY!](#)



2024 Booster Club Membership Renewals

Thank you to all who have renewed your membership to the Booster Club. Membership renewals were due on September 1st. Please check your membership level and make sure it matches with your highest level dancer.

To learn more about the Booster Club, refer to our *updated* membership letter:

[2024/2025 TBC Membership Letter](#)

NOTE: *We listened to your feedback and have made additional adjustments to the volunteer points program.*



Upcoming Feiseanna Conflicts

Upcoming Feiseanna Trinity dancers should enter:

11/2/24	Dillon Gavin Championships	
11/3/24	Chicago Autumn Feis (if not on Oireachtas teams)	
<i>Feis Conflicts Trinity cannot enter:</i>		
11/03/24	Lenihan Feis	Stratford, CT
11/16/24	Minnesota State Championships	Minneapolis, MN
11/17/24	St. Paul Autumn Feis	Minneapolis, MN



Province Update October 2024

Congratulations to everyone on working hard and putting your best self out there these past three weekends. Province dancers have been hard at work preparing for these past three weekends of feiseanna and we were so proud of each and every dancer. We are pleased with the training thus far. We are in the middle of our fall training and still have 6 weeks to go before the big regional championships. Dancers need to be putting in the tedious detailed work at home as well as everyday stretching and conditioning.

The practice notebooks we started using this season have been very helpful. If you haven't started using a notebook, start now! It is very useful to stay on track and to keep you focused on your goals. They are used to record weekly and daily goals, put notes from class in it, write reflective journals from competitions or dance classes, use it to log your competition day schedule and what / when you want to eat.

We are 2.5 weeks away from the Dillon Gavin Feis so set your goals and write down your action steps to put on your best performance. Double check your registration for the Dillon Gavin feis.





Great Britain Championships 2024

Congratulatoins to our dancers who competed at the Great Britain Championships this past week.

We could not be more excited and proud of all these dancers! Last week, we made sure to celebrate them all with send off parties in Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago. Thank you to all who organized these lovely gestures.

These dancers started their training mid summer to be ready for the international stage! We can't wait to see them sparkle and shine!

We love you Eden, Keira, Tessa, Elliana, Madison, Maija, Sophia, Kaitlyn, Aubrey, Noelle, and Connor.



Ensemble Updates October 2024

***** Save the date - the Ensemble audition will be January 18th, 2025! *****

Information about the 2025 Ensemble Program will be sent out in October. Dancers who will be eligible to audition for Ensemble include:

1. Dancers must be born in 2011 (U14 as of January 1, 2025) or older AND be enrolled in the Waterford/Wexford/Wicklow class OR the Province Program.
2. Dancers must be enrolled and participate in TPT as a Trinity Gold dancer for the upcoming performance season.



Jerseys and Fleeces: Pre-Order!

Jerseys and Fleeces are open for PRE-ORDER!

Personalized Jerseys: Just in time for holiday gifting! These make a great layer, perfect for competition since they're button down, or for families to show their team Trinity spirit!

<https://trinitybaseball25.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

- Order window closes 11/24.
- Orders will be picked up approximately 3 weeks later by Trinity and delivered to home studios!

Fleeces: The perfect layer for that St. Patrick's Day parade look!

- Order window closes 12/1 at midnight
- Orders will be picked up by me in January, and will be available for pick up at Winter Weekend, or will be delivered to home studios after WW.

<https://trinityfleece.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Note: wondering when you'll receive your order!! The top of your email receipt after your purchase will have the order details!



Volunteer Hours – Track It Forward

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours on Track It Forward!

Please use the following link:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/trinity-boston-club>



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