

Young School of Irish Dance

Webster School Director's News
March, 2008

PARENT MEETING NEXT WEEK- 3/ 12 at 6:00 in the lounge. We will have 3 topics.

- 1- parade info
- 2- introduction to competition
- 3- input and feedback for next year's fundraiser

6:30 parents can come early for a refresher on competition or just come around 6:20 for the feedback session. Fundraiser feedbacks session for 7:30 parents will occur during their class.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 3/15: Check out information on the annual Rochester St. Patrick's Day parade at <http://www.rochesterparade.com> and pictures of Young School in the parade at www.youngschoolirishdance.com ALL dancers are encouraged to march. Parents are welcome too! We will have dancers from all four of our locations participating. It's lots of fun. Come and meet other members of our Young School family. The parade begins at 12:30. Exact information regarding time and location for our line up will be sent next week.

Dancers will learn the parade steps in class. Parents will walk behind carrying the county flags of Ireland. We will be judged for awards in the parade, so we ask that all wear the proper parade uniform.

Dancers- black pants, Young School jacket/sweatshirt, sneakers (black sneakers are preferred, but don't make a special purchase). Winter headband and gloves (white for girls, black for boys)

Parents- black pants, black jacket or sweatshirt, black gloves

Irish scarves are optional for both dancers and parents. Orders may still be possible. The cost is \$15.00 each. If interested, please contact, Young School parent, Rose Dugan at **585-377-7995** or radugan@rochester.rr.com

Two Notes: On Friday, I will be able to purchase a very limited number of white winter headbands from a fellow director. E-mail me if you are still in need of one. Secondly, if your dancer wishes to march, but was unable to order a Young School jacket, also, please e-mail me.

PLANNING AHEAD: April classes: There are two annual conflicts in April at the Kof C hall, thus the schedule will be changed slightly. Classes will be April 2, 9, 17 and 23. There will be no class on the 30th. The 17th is a Thursday. In order to avoid missing two classes in April, we will substitute a Thursday on one of the weeks. (We will have four April classes prior to the Syracuse feis and miss the last week of the month, which is after the feis.)

CNY FEIS- Entries are open for the Central New York feis to be held at the Syracuse Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 26th . Go to <http://www.feisweb.com/CNY/> for more details.

For those who participated in any competitions last year, please see the attached document regarding rules for advancement in levels.

Costume notes: Per feis regulations, solo dresses are not allowed in the beginner or advanced beginner level in any dance. Per Young School rules, beginners should wear hair in a bun. Curly “bun scrunchies” are optional. Dancers who reach the novice level in any dance have the option to purchase a wig. Also, per Young School rules, dancers under age 12 are not to wear make-up in competition. Exception in the Championship level.

REGULAR REMINDERS: Please remember to do the following each time you come to class:

SIGN IN by marking an “X” by your name on the attendance sheet.

BRING A WATER BOTTLE- and check to make sure you have it when you leave!

***WEAR SHORTS** (NO jeans, sweatpants, or any other long pants)- in cold weather long pants/sweats may be worn over shorts to and from class, but need to be removed for lessons

T-SHIRTS ONLY. (NO tank tops, cropped tops)

HAIR PULLED BACK. No loose hair, please.

***** PLEASE BE READY TO DANCE AT YOUR CLASS TIME-** with jackets off, and ghillies on

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH DANCERS!!!!

Clare Aroune

Cora Blunden

Caitlyn Lamberton

Madison Stewart