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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 to 2024! The past few years have proven that we are all committed to education and the passion we have for our students and learning communities. We stayed connected, either in person or in a virtual way, and learned the value of doing so. The Emerald Society is committed to remaining connected, as a way to celebrate Irish culture and promote collegiality, community, and unity among all of our colleagues in the New York City Department of Education. We are inclusive of our Irish and honorary Irish brothers and sisters of the UFT, CSA, Local 94, and Local 891! 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 ad mile f ailte! We have many new initiatives and activities planned and hope that you will consider joining us, to celebrate and preserve the Irish culture, and develop a sense of fellowship, benevolence, and honor for our accomplishments.

**What's New?** We are pleased to announce that it is now easier than ever to continue your membership with the NYCDOE Emerald Society! Here are a few options to renew your dues.

- You can use this two-click landing page to pay online.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nycdoe-emerald-society-membership-dues-for-2023-2024-tickets-717564072457?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>

- Once you click on the Eventbrite page, you can purchase a "ticket" via Eventbrite, which serves as a record for paying your dues. Please kindly consider donating to our scholarship fund as well.

- If you prefer, you can still make a check out for \$40 (active members) or \$35 (for retirees) to NYCDOE Emerald Society. Simply print out and complete the membership form attached or visit our website, [www.emeraldsocietynycdoe.com](http://www.emeraldsocietynycdoe.com)

- Mail your dues and the completed membership form to NYCDOE Emerald Society, PO Box 604195, Bayside, NY 11360.

**January 21 – Ceol & Conversation** over a Sunday Brunch! Come join us either alone or bring your family and friends! We have a room reserved at Monahan & Fitzgerald in Queens! We have special surprise musical guests, brunch, and a presentation by Gradecam. Click here for more details... <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nycdoe-emerald-society-irish-brunch-monahan-fitzgerald-jan-2024-tickets-785423682377>

**March 8 – 52nd Annual Scholarship Gala.** Please join us for our 52nd Annual Scholarship Gala at Terrace on the Park. We will recognize the efforts of our scholarship winners! In addition, we will honor the efforts of those going beyond daily in our city schools, and of course, enjoy the sights and sounds of Irish tradition. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-nycdoe-emerald-society-annual-scholarship-dinner-dance-tickets-717583791437>

If you would like more information, please visit our website. <https://www.emeraldsocietynycdoe.com/> There you will find a membership application, the Scholarship Awards notice, and the subscription blank for the 2024 Journal. Please, share this information with your colleagues, encourage them to join and support the Emerald Society, and meet our Irish brothers and sisters who work to educate our city's future!

**March 16 –Saint Patrick's Day Parade!** All paid Emerald Society members are invited with their families to march with the NYCDOE Emerald Society in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Manhattan. The Parade has been a continuous celebration of our Irish culture since the first Parade in Manhattan in 1762. Incredibly, the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade is older than the United States of America. The Parade begins on 44th Street and ends on East 79th Street, marching up Fifth Avenue past Saint Patrick's Cathedral. This year, Saint Patrick's Day is on a Sunday. As a nod to Irish cultural tradition, the Manhattan parade is NEVER held on a Sunday so that the Sunday Sabbath can be observed.

Please sign up through Eventbrite for this exciting expression of our Irish Pride. Once the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Corporation assigns us our place and time for us to line up, we will share the information with those Emerald Society Members who have signed up through Eventbrite. Paid Emerald Society Members are encouraged to bring their families to this free and exciting event.

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

Sincerely,

Donna McGuire

President