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Ryan School of Irish Dancing
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Happy New Year! - Happy New Year! Christina and all the student teachers would like to thank you for the generous holiday gifts and wishes this year. Thank you so much!

School Dress Returns — If you rented a school dress for the Oireachtas, white or black, please return the dress as soon as possible. A number of dresses are still outstanding. Rented/borrowed black dresses should be returned to Irene Johnston (YardleyJohnstons@aol.com), and rented white dresses should be returned to Kathy O'Malley (omall711@aol.com).

St. Patrick's Day Parade — We will be participating in the Philadelphia Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 9, 2008. Practices will be held on February 2, 9, 16 and March 1, 8, 2008 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the American Legion in Newtown. 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.philadelphiastpatparade.com>.

Weekend Solo Practice Schedule — A Preliminary/Open Champion class will be held at the American Legion in Newtown on January 19th and 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please check the message board for any last minute cancellations!

Parade Attire — Information regarding ordering parade attire (i.e., black cotton-knit skorts with Ryan logo and black turtlenecks), will be provided by the first parade practice.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- **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 each dancer to contribute a little something for the baskets. Look for more details about the ceili and theme raffle baskets in class hand-outs and the web site.

- **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.

Upcoming Feis Dates 2007 — A list of the Mid-Atlantic Region feiseanna for the 2008 season can be found at the NAFC site <http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org/index.asp>. If you are trying to locate a syllabus for a particular feis, some are available at class, some are listed on their web site, and sometimes you must call the contact person to get one. Another excellent source of information is the *Northeast US Feis Information* page, provided by the Peter Smith School, at <http://www.petersmithschool.com/Feisinfo/>. Remember to submit your entry as early as possible, since many reach capacity well before the entry deadline. There are also a few New England Region and Southern Region competitions that are well worth the drive. Check these regions out on the NAFC site, as well.

Class Cancellation Reminder — *Please check the web site message board for any last minute class cancellations and changes.* Class cancellations due to inclement weather are completely out of the school's control. If the local school district is closed or if there is an early dismissal, classes will be cancelled. When a class is cancelled or if a dancer misses a class, the dancer is encouraged to make up the class. Dancers who miss a class may make up the class at any other location once they let Christina know.

No classes in Lawrenceville on February 5, 2008 due to the Presidential Primary Election!