



*Families Making the Difference!*

September 2021

Dear Trinity Parents,

We are thrilled to gear up for the 2021/2022 Trinity season and celebration of 40 years of the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance! The Academy has over 500 dancers across 8 locations in Illinois and Wisconsin. While our teachers and Academy staff are working on choreography, scheduling classes, and creating lesson plans that bring the magic into the Trinity classrooms, your Trinity Booster Club (TBC) is working hard to develop and enhance the enrichment programs that make Trinity unique.

The Trinity Booster Club is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (EIN 36-4181141), developed to focus exclusively on supporting Trinity Academy of Irish Dance and the Trinity families. TBC's dedicated office staff and our volunteer Board of Directors provide ongoing support to our families through a variety of programs and opportunities. These programs have included items such as:

- **Communication Resources:** TBC website, Trinity Dance Family Facebook page, weekly newsletters, parent mentors and location leadership
- **Costumes:** school dress rentals, used costume sales, costume inspections and dress storage.
- **School-Wide Events:** Winter Weekend (on hold for 2022), Parades, Milwaukee Irish Fest, Madison Spring Celebration, and the Big Jig.
- **Competitions:** Sponsorship of three well-respected feiseanna (Wisconsin Spring Feis, Pat Roche Feis, and Windy City Feis), coordination of Trinity's participation in major competitions including Oireachtas, Nationals, Worlds, and other International competitions (registration, teacher travel and support, hotel blocks, rehearsal space, costumes and dress rehearsals).
- **Ensemble Trips:** Coordinate all aspects of the trips including teacher, chaperone, musician and dancer travel, itinerary, assist with costuming, coordinate with festivals, secure dignitary gifts, Ensemble marketing, and support the teachers planning the trips.
- **Fundraising:** Facilitation of fundraising programs to support ALL Trinity families.

To provide these resources, all families participating in the activities outlined above are asked to pay dues to support the TBC.

While your Academy tuition covers the cost of the classes that your dancer participates in, the “behind the scenes” work is completed by our TBC office staff.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. Is the Trinity Booster Club financially separate from the Trinity Academy?**

Yes. The Booster Club supports the mission of the Academy and Trinity families but we are a separate legal entity, with a separate operating budget.

### **2. Why do we have a Booster Club?**

The experiences for our families and dancers that include parent mentors, school-wide events, costumes, Ensemble trips, regional, national and international competitions are what make us Trinity. It takes a broader organization working to provide the “outside the classroom” experience. Additionally, being a non-profit allows us to fundraise to support these activities.

## **2021/2022 Dues**

**\*\*NEW families\*\* Your first year of TBC membership is FREE for dancers in their first year with Trinity. Welcome and please join to learn more about how families make the difference for our Trinity community!**

**\*\*RETURNING families\*\* THANK YOU to those families that already have paid their annual dues!** For the 2021/2022 season, the dues structure will be the following. You will note the fees have remained the same as we strive to remain conscious of each family’s financial commitment. There are incremental increases as your most advanced dancer progresses through the Trinity dance programs since they require more of the TBC resources and participate in a greater number of TBC events.

## **2021/2022 Trinity Booster Club Dues**

**(amount paid is based on your most advanced dancer’s level\*):**

River/Cork/Derry	\$120
Donegal/Galway/Kerry	\$200
Kilkenny/Limerick/Sligo	\$300
Waterford/Wexford/Wicklow	\$300
Ensemble Performance & Conditioning/Clare Island	\$300
Munster/Leinster/Connaught/Ulster	\$350

\* +\$25 per additional dancer

If you are a current Trinity Booster Club member, an invoice was placed in your account in August. **Access the link below for instructions on how to renew your membership or register ASAP!**

[Join Us!](#)

### **Black Dress Rentals**

Invoices for dancers that are part of the Black Dress Rental Program will be placed in the TBC accounts between September 13-15th, with payments due by the end of September.

The TBC is excited to kick off our 2021/2022 season and we look forward to creating another year of amazing memories with our Trinity families!

Thank you for your support.

Anne Leonard, TBC Manager

[Trinityparent.com](https://trinityparent.com) page (Password: CELEBRATE2020)

### **The TBC Board of Directors:**

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