



ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future

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Ambitions Fulfilled in the USA

At the end of September 40 of our athletes took part in the New Balance Oceanstate XC Cross Country in Providence, Rhode Island, USA. They visited Providence College where Drogheda man Keith Kelly was once considered a running legend, and met some of the students from North Kingdom High School.

But the Joey's minds were firmly set on Saturday Sept 26th. With an early start on the Open Trail Run staged at 8.00am David Carry was the clear winner. In the next race- The Freshmens, Ronan Fitzpatrick ran well finishing 19th among the 200 runners. Shortly after that the Junior Varsity team was in action and our boys did well to finish 5th in the team event.

But the day was all about the championship race when Joeys, going in as the underdogs, rallied to the finish in 2nd place in the team event. This was a great result for St. Joseph's as they were competing against some of the best High Schools from the North East of America. Carl Dunne was best on the day for the Joeys, finishing 9th, while Jake McDonnell, Norbert Feeney and Fergal Barnes also ran well.



Key Programme 2009

Since September, twelve Third Year students from St. Joseph's have been taking part in the Key Programme at the Share Centre



Lisnaskea Co. Fermanagh. They are Ryan Carroll, Ryan Carton, Thomas O' Hanlon, Seán Hodgins, Andrew Gorman, Peter Hand, Seán Lambe, Emmet Murphy, David Sharkey, Stephen Harding, Oisín Mc Avinchey and Jack Keogh and KEY Programme co-ordinator Ms. Flood. They undertake outdoor activities and also learn c.v. preparation, partake in mock interviews and set up a mini company. The students are continually assessed on their development.

St Joseph's India project

On Oct 20th seven students will be travelling to Shillong, a city in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains in North East India as part of the St. Joseph's India project.

The students, Sean Tester, John McEneaney, Ciaran Brennan, Eoghan Reilly, Cillian O'Gara, David ledwith and Andrew Reddin will be accompanied by Mr. Mansfield, Ms. McCabe, and Mr. Nolan.

While in India the group will be teaching English to children who otherwise would not have this opportunity while also improving their own knowledge and insights into the lives of a children from another culture



The Economics of Staying In School

Class 32A have just completed the third part of the Junior Achievement "The Economics of Staying In School" Programme. The students visited D.K.I.T. to get an insight into the opportunities available to them at third level. At the beginning of October 2009 the class went to Halifax Dundalk on a work shadowing experience. They were given an insight into an active workplace and how developing good work habits; punctuality, attendance, appropriate dress and professionalism, are all essential in the world of work. To complete the programme the students will be attending an outdoor activities day in Carlingford Adventure Centre after the mid-term break.

Sharing Our Community Programme

Two classes from second year will be taking part in the Sharing our Community Programme, a cross border, cross community initiative aimed at breaking down barriers and tackling issues of racism and sectarianism in particular. The programme involves the students in school based workshops followed by a fun event in Dundalk/ Newry. It is a Junior Achievement Peace Three initiative.

Check out the latest news on our

School's Website www.droghedacbs.ie



Career Guidance Reminder for Sixth Years

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS (2009 – 10)

College	Date of Open Day
NUI Galway	Friday, 2 October
UCC Cork	Saturday, 10 Oct
Limerick University and Colleges	Tuesday, 13 October
Dundalk IT	Friday, 16 Oct Bus from School
Waterford – Pilot Training College	Friday, 30 Oct
National Maritime College	Wednesday, 4 Nov
Ballyhaise Agri College	Friday, 6 Nov
IT Blanchardstown	Tuesday, 10 November
IT Athlone	Friday, 13 Nov
National College of Ireland, Dublin	Wednesday, 18 Nov
DCU	Saturday, 21 Nov
Primary Teacher Training Colleges	Saturday, 21 Nov
Dun Laoghaire IADT	Saturday, 28 Nov
NUI Maynooth	Saturday, 28 Nov
National College of Art and Design	Thursday, 3 Dec
UCD	Saturday, 5 Dec
Dublin Institute of Technology DIT	Saturday, 5 Dec
Trinity College Dublin	Wednesday, 9 December

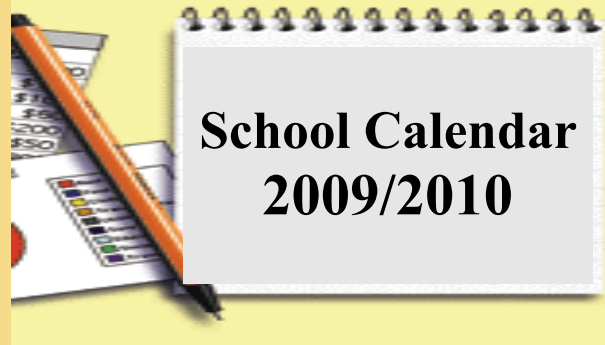
Good Start in the Senior Football

Our Senior footballers had a successful start to the season with a win over De La Salle, Dundalk recently beating them 1.7 to 1.5. In their second game with Colaiste Ris Dundalk they were beaten by a point with the final score being 1.5 to 7 points. The main scorers in the matches were Michael McKeon, Conor Campbell and Jamie King.




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School Calendar 2009/2010

This may be subject to change

First Term

Mid-term break: Closing Friday Oct 23rd Oct 2009 at 3.45

Second Term:

School re-opens: Monday, November 2nd 2009

Staff Meeting: Nov 3rd 2009 at 3.00pm

House Examinations : Mon Nov 9th - Fri Nov 13th

November Examinations: Commencing Nov 23rd 2009

School Closed : Monday Dec 7th 2009

Parent/Teacher Meeting, Sixth Years Tues. Dec 8th 2009 between 9.00 and 12.00

Parent/Teacher Meeting, Third Years, Tues Dec 8th 2009 Between 1.00 and 3.30.

Staff Meeting: Wed. Dec 16th 2009 at 3.00pm

Christmas Holidays: Fri, Dec. 22nd 2009 at 12.35

School re-opens Thurs, Jan 7th. 2010

Staff Development Day: Mon. Jan 18th 2010

Pre-Leaving and Pre-Junior Examinations Wed Feb 3rd to Fri. Feb 12th 2010

Mid-term break - Closing on Fri, Feb 12th 2010 at 3.45.

Third Term:

School re-opens: Mon, Feb 22nd 2010

School closed: Wed, March 17th 2010

Easter Holidays - Fri, March 26th 2010

School re-opens - Mon, April 12th 2010

School closed - Fri. April 30th

School closed - Mon, May 3rd 2010

Summer Holidays - Fri, June 4th 2010 at 12.35

State Examinations - Commencing Wed, June 9th 2010

(Parent Teacher meetings for First, Second and Fifth Years have to be arranged)

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