



RYAN-KILCOYNE NEWS



RYAN-KILCOYNE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING - SEPTEMBER 2011

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Welcome! Welcome back to all of our dancers and a warm "Hello" to our new students! For news and information, be sure to visit our website at www.ryankilcoyneschool.com, and please refer to our newsletter for up-to-date information. The newsletter will be available on the "News Updates" page at www.ryankilcoyneschool.com on or about the first of every month. The newsletter will also be sent via e-mail to all registered families.

Tuition & Classes: Tuition for the year is paid in four installments. The first payment, registration fee, and paperwork is due at the first class attended. The second payment is due by November 1st. The second payment is due by January 15th. The third payment is due by March 1st. Tuition must be paid whether the child attends class or not. All tuition must be paid up-to-date or your dancer will not be allowed to participate in classes, competitions, or school functions.

Class Locations: Monday classes are held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 303 N. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014. Wednesday classes are held at the American Legion, 41 Linden Avenue, Newton, PA 18940. Thursday classes are held at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 654 Hatboro Road, Richboro, PA 18954. For directions, visit the "Classes" page at www.ryankilcoyneschool.com.

Richboro Class Location: Please note that we are not allowed to park in the parking lot closest to the entrance to the St. Vincent de Paul Church hall/chapel. Also, we are not allowed to wait for our dancers in the foyer to the hall/chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

The Ryan-Kilcoyne School of Irish Dancing 17th Annual Feis Saturday, October 1st, 2011 Maple Point Middle School, Langhorne, PA

- If you haven't already, please register for the Ryan-Kilcoyne School of Irish Dancing 17th Annual Feis, scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, 2011 at the Maple Point Middle School in Langhorne, PA. The syllabus is available at www.ryankilcoyneschool.com on the "Our Feis" page. Registration is via FeisWeb (<http://www.feisweb.com/>). There is a link to FeisWeb on the "Our Feis" page for your convenience. The entry closing date is September 10, 2011.
- All Ryan-Kilcoyne families are required to have a parent and/or guardian volunteer four (4) hours of their time for their dancers to be able to participate in the feis. It sounds like a lot of time, but it is a fun time, and it goes by quickly! We do need a tremendous amount of help to pull this off! The Ryan-Kilcoyne Parent Volunteer Forms are available on the "Our Feis" page.

FYI Definitions -

- **Feis** (pronounced fesh) is an Irish dance competition. Feis is the Irish word for festival. The competitions are categorized by age group and skill level. The competitive levels are: Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice, Prizewinner, Preliminary Championship, and Open Championship. The plural of feis is *feiseanna*.
- **Syllabus** is a listing of the competitions in a feis by age, gender, and skill level, as well as the rules of the feis, fees, and where to send entries.
- **Oireachtas** (pronounced oh-ROCK-tus) is a large feis, organized by regions. Dancers placing highly qualify for the World Championships (Oireachtas na Cruinne). There are solo and team competitions. Our school will participate in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship held at the Philadelphia Marriot on Friday, November 25th — Sunday, November 27th this year.

Dance Attire:

- Dancers should wear comfortable clothing to class (i.e., shorts and t-shirts). Starting the week of September 12th, we will be taking orders for a class/practice uniform (soffe type mesh short and t-shirt with school logo).
- Beginners should wear socks and a light sneaker to start.
- At dance-outs/parades/competitions, Beginner and Advanced Beginner girls may wear a black skirt and white blouse. The next level of costume would be the black velvet school dress with green satin lining and white crocheted collar and cuffs. This is recommended for the Novice/Prizewinner level dancer. Boys may wear a solid color shirt and black trousers.

Items for Sale:

- If you are in the market for a solo dress, please check out the "Items for Sale" page at www.ryankilcoyneschool.com. There are a number of solo dresses available within the school. If you would like to post a dress on the page, please contact Lisa at lpevrard@comcast.net.
- If you are interested in purchasing a used black velvet school dress, please post a message on the school message board requesting a school dress and size requirements. There are several school dresses currently for sale within the school; some are listed on the "Items for Sale" page.
- If you are in need of dance shoes, please check out the used shoe bag which is currently housed at the Richboro class location. Christina will work out a schedule to get the used shoe bag to every class location once per month.

Saturday Oireachtas Practice – Saturday Oireachtas practices will be at either the Newtown or Richboro class locations. Figures/Ceili will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will cost \$10 per week. Solos will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will cost \$20 per week; this price includes the ceili practice. The solo class is for Preliminary/Open Championship dancers, any dancers about to move into Preliminary Championships from the Prizewinner category, and for those dancers competing in solos at the November Oireachtas. If you are not sure if you are competing in solos at the Oireachtas, please consult with Christina.

The Saturday Oireachtas Practice Schedule is as follows:

September 17 th	October 8 th	November 5 th
September 24 th	October 15 th	November 12 th
	October 22 nd	November 19 th
	October 29 th	

Please check the message board and the "News Updates" page for any last minute schedule changes.

Upcoming Feis Dates 2011-2012 – A list of the Mid-Atlantic Region feiseanna for the 2011-2012 season can be found at the NAFC site www.northamericanfeiscommission.org. Another excellent source of information is the *Local Feis Information* page, provided by the Peter Smith School, at www.petersmithschool.com/finfo.htm. Remember to submit your entry as early as possible, since many reach capacity well before the entry deadline. There are also several New England Region and Southern Region competitions that are well worth the drive. Check these regions out on the NAFC site, as well.

Tell us how you are doing! - Please check out the "Results" page and submit your feis results at <http://ryankilcoyneschool.com/Results/feisresults.html>.

Show us how you are doing! - If you have photos you would like to share on the school photo album, please submit your photos via irishdance@ryankilcoyneschool.com.

Competition Reminders:

- No solo costumes are allowed in Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grades; skirt and blouse or school costume only.
- The use of make-up is not permitted for any dancer in the first two grades (Beginner and Advanced Beginner) up to and including the Under 12 age group.