

Information for incoming 1st years who are starting in St. Joseph's Secondary School in September 2015.

There are now 150 students enrolled for first year in September 2016.

There will be an Information Meeting for the new students and their parents/guardians in the school on Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm.

The assessment tests for the new first year students will take place over six days, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 January. Parents will receive a letter in the post indicating which day their son is required to attend.

In order to assist the new students with their choice of option subjects, there will be sampling classes for each of the subjects on Friday 5th February. The new students will attend for the full day and will attend ten different classes. The current first year students will not attend classes on this day so that we can arrange these sampling classes for the new students.



AFTER SCHOOL STUDY

After school study is available to all students from 4pm to 6pm from Monday to Thursday inclusive. The cost for the four evenings is €8. Third and sixth year students in particular are encouraged to avail of this service particularly with the Pre Exams starting on Wednesday 3rd of February. It has been our experience that students who avail of the supervised study have achieved extremely good grades in the State exams.

Two hours work at supervised study can take considerably longer to complete at home when one considers all the distractions that can be availed of at home. All third and sixth year students have attended a workshop in school on how to study.

There will be supervised study available, 9am to 12pm, in the school during the February mid term break and over the Easter break. A nominal fee of €5 in total is charged to students attending on any or all the mornings during these school breaks. This year the Easter break is 18 days long.

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If you wish to meet a member of staff, please phone and make an appointment through the school office.

School Calendar 2015/16

January 2016
6th School re-opens

February 2016
3rd Pre exams start and finish on the 12th
11th Second year parent/teacher meeting
15th to 19th Mid Term break
23rd Fifth year parent/teacher meeting

March 2016
15th Sixth year parent/teacher meeting for selected students and their parents
16th Last day of term
17th Bank holiday and start of Easter break
27th Easter Sunday

April 2016
4th Start of final term
6th First year parent teacher meeting
29th School closed

May 2016
2nd Bank Holiday
9th Peadar Mc Cann Awards Night
25th Sixth year graduation Mass
30th TY End of year night
31st May and 1st, 2nd and 3rd June House exams

June 2016
3rd Last day of school term
6th Bank holiday
8th State exams start



Joe's 2-16 Colaiste ris 0-7 1st round.

The Joe's kicked off their campaign against a Colaiste Ris side who had beaten them the previous year. The Joe's started brightly and early points from Ross Nally, Declan McNamara and Eoin Callaghan set the tone for the day. Second half goals from Ross Nally and Sean Birch helped record an easy victory.

Joe's 5-6 St Oliver's 1-1 2nd round

The Joe's recorded a comfortable victory against local rivals St Oliver's to top their group in style. Missing 11 players due to the club county final commitments gave the managers Mr mc Cole and Mr Mathews a chance to use the full squad and the lads didn't disappoint. Outstanding goal from Nathan Seery who ran the pitch before firing to the top corner was the pick of their 5 goals which were scored by Declan McNamara, Joseph Corrigan, Caolin O'Neill and Pdraig O Donohue.

Joe's 2-22 Dunleer ? Quarter final

The Joe's record an emphatic quarter final win against a young Dunleer team who were simply blown away by a very strong performance. The Joe's fired two early goals from Ronan Levins and Ross Nally. Good performances from Paul Mathews and Ian Connor ensured a big win.

Joe's 2-6 O Fiaich 0-7 Semi final

The Joe's had their sternest test to date against a physical O Fiaich side in Darver. The game was even enough at three points each with O Fiaich employing a sweeper in front of Nally and Seery to good effect. Then as the sweeper was out of position a superb through ball found Nally one on one and the captain duly did the rest to fire clinically to the net. That proved to be a turning point in the game as the Joe's scored a lovely opportunist goal early in the second half when the excellent Pdraig O Donohue flicked to the net. The defensive unit was excellent with Ronan Levins and Sam Reilly excelling at half back and Shane Morgan outstanding at full back as he has been all year.

Lennon Cup Schools final St Joseph's Drogheda 1-7 Bush CC 1-3

Ross Nally produced a masterclass in forward play as he accounted for all St Joseph's scores in a well deserved victory for the Drogheda students in the Lennon Cup final in Darver. Bush employed two sweepers in front of Nally but after only two minutes a superb move involving Eoin Callaghan and Nathan Seery allowed Nally to round his man and fire to the net. The Joe's buoyed by that score controlled the game and played some composed accurate football against a well organised Bush team. Ian Connor, Paul Mathews and especially Ronan Levins continually broke the lines of the Bush defence to get frees which Nally duly converted. Man of the match final was Paul Mathews.



