### Important School Events...

Class Feis

End of the Year Show







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Performance by our school at the Bayside St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Antun's in Oueens Village.

### 2018 Holiday Hooley Parent Association

Our annual Holiday Hooley was held on Friday, December 14th at the OLBS Auditorium. The show as very well attended. Erin Sullivan's family was the big winters for the night taking home the 50/50 raffle. Usually Mele Kalikimaka and our hula skirts is the hit performance but this year I think our adult class stole the show with their 4-hand reel. Great job to all our dancers especially our adults Julie, Tina, Janet & Nicole!

As per request we are forming a 'Ciara Greene School Parents Association'

The goal of this committee is to plan events, enhance some of our already planned events and form more of a community within our school.

If any parents are interested in participating we will be starting an email chain lead by Zsa-Zsa's mom, Joann. Let me know if you would like me include you in our email thread.



Our Oireachtas Champions..

Siobhan Willis 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jana Lobmeyer

Caitlin Burke
4<sup>th</sup> Place

Kaitlyn Ference

Adult 4 Hand Team 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

## 2018 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Eighteen dancers traveled this year to compete in the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Our dancers participated in 4 four hand competitions, 1 eight hand competition, 2 solo competitions and 7 traditional set piece competitions. Our adults were extremely successful with both traditional set

piece dancers placing in the top 5 and their 4 hand team placing third. For the first time ever our school had a practice room, which was enjoyed by all our dancers. We had a place to run through all of our ceili's, solo's, and trad sets. Dancers were in their at all times throughout the day relaxing and spending time with their friends. The Oireachtas was a

great weekend for our school. Win or loose our dancers showed true sportsman ship and everyone was supportive of each other. This event truly brings our dancers and their families together and it makes our dancers stronger. I was proud of our dancers and their performances. My favorite part of the Oireachtas this year was glancing around the room



before one of our dancers or teams performed and seeing all the girls dance friends there watching the dance. You will see our Oireachtas competitors wearing their new sweatshirts and patches at dance class! Congratulations to..

Julia Brophy. Alex Cunniff . Jana Lobmeyer.
Monica Reilly. Mary Kirk. Madison Marmott.
Sofia Caruso. Kaitlyn Ferenc. Ciara Freer.
Jessica D'Asaro. Brooke D'Asaro. Ava Lucio.

Madeline Freer. Claire Spinetti.

Caitlin Burke. Siobhan Wilis.

Tina Dunham. Julie Ferenc

Eight Hand Ceili for next year's Oireachtas will dance the 8 Hand Iig Performance by our dancers this year with Celticgrass Band We Banjo 3 at Pace University in NYC!

Our school is featured in the latest edition of "Reflections" in the OLBS church!





Our dancers performed at the OLBS Rosary Altar Society Christmas Show on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to
Kaitlyn's mom Julie
for running the
show & to Alex's
dad Dan for
running the music!

#### Thursday

Competition Class 4:30

Ceili Class 5:30

# Parent Child Ceili Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm

For the first time ever we will be holding a Parent Child Ceili on Friday, January 18th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the OLBS Auditorium. Each dancer is invited to bring an adult to do some traditional Irish step dancing. Dances that will be performed include the waltz, polka, gay gordons, shoe the donkey, stack of barley, Clare set, Siege of Ennis, Waves of Tory, 4 hand Reel, 4 hand Jig, Sweets of May, Morris Reel, 8 Hand Jig. Adults are welcome to come to Irish dancing class in Bayside on 1/8 & 1/15 from 5:30-6:30 pm and/or from 7:30-8:30 pm to learn some dancing! In Smithtown adults are welcome to come to Irish dancing class on 1/7 & 1/14 from 5:30-6:30 pm to learn some dancing! Parents will not be expected to learn how to Irish step dance, coming to class will give them the confidence to know what direction to move in etc when performing in a dance. The dress code with be dressy. Parents we ask that no jeans or sneakers be worn and dancers we ask that you wear a dress or skirt. Sign up is at class prior to the event.

Thank you...

Mrs. Joan Kane - OLBS

Father Bob Whelan - OLBS

Father Tyler Strand – Byzantine Church Smithtown

Our assistant teachers

Emily Tavcar.. Madeline Tavcar.. Katie Frawley.. Siobhan Willis.. Emily Mulvey.. Claire Frawley.. Amelia Baffo

Our recital volunteers

Kristen & Allison Broady

# St. Patrick's Day Shows

March Madness is quickly approaching and we have already booked 11 gigs. Reserve all your weekends in March dancers! It's all about St. Patrick! Dancers in the intermediate class will be asked to attend at a minimum 6 shows.

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kings Park Parade Arrive at 11:00 am

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - OLBS St. Patrick's Dance Arrive at 9:00 am

March 9<sup>th</sup> - Bristal Lynbrook Performance at 10:00 am

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Atria Roslyn Harbor Performance at 3:30 pm

March 9<sup>th</sup> – American Martyrs, Bayside Performance at 7:00 pm

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Atria Kew Gardens Performance at 2:30 pm

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Homestead Home Performance at 6:30 pm

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Bristal West Babylon Performance at 10:00 am

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Atria Great Neck Performance at 1:30 pm

Saturday, March  $16^{th}$  - Atria Forest Hills performance at 3:30 pm

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade

#### **Summer 2019 Plans**

Bayside Class will be converting to a l week long workshop

## Winter Session Up coming

Smithtown 12/3 Bayside 11/29

#### **Spring Session**

Smithtown 3/11
Bayside 3/7



The more Irish Step dancing competitions you attend the better dancer you become.

Feis Attire

Beginners & Advanced Beginners – School skirt, leotard and cape

Novice & Prizewinner – School full costume

Preliminary & Championship – Solo costumes

1/20 <u>Feis Na Blian Nua</u> Tarrytown, NY -Feisweb

**2/2** O'Rourke Feis Purchase, NY - Feisweb

2/17 Feis Na Nollag Brooklyn, NY
2/23 Broesler Feis Whippany, NJ
2/24 Inishfree Feis Massapequa, NY
3/3 Garden State Feis Kenilworth, NJ

\* Let me know if you sign up for any feis' and I will do my best to attend\*



