



Clann Na Cara

Irish Dance

**New Student Information Packet
& Registration Form**

2011-2012 Year

First Year Students...



It is through laughter and fun that new students begin their journey with Clann Na Cara. First year students can expect to learn the basics of Irish dancing in a fun & energetic environment. Elements unique to Irish dancing such as counting on beat to the music, posture, and foot placement will be

introduced throughout the course of the year. Dancers will also learn the reel, ever-popular Irish jig, as well as group dances and songs.

At the end of the year dancers will take part in a school wide recital that celebrates each level of dance. Many dancers, once they are ready, go on to compete in "feises" - local Irish dance competitions. However that is up to each dancer individually.

Fun Events

Students have many opportunities to enjoy dancing beyond attending their weekly classes:

-Ceili Camp (Runs in the Spring, focusing on team dances)

-Parades (St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, to name a few)

-Summer picnic

-Buffalo Irish Festival (our advanced dancers perform and the school has a booth at the festival selling Whiskey Cakes as a yearly fundraiser)



FALL 2011-2012 Class Schedule

Classes for new students are highlighted

WILLIAMSVILLE

SUNDAYS Starting 9/11

11:45 – 12:30 Advanced Beginner 1 (Softshoe only)

11:45 – 1:00 Advanced Beginner 2

12:45 – 1:30 Beginners

1:30 – 3:00 Novice / Open Prizewinner

Sherry Martin School of Dance

5479 Main St. (Behind The Pancake House)

SOUTH BUFFALO

TUESDAYS starting 9/13

4:45 – 5:30 Beginners

4:45 – 6:00 Advanced Beginners

6:00 – 8:00 Oireachtas Teams

8:00 – 9:30 Novice/Prizewinner/Prelim/Championships***

***This class will be split after the Oireachtas

Buffalo Irish Center - 2nd floor

245 Abbott Rd.

PENDLETON

TUESDAYS starting 9/13

4:45 – 5:30 Beginners

Amazin' Grace Dance Studio

6503 Campbell Blvd.

ORCHARD PARK

WEDNESDAYS starting 9/14

4:45 – 5:30 Beginners

5:15 – 6:30 Advanced Beginners

6:30 – 8:00 Novice / Open Prizewinner

Windom Community Church

3744 Abbott Rd.

KEN-TON

THURSDAYS starting 9/15

4:45 – 5:30 Beginners

5:15 – 6:30 Advanced Beginners

6:30 – 8:00 Novice / Open Prizewinner

7:30 – 9:00 Prelim / Champions

Good Shepherd Church

2669 Sheridan Dr.

LANCASTER/DEPEW

THURSDAYS starting 9/15

4:45 – 5:30 Beginners

5:15 – 6:30 Advanced Beginners

5:30 – 7:00 Novice / Open Prizewinner

Twin Village VFW (use side entrance)

97 Litchfield St.

Class Attire

CLOTHING: Students are to wear shorts (no pants/capris), t-shirt or tank top and white socks. This is important so knees, ankles, toes, and posture can be visible by the student and instructor alike. In the winter months dancers should allow time to change clothes.

SHOES: Beginners do not need Irish Dance shoes right away, however can be purchased at the Bailey Slipper Shoppe in Williamsville, used within the school, or online at www.rutherfordshoes.com – Click on GIRLS REEL SHOES/PUMPS - You want the **Antonio Pacelli Gazelle**. *Check the sizing chart! They do not always run the same as normal shoes. Do not allow much room for growth – They should fit snug like a 2nd sock and will stretch (a lot) with use.

BOYS are to wear black jazz shoes, which can be found at any dance supply store.

HAIR: If dancer has bangs or long hair it is to be pulled back away from face so it is not a distraction.

Official “CNC Gear” for both parents and dancers (shorts/tanks, polos, dance bags) can be purchased online through Blue Bison Sports :
http://www.bluebisonsports.com/category_s/46.htm

Clann Na Cara School Website...

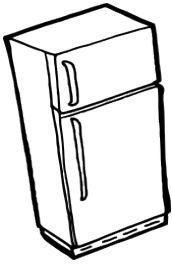
90% of communication between teachers and families happens through our website!