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Percent for Art Project.

On the 21st of December the 'Percent for Art Project' commissioned by the Board of Management and funded by the Department of Arts, Culture and Heritage was officially unveiled in the school grounds. The project takes the form of a sun dial with clock movements engraved by hand into the stones. The installation is located in front of the new Whitaker Building. The date for the unveiling was chosen as the Winter Solstice falls on this day. Unfortunately the weather on the day was wet and windy.

The photo above from L to R: Mr K Kennedy artist's assistant, Art teachers Ms G Burke and Ms T Murray, Mr R Mitchell chairperson of the Board of Management Art Committee, Mr Sunny Weiner artist, Mr Brian Hartin Arts Officer, Louth Co Council, Mr J Mc Eneaney Chairperson Board of Management, Mr D Madden Principal, Mr P Savage Deputy Principal and Michael Janik Chairman Students Council.



Christmas Fundraiser for the Drogheda Women's Refuge

On the last day of term, 22nd December, the school year was brought to a close with Christmas Carols in the student canteen. The Carol singing was organised by Ms Flood and Mr Vaughan. School caretaker Niall Leonard brought proceedings to a close and treated us to a rendition of Shane Mc Gowan's Christmas classic 'Fairytale of New York'.

It is a tradition in the Joe's to have a non-uniform fundraising day on the last day of each term but this was brought forward to Friday 18th. The proceeds of the day were added to funds raised at a 6th year coffee morning and a staff coffee morning and raffle organised by the TY class. The total amount raised from all three events came to €1,400 and this was used to purchase essential supplies for the Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge Centre such as food, toiletries and toys for the children for Christmas.



Annual Johnny Mc Kenna Run

Each year teacher Mr Stephenson organises a 12km run for the teachers and students of St. Joseph's. The route of the run is from Clogher Head pier to the school and it takes place on the last day of term before Christmas. The funds raised are donated to the Drogheda Home Hospice Service. Mr Kent and Mr Murphy represented the teachers this year and it was nice to see some past pupils complete the run as well.

Junior Rugby

Conditions were perfect on Dec 17th last for what turned out to be an epic and historic victory for St. Joseph's Junior Rugby Squad. Facing a tough and well coached side in Mount Temple, this Duff Shield game was always going to be a big challenge. The Joe's got the scoreboard ticking over first with a superb solo try by right wing Shane Hickey. Hickey running from inside his own 22, handed off at least 6 opposition tacklers and ran the length of the pitch scoring a try beneath the goalposts. Centre Niall Mc Donnell converted to make it 7-0 to The Joe's. Fierce tackling and tense scrummaging dominated proceedings and this game was a thriller for those watching on the side-lines. Mount Temple scored next making it 7-5, a missed conversion giving the Joe's some breathing space.

First out of the blocks in the 2nd half were the Joe's and they enjoyed a wealth of possession. It must be noted the performance of the pack. Led by Capt. Tadhg O'Reilly the tackle count and yards gained proved to be the winning of this fraught contest. Indeed, flanker Andrew Dalton scored two nearly identical but very impressive tries off the back of the scrum. Both in the left hand corner. Both converted by Niall Mc Donnell. Mount Temple quickly scored again with a well worked try by their immense number 5. However a missed conversion again meant Joe's were never going to be caught at 21-10. Another Joe's try followed. Cody O'Neill barrelling over towards the end of the second half from a block down kick. Mount Temple clearly frustrated at not clearing their lines. Overall a superb team performance.

Final score: St. Joseph's 26 Mount Temple 10.

Rugby coaches: Ms Hackett and Mr Mc Creery.

St. Joseph's Chess Club

The school has a very active Chess Club which meets every Thursday lunch time and is organised by retired caretaker and member of Drogheda Chess Club Brendan Reilly. A chess championship was organised for all the club members to participate in. Winning through each of the knockout rounds were Michael Janik, 5.2, and Conor Reynolds, 2R. The final between these two students was an epic with Michael winning in the end.



Photo shows Brendan with Michael and Conor.

Shane Mc Quillan was placed 3rd.



Free Computer Classes

The Transition Year Students are offering a free course to people over the age of 60 in 'Computers for Beginners'. The classes will be held in the school on three Tuesday afternoons, 19th and 26th of January and the 2nd of February. Please phone the school office to book your place on the course.