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Dear Fellow Emeralds,

On behalf of the Officers and Executive Board of the New York City Department of Education Emerald Society, we want to welcome you back to the start of the 2023-2024 academic year.

The Emerald Society is committed to celebrating Irish culture, and promoting collegiality, community, and unity among all of our colleagues in the New York City Department of Education. To this end, we are inclusive of our Irish and honorary Irish brothers and sisters of the UFT, CSA, Local 94, and Local 891! In fact, our organization has been in existence for over fifty years because we celebrate our culture, and recognize and honor the contributions of all its members of the educational community within the NYC public schools.

At each event, we want to extend one hundred thousand welcomes to you, or C é ad mile f á ilte! We have many new initiatives and activities planned and hope that you will consider joining us, to celebrate and preserve the Irish culture, develop a sense of fellowship and benevolence, and honor our accomplishments. In addition, we raise funds for high school student scholarships as they start their college journey. This year, we look forward to providing you with a combination of virtual events and live events. We will continue to host virtual Trivia Nights, Ceol and Conversation, and a virtual tasting event!

Membership – You can easily renew your membership! \$35 for retirees and \$40 for active members. You have a choice of mailing a check to: NYCDOE Emerald Society, PO Box 604195, Bayside, NY 11360 or using EventBrite, located on our website.

October 26-Welcome Back Celebration at The Garryowen Club, the ultimate secret bar in NYC, landmarked 69th Regiment Armory on Lexington Ave. Please join us on October 26th, from 4:30-8:30PM. This is an event sure to please! We will have a taste testing from the Fighting 69th Street whiskey, drinks, and great networking. The event will be \$20 for members, \$40.00 for guests, which includes food and a two-hour open bar. This historic landmark bar will be closed for renovations for four years, so come celebrate with us!

March 8 –Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance. Join us this year as we recognize the efforts of our scholarship winners. In addition, we will honor the efforts of those going above and beyond on a daily basis in our city schools and, of course, enjoy the sights and sounds of Irish tradition.

This year, the membership application, the scholarship awards notice, and the subscription blank for the 2024 Journal will continue to be all online. Please, share this information with your colleagues, encourage them to join and support the Emerald Society, and meet our Irish brothers and sister who work to educate our city's future.

Applying for membership and reserving tickets to our scholarship dance can be done by mailing a check. Information will also be on the website, <https://www.emeraldsocietynycdoe.com/>

I look forward to seeing and welcoming all of you at this year's events!

Sincerely,

Donna McGuire

