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A Great Victory for St. Joseph's

In their first Lennon cup since 2003 our Under 18 footballers beat St. Mary's Dundalk in by 1.8 to 0.9.

An early goal by Jamie King and a fine penalty by Mattock Rangers goalkeeper, Tim Smith proved crucial in deciding this game. The wet and cold conditions on the night also proved a major factor on the quality of the play by both teams. However St. Josephs stuck together and came out on top with captain, Michael McKeown bringing back the cup to St. Joseph's for six years.

Our junior footballers have also fared well with a win by the Under 16's in the North Leinster Championships, against Dunboyne VEC. The final result was 4.7 to 2.11 with main scorers being Michael Flanagan, Ronan Fitzpatrick, Anthony Lynch and our main scorer on the day - Darren Hoey scoring two goals. The match was held in Darver



The Peadar McCann Awards Evening

Student achievements in the academic, sporting and social justice spheres were honoured at the Peadar Mc Cann Awards evening in St. Joseph's CBS, Newfoundwell last week. The event is being hosted by the St. Joseph's CBS Past Pupils Union and everyone is welcome. The Peadar Mc Cann award for the highest achieving Leaving Cert student was presented by Mr. John McGinley, former Town Clerk, to Paul Sharkey from Tullydonnell, Togher who achieved 7As in the 2009 State Examinations. Paul is now studying Mathematical Science at UCD. In his speech he praised the work of the staff of St. Josephs who had provided a broad and quality education to thousands of local children down the years. He also noted welcome developments in education and technology since he was a Leaving Cert Student in 1952.

The Junior Certificate award went to Ciarán Brennan from Monasterboice, now in Transition Year, who achieved 11As. Gold medals were presented by the President of the Past Pupils Union to Leaving Certificate students, Francis Hand, James O'Hanlon and Brendan Winters. The winner of the Br. Hunt Sports Star of the Year Award was Ryan Sheridan and this was presented by Tommy Byrne while Jack Keogh was the winner of the Paddy Hallinan Cup, as the most promising young Gaelic player in Second Year. Tommy Byrne spoke of the need for a healthy balance in a student's life and the huge benefits to be derived from sport and physical activity. "Sport should be considered as the extra honour in your back pocket," he told the students, as he congratulated the school teams on all their successes, the Lennon Cup being the most recent. The Jim Hanlon Civic Award was presented by his sister Vera Hanlon to fifth year student, Niall Shevlin, for all his work on behalf of the school community.

The President's Award was presented by Seán Ó Briain to Carl Dunne for his outstanding achievements in athletics. The school Principal, Mary Adamson, was then presented with a cheque by Mr. John Mc Ginley towards the purchase of educational resources for the school. Ms Adamson thanked and paid tribute to all those present.

New Board of Management Appointed

Our Board of Management for the next three years are:

Mr Paul Savage, Mr Oliver Tully, Ms Ann Marie Murray, Ms Mary Adamson (Secretary), Ms Pauline Plunkett (Chairperson), Mr. Peter Higgins, Mr. Liam Doran, Ms Catherine Costello and Mr John McEneaney.

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We wish our new Senior Prefects a very successful year.

First Year Funday

On Dec 10th there will be First Year Funday. All first Year Students are asked to bring in their P.E. gear on that day. During the funday there will be Football Tournaments, Races Obstacle Course, And much much more

There is an entry fee of 3 Euros and all First Year Students must take part.

Also, raffle tickets will be on sale

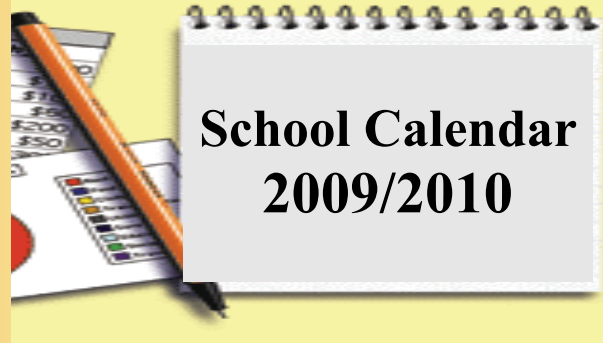
- 1 Euro for two strip of tickets
- 2 Euro for five strip of tickets

Free refreshments will be available

Oireachtas Members Go Back to School

Louth Oireachtas Members Fergus O'Dowd TD, and Arthur Morgan TD went back to school on the 16th October when they paid a visit to students at St Joseph's CBS, Drogheda. They spent time with Junior Certificate CSPE (Civil, Social and Political Education) students at St Joseph's CBS as part of the Houses of Oireachtas Education Outreach Programme, which is being rolled out to secondary schools across the country, to facilitate a better understanding of the role of elected representatives and explain the functions of the Dáil and Seanad.

CSPE class teacher Tracy Murray facilitated a lively hour long debate between the Oireachtas Members and students. During the class, Deputy Fergus O'Dowd and Deputy Arthur Morgan were given the chance to outline their roles as Oireachtas members and explain the work of the Dáil and Seanad, while students also questioned their TDs on a wide range of local and national topics. Some of the issues which came up included: the state of the economy, the aftermath of the Lisbon referendum, the role of the Defence Forces in Ireland, whether there needs to be an election now, and the recent appointment of Louth TD Seamus Kirk to the position of Ceann Comhairle.



School Calendar 2009/2010

This may be subject to change

Second Term:

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: Tues 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

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