

THE O'NEILL-JAMES SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

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Parade Information March 2008

If you do not own a dancing costume and wish to participate in parades or performances you may wear:

Girls: O'Neill-James School pleated skirt (skirt length should be 2" above knees) girls tie and school headbands / white long sleeved school blouse / white poodle socks and ghillies. Hair off face (no bangs please). Prefer hair to be in a ½ ponytail. Curls is a plus. If cold weather, girls may wear flesh colored pantyhose, white gloves are recommended.

Boys: Dark long dress trousers & socks / white, long sleeved dress shirt / green tie / black dancing shoes and white gloves are recommended.

Alexandria Parade:

Arrive 11:30AM

Saturday, March 1st, 2008

Meet at King St. & West St.

Ask any marshall for The O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing Parade begins at 12:30 at West St. & King St. (near Temple). Ends at Fairfax St. & King St. (near river). It has become a tradition to have a group photograph at the Carlise House across from Market Square. In case of weather the Parade Chairman will make the decision to postpone if necessary not later than Noon, March 1st. Call: 703-247-2199 or log onto www.ballyshaners.org

Manassas Parade

Arrive 10:AM

Saturday, March 15th, 2008

www.stpatparade.net

Washington, DC Parade:

Arrive 11:AM

Sunday, March 16th, 2008

Meet at our float at Seventh Street,

Look for the O'Neill-James School in the float line-up position just above Madison. & Constitution Drive, N.W., behind the Smithsonian on the mall – enter 7th St., off Independence Ave

Parade begins at 12:noon at 7th and ends at 17th and Constitution.

Special note for parents!

Arrive early. Your child will be excited and nervous and will need your help in finding their class mates.

Look for a sign with the class name that your child attends e.g. K of C 4:PM / American Legion Tue 4:PM etc

Check in with the volunteer for that class. Irish dancing shoes should be taped before tying the laces.

In case of rain, wear clear trash bags over costume. In case of rain you may wear any type of shoes.

We need your co-operation in lining the children up in groups. Costumes should match!!

Volunteers are needed to walk with us and will be responsible for the children in their group.

Please offer to supply water & / or paper cups for the end of the parade..

Parents will **NOT** be allowed to walk along the street with us unless they are a marshal and dressed accordingly.

I prefer that those who wish to march with us be dressed uniformly. We have some school jackets to loan and ask that you wear black trousers or a black skirt & lots of green

All marshalls are required to encourage the children, get them to smile and remind them that this is a team effort and that they must stay in step with us.

Marshalls will **NOT** be allowed to have other children march with them or carry jackets etc. as we need their full attention to keep our students in good form.

Please remember that the spectators want to see our children, it is important to leave at least 8 feet distance between the marshalls and the students.

For your child's safety and our peace of mind! **PLEASE BE AT THE END OF THE PARADE WAITING FOR US.** No child will be allowed to leave without the volunteers' / marshalls knowledge.

Due to the parades, all Irish dancing classes are cancelled for Saturdays, March 1st & 15th, 2008.

We are closed on Saint Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17th, 2008

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Let's pray to him for good weather!

Don't forget your white gloves!