

RYAN-KILCOYNE NEWS REEL



RYAN-KILCOYNE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING - FALL 2019

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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.

Tuition: Parents undertake the obligation to pay the entire year’s tuition when they enroll. Tuition for the year is paid in four installments. The first payment, which includes the registration fee, and registration form are due at the first class attended. The second payment is due by November 15th. The third payment is due by February 1st. The fourth payment is due by April 15th. Tuition must be paid whether the child attends class or not. All tuition must be paid up-to-date or the dancer will not be allowed to participate in classes, competitions, or school functions. Tuition information and registration forms can be found on the “Classes” page at www.ryankilcoyneschool.com.

Class Locations:

- Monday classes are held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 84 East Oakland Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901.
- Wednesday classes are held at the American Legion, 41 Linden Avenue, Newtown, PA 18940.
- Thursday class is held at Christina’s Studio, 14 Creekside Drive, Ivyland, PA 18974.

For directions and class times, visit the “Classes” page at www.ryankilcoyneschool.com.

Additional Practices:

Tuesdays/Thursdays/Saturdays at Christina’s Studio, 14 Creekside Drive, Ivyland, PA 18974:

- dates and times to be determined on a weekly basis
- pay as you go; \$25/dancer
- *Preliminary-Open Championship dancers and/or dancers preparing for majors only*
- Contact Molly if interested at mollyccurran@gmail.com.

We will be closed for the following holidays this school year:

- Halloween – Thursday, 10/31/19
- Thanksgiving – Thursday, 11/28/19
- Christmas & New Years – no classes the week of 12/22/19 through the week of 12/29/19
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, 1/20/20
- President's Day – Monday, 2/17/20
- Holy Thursday – Thursday, 4/9/20
- Memorial Day – Monday, 5/25/20

Hold the dates:

- Holiday Pizza Party – Wednesday, 12/18/19, 6-8 PM, American Legion, Newtown
- Doylestown Memorial Day Parade – Wednesday, 5/25/20
- End of Year Recital – Wednesday, 6/17/20, 7-9 PM, American Legion, Newtown
- Summer Workshop – 6/22-26/20, 10 AM – 1PM each day, American Legion, Newtown

Dance-outs:

What is a "dance-out"? It is your dancer's chance to perform with Ryan-Kilcoyne at local events and festivals! Venues vary from assisted living residences to restaurants, churches, and schools. ALL dancers are welcome and encouraged to participate in dance outs! Check the SignUpGenius at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AEA729A7FC1-stpatricks>, especially around St. Patrick's Day, for upcoming dance-outs. Each event will have a teacher or experienced dancer's parent there to run the event. After you sign up, they will contact you to coordinate. Please contact Margaret Mayorga (Fiona M's mom) with questions at mmayorga77@gmail.com or at 215-478-2543.

Class & Practice Dress Code:

Students are required to wear the following to all classes:

- Please wear shorts/skorts (inseam should be no shorter than 3.5 inches) and short-sleeve t-shirts/shirts (NO spaghetti straps, halter tops, bare midriffs, necklines cut below the collar bone, or inappropriate decorations, PLEASE & THANK YOU) to class.
- Socks and appropriate dance shoes are required to participate in any class; beginners should wear socks and a light sneaker to start.
- *Please arrive 5 minutes early, and make sure shoes are tied properly in double knots.*
- Hair (including bangs if long) should be tied back neatly off the face.
- NO GUM CHEWING
- NO CELL PHONES or similar devices (iPods, iPhones, Smartphones, video games, etc.)

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@gmail.com.
- If you are in need of dance shoes, please contact Margaret Mayorga for a current listing of available used shoes at mmayorga77@gmail.com or at 215-478-2543.

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 (Please type “Ryan-Kilcoyne Photos” in the subject line). We’re also on Facebook as **Ryan Kilcoyne** and on Instagram as **ryan_kilcoyne**.

The Ryan-Kilcoyne School of Irish Dancing 25th Annual Feis Saturday, October 12, 2019

If you haven't already, please register for the Ryan-Kilcoyne School of Irish Dancing 25th Annual Feis, scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2019 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.
- ***Note that you cannot register for the feis at class nor can you drop off your payment at class. Please follow the registration and payment instructions on FeisWeb.***
- The closing date for entries without a late fee and/or change-of-entry fee is September 28, 2019.

All Ryan-Kilcoyne families are required to have a parent and/or guardian volunteer four (4) hours of their time at 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 information is available on the "Our Feis" page of the website. **Sign-up today!!!**

Official school spirit apparel: School spirit apparel can be found at <https://ryankilcoyne.logosoftwear.com/>. The link is also found on the “Links” page of the website under “Services & Supplies.” This is a one stop shopping experience, and the best part is that after you pick out the merchandise, your order gets mailed to your house! This is also a great idea for birthday and holiday shopping needs. During dance-outs and feiseanna, your dancer should wear Ryan-Kilcoyne Apparel. Look out for % off coupons and free shipping promotions.

Irish dance skirt: The recommended Irish dance skirt for dance-outs and feiseanna/competitions is the “IRISH DANCE SKIRT (LYCRA)” in BLACK from BDanceware.com found at <https://www.bdancewear.com/Irish-Dance-Skirt-Lycra-p/irish-dance-skirt-lycra.htm>. The link is also found on the “Links” page of the website under “Services & Supplies.”

Leotard: The recommended leotard to go with the Irish dance skirt for dance-outs and feiseanna/competitions is the “LONG SLEEVE MOCK NECK LEOTARD, MT2435” in BLACK from Dancewear Solutions found at https://www.dancewearsolutions.com/leotards/long_sleeve/mt2435.aspx?position=26. The link is also found on the “Links” page of the website under “Services & Supplies.”

Blouse: The recommended blouse to go with the Irish dance skirt for dance-outs and feiseanna/competitions for younger beginner, advanced beginner, and novice level dancers is the “Long Sleeve Modern Peter Pan Blouse, Item #1594” in WHITE from French Toast found at <https://www.frenchtoast.com/long-sleeve-modern-peter-pan-girls-uniform-blouse-2t-4t/p/1594?> The link is also found on the “Links” page of the website under “Services & Supplies.” **NOTE:** Bloomers are required to be worn with the blouse for modesty.

Bloomers: The recommended bloomers to go with the Irish dance skirt when not wearing the recommended leotard for dance-outs and feiseanna/competitions is the “REGULAR DANCE BRIEFS (LYCRA)” in BLACK from BDanceware.com found at <https://www.bdancewear.com/Regular-Dance-Brief-Lycra-p/regular-dance-brief-lycra.htm>. The link is also found on the “Links” page of the website under “Services & Supplies.”

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 Region Oireachtas held at the Philadelphia Marriot in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Friday, November 29th — Sunday, December 1st this year.



For those participating in the Oireachtas this year, here is a heads-up on the fees. Participating dancers will be notified soon!

Mid-Atlantic Oireachtas Entry Fees – Due by Tuesday, October 1st:

Solo Dancing: \$70

Traditional Set: \$30

Ceili: \$25 per competitor/competition

Family Weekend Admission Fee: \$50

Family Maximum: \$250 (not including the \$50 family fee)

Please note that dancers will not be registered for the 2019 Oireachtas unless their Ryan-Kilcoyne 2018-2019 account is paid in full and they have registered for the 2019-2020 school year.