



RYAN NEWS REEL



**Ryan School of Irish Dancing
February 2008**

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Class Cancellation — There will be no classes in Lawrenceville on February 5th, *Super Tuesday*, due to the Presidential Primary Election in New Jersey!

Parade Practice — Parade practice in February will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, 9th, and 16th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the American Legion in Newtown, PA. The fee for all parade practices is a one time fee of \$30/dancer total. All dancers of all levels are encouraged to participate in the parade. For more information about the 2008 Philadelphia Saint Patrick's Day Parade, visit their web site at <http://www.philadelphiastpatsparade.com>.

Weekend Solo Practice — The Preliminary/Open Champion class will be held at the American Legion in Newtown on February 2nd, 9th, and 16th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. This class is also for any *Prize-winner* level dancers about to move to the Preliminary Championship level. The cost of the solo class is \$20 each week.

Solo Dress Sale — Is it time for a solo dress? We will be holding a solo dress sale on Saturday, February 2nd at the American Legion in Newtown, PA during parade practice and solo practice. For more information, or if you would like to help with the sale, please contact Kathy O'Malley at omall711@aol.com.

Ryan School Dress Sale — We would like to offer all dancers the opportunity to sell or purchase the Ryan black velvet school dress. These dresses can be worn by dancers through the Prizewinner level and are worn by the younger figure teams at the Oireachtas. We will be having a school dress sale on Saturday, February 9th at the American Legion in Newtown, PA during parade practice. This is also an opportunity to sell shoes and school jackets, as well. For shoes, label each shoe separately and place in a labeled bag. If you are selling a dress, please put your name, approximate size, phone number, and asking price on masking tape, and secure it to the inside back of the dress. For more information, or if you would like to help with the sale, please contact Irene Johnston at YardleyJohnstons@aol.com.

*****April Workshop***** — A Nationals/Oireachtas workshop will be held April 25th, 26th, and 27th for Preliminary/Open dancers and those attending solos at the Oireachtas. A schedule for the workshop will be provided by April 24th. If you are not sure if you should attend this workshop, please ask Christina, especially before registering for any feiseanna that weekend.

Fundraiser Updates:

- **Saturday Practice Bake Sale** — The dancers going to the Worlds will be holding a bake sale at all the parade practices in February and March. Items for sale will be priced at \$0.50, so please remember to bring some spare change to practice, and please support the bake sale!
- **Cell Phone & Ink Jet Recycling Fundraiser** — The Ryan School of Irish Dancing will hold a *Cell Phone & Ink Jet Recycling Fundraiser* for the month of February through EcoPhones (<http://www.ecophones.com>) to raise money for the dancers going to the World Championships in March. We can earn up to \$300 per cell phone and \$5 per ink jet printer cartridge (no toner cartridges, please)! Please look for a collection box at class! If you have any questions or need more information about EcoPhones, please contact Lisa Galloway Evrard at lpevrard@comcast.net.

- **Ceili Fundraiser** — The World Championships in Irish Dancing will be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland from March 23 — 30, 2008. We will need a great deal of support from our families to attend the ceili fundraiser this year (*date & location to be determined*). We will be putting together our very popular theme baskets to raffle off at the ceili again this year. This is a great way to raise money for the dancers going to the World Championships. We are asking that each family donate one item (or more!) for your class basket. Please bring an item for the basket during your regular class, and hand it in to your class parent during the month of February.

The current class basket themes are as follows:

Newark

- 4:00/5:00 Outdoor/Beach Fun – balls, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, frisbee, badminton set, beach chairs, swim goggles, sunblock
- 6:00 Teen Sleepover — favorite teen DVD's, board games, nail polish, make-up kits, magic 8-ball, CD's, current issue of Seventeen, Teen Vogue, etc.

Lawrenceville

- 4:00 Craft Time - kid's craft items, crayons, paints, craft kits
- 5:00 Mexican Feast – salsa, chips, cookbooks, marinades, spices

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- 4:30 Family Fun Night – family friendly board games & activities, popcorn maker, gourmet snack foods
- 5:30 Irish Breakfast — coffee, Irish breakfast tea, Irish oatmeal, biscuits

Newtown/Richboro

- 4:30 Movie Night — movie theater gift certificates, favorite DVD's, popcorn & candy
- 5:30 Ladies Night Out — spa gift certificate, nail salon gift certificate, movie tickets
- 6:30 Gone Feising – essential feis supplies ~ bobby pins, hairbrush, hair spray, Band-Aids, poodle socks, sock glue, sparkle dust, hole punch, plastic number cover
- 7:30 Let's Bake a Cake - gourmet baking supplies, cookbooks, fancy dessert dishes