

# IMPORTANT END OF SEMESTER NEWSLETTER - Our last class will be May 30<sup>th</sup>



*(Classes will end May 30<sup>th</sup> to make up for the cancellation of class on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>)*

## LILAC FESTIVAL is this Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>!

**SCHEDULE: 11:30am SHARP – NSOHD dancers meet at Centennial Hall (fully dressed and ready as per the instructions below). 11:45am – 12:30am Performance at Centennial Hall stage (out back)**

NSOHD dancers have once again been invited to perform as part of the Franktown Lilac Festival, on May 27. This is an optional “dance out” for our students and we hope everyone is excited about performing! We will showcase our highland dancing students and the steps/dances they have learned during the 2022-2023 year.

### 1. **INSTRUCTIONS To participate in this dance out. Students must:**

- have their hair pulled back into a bun (use gel and hairspray to tame loose ends);
- remove any jewelry;
- wear a clean black body suit;
- wear clean white knee socks;
- wear highland ghillies (or other black ballet slippers they use for class);
- wear a huge smile and have fun!

### 2. **NSOHD has plaid red circle skirts/ kilts for all of the dancers to borrow for this event.**

**PRIMARY DANCERS:** During classes on May 23rd, we will be labelling, pinning and temporarily adjusting skirts to fit each little dancer.

**SENIOR DANCERS:** Will be wearing loaned kilts that have already been fitted to them. Please be aware that there must be absolutely NO food or drink (other than water) around the kilts.

## MISS ADIE

Miss Adie has brought a wealth of experience, kindness, and energy to our classes. She is an accomplished highland dancer from Beckwith, with additional experience and training in multiple genres of dance (tap, ballet, modern, jazz etc.). We were quite fortunate to have her talent and passion available to us for the past two years, being shared with all of our students! Ms. Adie will be leaving us this September to continue her education at Dalhousie University-- to pursue her career goal of becoming a Marine Biologist! She will also be performing in Belgium at the Belgium International Tattoo! **Thank you for all your help, Adie!**



Although we will miss you, we are very excited and very proud of you!

## **BECKWITH HERITAGE PARADE**

We have also been invited to participate in the Beckwith parade on June 10th. Dancers need to arrive at the parking lot of Beckwith Public School at 11:40am, dressed and ready the same as the Lilac Festival. More info will be posted on the Nichols School private Facebook group so please keep checking for updates.

**\*\* Dancers who would like to participate in the parade must attend an extra class at Centennial Hall on June 6<sup>th</sup>, free of charge.\*\***

## **HIGHLAND GAMES**

Highland Games are magical festivals that bring together Canadians of all backgrounds to celebrate and enjoy Scottish sport, music, and culture. Visitors can enjoy exceptional

opportunities to discover the history and traditions of Scotland. If you are looking for a wonderful family adventure, close to home, I encourage you to check out these events. Highland dancing performances and competitions are normally featured at each event, and most include piping and drumming competitions, massed bands, Scottish vendors and foods, Scottish heavy athletic events, Ceilidh and other entertainment and games for children of all ages. Visit <https://nsohd.ca/links-and-resources/> to find the names and links (bottom right of the page) to most highland games in our region!

## **SUMMER COMPETITIVE CLASSES**

Summer classes are available for competitive dancers, or dancers who considering competing this summer. These classes will most likely be Tuesdays at 6 pm. Classes will be held at **Creative Edge in Carp** (on Carp Road) and will be taught by **Ms. Adie and Ms. Caroline**, since I will be highland dancing in Switzerland and Scotland for July and August. To attend classes, you must sign up ahead of time (**mandatory**) but payment will be pay-as-you-go. An online form will be available shortly for sign up, in the meanwhile, please let me know if you are interested or have any questions.

There will be a total of 7 summer classes starting July 11<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>. If there is a Tuesday that you already know you will be away for, please let me know asap. Classes will be \$13 each and can be e-transferred (pay-as-you-go) the night of class, or \$90 can be transferred in advance. E-transfer is preferred but if you wish to bring cash, please let me know.

*Celebrating Beckwith's Heritage*



BECKWITH HERITAGE DAYS PRESENTS ...

## HERITAGE PARADE

**Saturday, June 10th, 2023 at 12 P.M.**

Beginning at the Beckwith Public School and ending at the Beckwith Park Log Barns  
- 1523 9th Line to 1319 9th Line -

*See route with parking, and spectator viewing areas below*



For more information, or to register for the parade, please contact the Beckwith Township Office at 613.257.1539. Registration forms can be found at [www.twp.beckwith.on.ca](http://www.twp.beckwith.on.ca) under Community—Heritage

