



Career Discovery Program

**PASSING THE TORCH
ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES**

Mrs. Mary (Laffey) Beemsterboer
CHS Class of 1985
Director and Owner
Celtic Academy of Irish Dance



Mrs. Beemsterboer began Irish dancing at the early age of five and competed for 18 years. She assumed ownership, directorship, and artistic control of The Celtic Academy of Irish Dance in 1989 and received her teaching certification (TCRG) from An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha, the governing board of Irish dance in 1991. She has had the distinct pleasure of taking The Celtic Academy of Irish Dance from a school of less than 20 dancers in 1989 to over 100 dancers today.

Mary holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Wright State University and taught for eight years at Our Lady of the Rosary school in Dayton. She left teaching in 1998 when the dance school nearly tripled in size from the hit shows, *Riverdance* and *Lord of the Dance*. She is also the secretary of Emmanuel Catholic Church.

Education

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Wright State University
- Teaching Certification from An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha (Irish Dance Governing Board)

Are you interested in a career in **education, dance, or choreography?** Get your questions answered!

**When: Tuesday,
January 17, 2023
11:15 am-12:00 pm
(during 4th period)
Where: Room 310**

Stop in at the CLC to register or email mleaman@carrollhs.org or jweitz@carrollhs.org

**Be sure to pack or buy lunch and feel free to bring it with you to eat during the presentation! This is considered an excused absence from class.
Hope to see you there!**