

October 5, 2023

Dear Parents and Dancers,

During the “St. Patrick’s” season, the school will be performing at area nursing homes, functions and other “Irish parties”. I would love to have every child perform, but I do understand that not all families and children may wish to do so. These performances are optional and you should not feel that your child must dance. As this time of the year draws closer, I will provide more information regarding these shows.

For the 10am and 11am students that wish to perform in the shows, a simple costume will be required. The costume for girls will be a white, short sleeve “school” blouse, a plaid kilt, poodle socks and Irish soft shoes.

For 12pm Class, the Green dress will continue to be the costume for this class. The 1pm class may choose between the Green dress or the Black Velvet costumes. 2pm class can wear either the black velvet dresses or a presentation costume. If you are planning on having a presentation costume made or purchased, **please see me first!**

For the boys in all classes, the costume will be black dress pants, a white, short sleeve dress shirt and boy’s soft shoes or boys “Jazz shoes”.

**On Saturday, Nov 4, I will hold a shoe & costume sale between 11am and 3pm. Please plan on attending after your child’s scheduled class time.**

**Please try on all shoes and costumes ASAP. Each child will be measured for shoes and/or costumes if needed.**

**If your child has outgrown any kilt, dress or shoes (soft or hard), please get them to me no later than Monday October 30 to be included in the sale.**

**Kilts and dresses must have your child's name securely attached; shoes must have their name on both shoes and be in a Ziploc bag with their name and shoe size on the bag.**

### **NO COSTUMES OR SHOES WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE SALE**

At the end of the dancing year, on **Friday May 24, 2024**, a recital for the entire school will be held followed by a Ceili -- a party and dance for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak with me just before or after your child’s class or call me at home. My number is: 567-6729.

Thank you and I am really excited about sharing a fun-filled year of dance and music with your child.

Sincerely,

Mary Quinn

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Weather cancellations will be sent via text and email and posted on our web site and on WGGB’s web site. The local TV stations MAY NOT show the cancellation.
- The school has a web site with a calendar of shows, lessons, cancellations, many of the steps being taught and other information. The address is: [www.claddagschool.com](http://www.claddagschool.com)
- All Dancers **must** wear shorts/skirts to class. This allows the dancers to be able to move about more freely.