



# ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future**

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## **Brother John Heneghan R.I.P.**

The death has occurred of Br. John Heneghan, Principal of St. Joseph's CBS Secondary School from 1969-1970, and former Provincial of the Christian Brothers, St. Mary's Province, Ireland. Born in Tuam, Co Galway in 1934 he was educated at CBS Tuam and made his final profession as a Christian Brother in 1959. A teacher, lecturer and school principal, he continued his studies in Rome and later in Louvain In Belgium, all of which gave him a broad, modern, European perspective. Appointed Principal of St. Joseph's CBS Secondary School, Drogheda, in 1969 he was the first principal to organise a Debs and graduation party for Leaving Cert students. Fifteen years later, as Provincial of the Christian Brothers, he was instrumental on behalf of the order in purchasing land at Newfoundwell, where he envisioned the new St. Joseph's CBS Secondary School for Drogheda would be built. In 1970 he was appointed to Mt. Oliver in Dundalk where he spearheaded a new religious education and catechism programme for post-primary schools and an innovative training programme for school Chaplains and Religious Education teachers.

He was one of a number of Christian Brothers who were to the forefront in establishing Parents' Councils, as well as the appointment of Boards of Management and lay Principals to their schools. His belief in the role of the lay people was copper fastened in 2003, when he was appointed project manager for the Edmund Rice Schools Trust. The Congregation had invited Br. John to come up with various options and proposals on how the trusteeship of CBS schools in Ireland could be managed into the future. Having consulted widely with the Edmund Rice network, Br. John proposed that the schools be handed on to a body of lay people who were committed to the provision of Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition. His proposal was accepted and he headed a small team of people who made the trust a reality in June 2007. He later advised other Congregations on models of trusteeship for their own network of schools. A man of sharp intellect, he was also a person of great charisma, sincerity and humility.

The most abiding memory of him is a person who lived life to the full. Right up to his death, he was a man of great energy, commitment and Christian concern for his fellow human beings. A great organiser, he could see the bigger picture, yet paid close attention to detail. He was a team leader who was invitational and inclusive. He was a warm, loving and caring person and many people felt uplifted in his presence.

He was generous and kind and will be sorely missed by his sisters Bridie and Peggy, his sister in law Eileen, his nephews and nieces, grand nephews and grand nieces, by his confreres in the Congregation and his wide circle of friends, which include many in the north east - in Drogheda, Dundalk, Monaghan and Kells. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

Important dates for your Diary  
Please take note of the following dates coming up  
this term:

- Mocks commencing Thursday Feb 4th
- Entrance Exams for incoming First Years is on March 20th Saturday.
- Fifth Year Parent/Teacher Meeting is on March 15th between 10.30 and 12.30
- First Year Parent/Teacher Meeting is on March 15th between 1.30 and 3.30

## Differential Aptitude Tests (DATS) Planned for February

In order to facilitate Third Year students to make informed Subject choices for their Leaving Certificate, the School Guidance department has arranged for the DATS assessment to be held in the school on Wednesday morning 3 February from 9am to 2.15pm. (3rd Year students)

The DATS (Differential Aptitude Tests) involves assessment in the following areas:

- Verbal reasoning,
- Numerical reasoning,
- Mechanical reasoning,
- Space Relations,
- Speed and Accuracy,
- Grammar and Spelling.

DATS for all Fifth YEAR students (to help them decide on future courses and careers) will be held on Wednesday, 25 February (5th Year students)

In view of the current difficult financial situation in which many families find themselves, the Principal Mrs Adamson and the school management team have agreed that there will be no charge for the DATS assessment in the current academic year.

## Hoodies For Haiti Raises Nearly 2,000 Euro



In January 2010 it was decided to raise money for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, when Ms Flood and a number of other teachers organised a Hoodie for Haiti Day in which all students and staff wearing hoodies on Jan 22nd were to donate two euro. By lunch time the amount collected was the staggering 1900 Euro. Congratulations to all concerned. Our picture shows Ms Flood with her Sixth Year Class giving it up for Haiti

## Under 18 Football Success in the Senior North Leinster Semi Finals

Last Friday our Under 18 beat St Mary's Diocesan 2.13 to 3.8 in the Senior North Leinster Semi Final in Monasterboice. The main scorers were Anthony Williams, 2 points, Jamie King 1.2, Conor Smith a point, Michael Mckeown 1.2 Ryan Sheridan 2 points, Conor Campbell 1 point. They will be meeting the winners of the other semi final in the finals. Our team are the defending champions.



Meanwhile our U16 footballers won their first match against De La Salle, Dundalk by two points in the Louth U16 Championship in Darver last week.

### Contacting the School

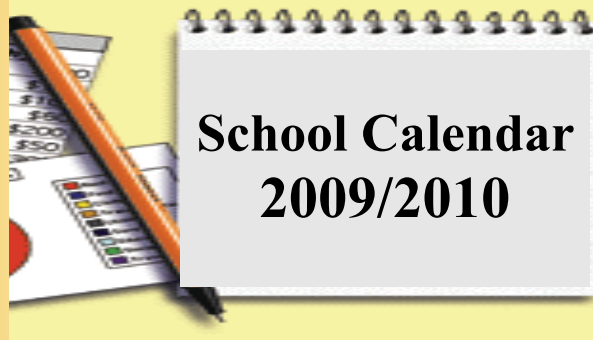
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If you wish to meet a member of staff, please phone and make an appointment



## School Calendar 2009/2010

This may be subject to change

### Second Term:

**Pre-Leaving and Pre-Junior Examinations** Thur Feb 4th 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

**Parent/Teacher Meeting Fifth Years** : Mon Mar 15th from 10.30 to 12.30

**Parent/Teacher Meeting First Years** : Mon Mar 15th from 1.30 to 3.30

**Staff In-service Day** : Tuesday Mar 16th

**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

For those who have missed the Boat, there is still hope. But you must hurry to board it at the next port.



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