****CNC "MEMBERS AREA"****

WWW.CLANNACARA.COM/MEMBERS

Basic info "at a glance" can be found on our website, clannacara.com, however for DETAILED info and school happenings plus CNCPO (Parents Organization - Booster Club) information, you will need to log in to the MEMBERS AREA. Buy & sell used dance shoes/dresses here! New to the school and have questions? Post your questions in the general chat, and get answers from our veteran parents! Beginner dance steps are written out for at home practice here! Did you know that CNC families receive reduced rates on Bison's tickets during Irish Night in June and that dancers get in FREE? Snowy out and not sure if class is cancelled? All this and more will be posted here in the Members Area. Be sure to check in often!

TO SIGN UP: Visit the link above and click REGISTER – Follow the instructions (YOU MUST USE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS, AND YOUR USERNAME MUST BE IN THE FORMAT: FIRST NAME.LAST NAME For example: Suzie.Parent) If you sign up properly you will be recognized as a member of the school and be able to log in within 1-2 days**



Class Payments & Due Dates

Beginner Level Payment Options:

Stick this on the fridge!

- Paying by month:** \$40/month due 1st of every month Sept–May (No pymt in June)
Paying by Term: \$110 due September 1st, December 1st, and March 1st.
Paying by Year: \$300 due by September 15th
Family Max (regardless of level): \$70/month; \$250/term; or \$710/year

To attend 2 classes a week, simply add \$20 to your monthly payments, \$45 if paying by term payments, or \$65 to your yearly payment.

****Payments more than 15 days late should include a \$10 late fee.**

ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE SENT IN VIA MAIL to:

Clann Na Cara Irish dance
3627 Cumberland Ln.
Hamburg, NY 14075

2011 – 2012 Calendar

9/11 – 9/15

CLASSES START!

11/23 – 11/28

THANKSGIVING BREAK – Teachers will also be out of town in Philadelphia for the regional championships “Oireachtas” our dancers compete at yearly. GO CNC!!!

Classes resume Tuesday 11/29.

12/20 – 1/2

WINTER BREAK

Classes resume Wednesday Jan 3rd

3/17

ST. PATTY'S DAY! (Wear your green!)

Due to our busy performance schedule, stay tuned to website for info on any rescheduled classes.

3/17

FIRST WARD PARADE

3/18

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - DELAWARE AVE. All students.

NO CLASS in Williamsville today! See you at the parade!

4/1 – 4/12

SPRING BREAK

Classes resume Sunday, 4/15

**** Dancing in the Recital and/or Buffalo Feis? You will want to order your school jumper around this time! See the website under MEMBERS – DRESSES /APPAREL for a printable order form ****

5/28

MEMORIAL DAY

No Classes this day only

6/2

Annual Buffalo Feis – Hamburg Fair Grounds

6/3 – 6/7

LAST WEEK OF CLASSES (*May end later in the event of weather/unexpected cancellations earlier in the year.)

FRIDAY 6/8

TENTATIVE RECITAL DATE

**** ANY SNOW DAYS WILL BE POSTED TO THE WEBSITE AS WELL AS CHANNEL 2 NEWS.**

**** CLASS CANCELLATIONS WILL BE MADE UP OVER BREAKS OR AT THE END OF THE YEAR.**



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Registration Form (Page 1 of 2)

Mail completed registration form and check to:
Clann Na Cara
3627 Cumberland Lane
Hamburg NY 14075

FAMILY NAME:

CLASS LOCATION(S) OF CHOICE:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

ZIP:

PHONE:

(_____)

CELL: (_____)

EMAIL:

PARENTS/ GRDN:

1. _____

2. _____

Dancer

Date of birth

__/__/__

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Total Tuition Fee

\$ _____

Yearly Registration Fee (25.00 per family)

\$ _____

TOTAL

\$ _____

MEDICAL ALERTS:

HAVE YOU EVER DANCED FOR ANOTHER IRISH DANCE SCHOOL? YES NO

IF YES, FOR WHOM? _____

DATE OF LAST CLASS ATTENDED? _____

WILL YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE CLANN NA CARA WEBSITE?

YES NO

www.ClannNaCara.com/members

HOW OFTEN DO YOU CHECK YOUR EMAIL? (CIRCLE ONE)

DAILY WEEKLY MONTHLY

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

FRIEND PERFORMANCE ON THE WEB BEE NEWS WNY FAMILY MAGAZINE

OTHER: _____