



6th year Leaving Cert Applied students planting shrubs in the school grounds as part of their community work project.

### Careers Night

A Careers Information Night was hosted in St. Joseph's on the 3rd of March for all the third year and Transition year students who attend the six second level schools in Drogheda. The event which was extremely well attended, was organised by the Guidance Counsellors from each of the schools. Photo below shows Yih Chong, 5th year Senior Prefect, with a member of the Defence Forces

Supervised study is available for all students from 4pm to 6pm, Monday to Thursday. It is also available for 3rd and 6th year students every Saturday morning from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm



### Presentation of the Tricolour to St. Joseph's

The Tricolour flag was presented to each of the second level schools in Croke park on the 7th of March. Attending the presentation ceremony on behalf of our school were teachers Mr O Suilleabhain and Mr Sharkey together with students Eoin Reid, Adam Mc Loughlin and Conor O Callaghan.

The flag will be proudly displayed in the front lobby of the school together with the Proclamation and information about Eamonn Ceannt who was a signatory to the Proclamation and a past pupil of St. Joseph's. A flag raising ceremony is planned to take place in our school grounds for Wednesday 4th of May at 10 am which all of our students will attend.



### School Calendar 2015/2016

#### 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  
3rd Staff Development Day. School closed.  
9th Peadar Mc Cann Awards Night  
25th Sixth year graduation Mass  
30th TY End of year night  
31st May and 1st, 2nd, 3rd June House exams

#### June 2016

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

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

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# ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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### MasterChef

### St. Joseph's v Our Lady's, Greenhills

The Parents Council annual fundraiser for the Breakfast Club was held in the school on the 7th of March. It took the format of a cooking competition between TY students from St Joseph's and Greenhills. As part of the evening was a cookery demonstration by Marie Mc Guirk from the ICA, An Grianan. The cooking was judged by Marie Mc Guirk, Tara Walker from East Coast Cookery School and Amanda Martin from Hilton Foods Ltd. MC for the evening was past pupil Gerry Kelly from LMFM. The event was sponsored by a number of local Drogheda businesses including the main sponsor Hilton Foods and Briscoe Electrical and Flogas. The marking was very close with the St. Joseph's boys just shading it. We would like to thank the Parents Council for the enormous work they put in to organise this event and raise much needed funds for the Breakfast Club and to the teachers Ms Flood from St. Joseph's and Ms Byrne from Greenhills. Prize winners of the Supporters Draw are listed on the school's website [www.droghedacbs.ie](http://www.droghedacbs.ie)



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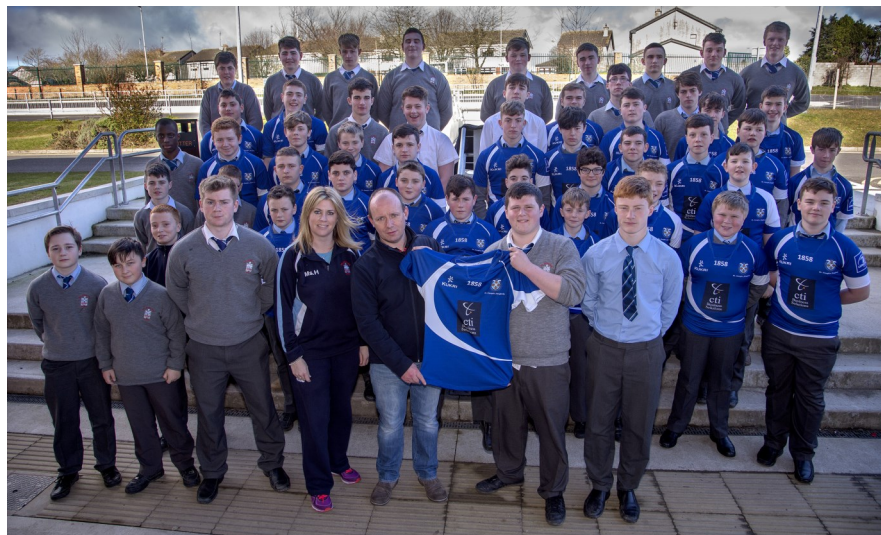


Photo left are all the Junior rugby players with Mark Kirwan, general manager of CTI Business Solutions, presenting the new rugby jerseys.



Photo right are students Tadhg O Reilly and Cody O Neill with Bryan Morgan, general manager of G Morgan & Sons Ltd presenting the new rugby jerseys and teacher Ms Hackett.



### Junior Rugby

The sport of rugby is continuing to go from strength to strength in St. Joseph's. The junior team have recorded a number of significant wins recently against very good opposition. The photos left and below were taken at the recent away match in Mullingar against Wilsons Hospital boarding school with the Joe's winning 12 — 8. Winning the lineout ball is Eoghan Winters and the photo below are three photos showing Shane Hickey scoring a try. Great credit to teacher Ms Hackett who is coaching the school's rugby teams. We would also like to thank local businesses Morgan Furniture and CTI for jointly sponsoring the rugby kit.



### Excellence in Business Studies

NUI Maynooth presented Certificates of Excellence to Business Studies students of St. Joseph's at a recent Presentation Ceremony, recognising their achievements in the State Exams of 2015. A Certificate of Excellence was also awarded to the teachers in our Business Studies department for the teaching and promotion of Business Studies. Our photo left shows student representative Jason Nolan (left), President of NUI Maynooth, Professor Philip Nolan (centre) and St. Joseph's Business teacher Mr. B Lynch (right).

### Re-enrolment for 2016—2017 school year

If your son is returning to us for the 2016 – 2017 school year he will need to be re-enrolled on Tuesday 3rd of May. The school office will be open on this day to accept the registration form and the facility/registration fee. The school office will post out to parents a reminder and the registration form in mid April.

Please note that the submission of a completed and signed registration form is a condition of re-enrolment.

### Book Rental Fee

If your son avails of the Book Rental scheme the fee for this is due to for payment by Tuesday 31st of May at the general office.



Four St. Joseph's students were chosen to take part in the Catholic Schools Week Service held in Drumcree Church in Portadown on the 27th of January, 2016. The students read and presented a beautiful wall hanging completed by the Art department. Students & teachers from all across the Diocese were present at a wonderful celebration of the work and ethos of Catholic education. Pictured with Archbishop Eamon Martin are Louis Flanagan, Rónán Collins, Darragh McHugh, J.P. Hughes and Ms. Flood, school chaplain.

### School Closure

We wish to inform parents that the school will be closed to students on Tuesday 3rd of May due to a staff in-service day.

The school will therefore be closed on the May bank holiday weekend from Friday 29th April to Tuesday 3rd of May inclusive.



On Wednesday 24/02/16, our senior Water Polo team competed in the Ireland water polo Schools competition in Falls Leisure Centre in Belfast. There was tough competition on the day with schools from all around Ireland.

Our first match was against Lisburn, a school in Belfast and the second was against Belvedere College in Dublin. Both schools had members of the Irish squad on their team but nevertheless, the Joe's put up a hard fight. We narrowly lost both games by a score of 5-2. James Healy and Andrew Healy led the squad with amazing team work in what were very tough matches. Aaron Grimes had some amazing saves in goals. Dom Gradwell was fantastic as coach to guide our students through and work on tactics.

Our next competition will be the O' Brien Cup in April. We wish our team ever success.



Senior Citizens photo'd with TY students at the recent ICT course held in the school for the over 60's.