



ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future

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Career's Exploration Evening

Parents and Students of Third Year and Transition Year from all of Drogheda's schools were invited to attend a Careers Exploration Evening in St. Joseph's Secondary from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evening, 26 January. The Evening was officially opened by businessman and Senator Feargal Quinn of Local Heroes fame.

Representatives from over 50 Career Areas including Engineering, Garda, Nursing, Multimedia, Computers, Accountancy, Hairdressing, Sports, Primary Teaching, Journalism, Architecture, Business, Beauty, Law, Medical Careers, Agri-food business, Higher and Further Education and many more answered any questions students had on the career area of their choice and on which subjects or courses might be helpful or appropriate for those particular careers.

The event was organised by Drogheda's School Guidance Counsellors and is open to all 3rd Year and Transition Year students from the town.

St. Joseph's Breakfast Club Launched

From Monday January 30th a full breakfast will be offered freely to all students from 8.15—8.45am. Sponsored by Kelloggs, Total Produce and Avonmore. Breakfast will be offered to early comers each morning. The venture is sponsored by our Parents' Council who are contributing 500 euro to start the project. Other fundraising is planned in the coming months which will include a fashion show in March, a soccer blitz and a concert later on in the term. We wish the project every success.

The LET Programme

The second LET Residential took place on Monday the 16th of Jan to Wednesday the 18th of Jan. The boys took part in enterprise training on money management and budgeting. They also canoed on the river Bann in Co. Derry. The ten boys took part in Peace Players, wherein they learned how to play Rugby, Gaelic and Soccer with six schools from Northern Ireland and the Republic. They also took part in a workshop on stereotypes and prejudices, and other outdoor activities, e.g. shelter building and a night line.

Hurling Practice

Hurling Training has commenced at lunch time on Thursday and Fridays in the Gym for all First and Second Years

The Registration Forms for the coming year can be found on our website www.droghedacbs.ie and have to be submitted on March 15th 2012. Log onto our site for the most up to date information about our school

Junior Boxing Coming to St. Joseph's



Links have been forged with the local Tredagh Boxing club who will be organising boxing for juniors on Wednesdays at lunch time in the gym, commencing Wednesday Jan 25th. The Tredagh Club will also be using our gym on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday nights at 7.00 for training, and are looking for new members.

Our Picture shows some of the trainers from the Club with some of our students who are members. Our school looks forward to working with the Tredagh Boxing Club in the future. If you are interested in joining the club come along on Wednesdays at lunch time.

Drogheda Women's Refuge and Children's Refuge Centre Letter of Thanks for our Food Appeal

On Jan 12th Ms Theresa Woods from the Drogheda Women's Refuge and Children's Refuge visited our school to thank us for the donations to the food appeal organised by the students and the 800 euro donated by the management and staff. Ms Theresa Woods reported that last year 23 children aged 4 months to 17 years spent Christmas in the Refuge and due to ongoing support, the important work of the Refuge can continue especially now in this time of recession

U 14 Gaelic Team Through to the North Leinster Finals

In an astounding win over Collaiste Choilm Tullamore our Under 14 Footballers have reached the finals of the North Leinster where they will be meeting Kilcock on Jan 27th. The main scorers on the day were Ciaran Downey 1.4, Ross Nally, 1.2, Ross Guildea 1.1 and Emmet Carolan
We wish them the very best in the finals.

Rugby Squad Unbeaten Record Continues

After comprehensive victories over Gormanstown College and Colaiste na hInse in 2011 St Josephs Junior's are set for their first game of the new year against Moyne CS in the Junior Development Shield quarter final on Friday 27th. In their most recent training session the lads have shown some real fire and Captain Adam Brodigan (3rd year) and his men are primed and ready for their encounter with their Longford rivals. Meanwhile Mr. Webb and Mr. McCreery have accepted an invitation from Blackrock College, Dublin for a friendly match to be played in the coming weeks.

Under 17 Soccer Successes

The Soccer team in the school is enjoying a great run of results at the moment with a seven game unbeaten record leading them to a regional final along with a Leinster Cup quarter final. Both of these games are to be played in the next two weeks. The last two victories were against the same team which we happened to get in both competitions. They are Colaiste Ris CBS from Dundalk. In the first game, which was played at the school pitch, nothing separated the teams by the time the final whistle went. In extra time with a wonder goal from Arnold Masamba and a late finish from Ryan Connor the deal was sealed for our team. The second game against Colaiste Ris that was played on Thursday the 19th saw the team fighting for a place in this year's Northeast leinster final. Weather conditions were appalling but the boys from St Josephs dug deep and came from behind to win 2-1 after a spectacular strike from Conor Moore to level the teams and then a late winner from Craig Pentony. Other fantastic performances came from the team captain Manuel Kaguako, Leigh Synnott, Ronan Hoey, Tobi Oladapo, and Jason Cronan. We wish the lads the best of luck in their upcoming games!

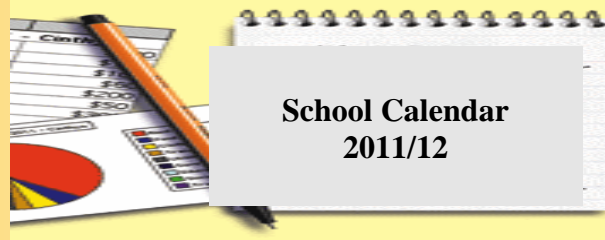
The Key Programme

Students from our Key Programme will be attending their second residential in Hollywood, Co. Antrim at the beginning of February. During this residential between Feb 6 and 8th they will be interviewed by members of the business community and will be learning how to carry out interviews.

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



Check out the latest news on our School's Website
www.droghedacbs.ie



School Calendar 2011/12

This may be subject to change

Second Term:

Pre-Junior and Leaving Exams: From Feb 1st to Feb 10th 2012

Mid-term break - Closing on Friday, Feb 10th 2012 at 3.45

Third Term:

School re-opens: Monday, Feb 20th 2012

First Year Parent/Teacher Meeting: Tuesday Feb 21st 2012 from 4.00 to 6.45pm

Fifth Year Parent/Teacher Meeting: Monday Feb 27th 2012 from 4.00 to 6.45pm

Bank Holiday: Monday March 19th 2012

Second Year Parent/Teacher Meeting: Thursday March 29th 2012 from 4.00 to 6.45pm

Easter Holidays - Friday, Mar 30th 2012 at 3.45pm

School re-opens - Monday, April 16th 2012

Transition Year Parent/Teacher Meeting:

Wednesday April 18th from 4.00 to 6.45pm

Bank Holiday: Monday May 7th 2012

Summer Exams (1st, 2nd, 5th): From Tuesday May 29th to June 1st 2012

Summer Holidays - Friday June 1st 2012 at 12.40

State Examinations - Commencing Wednesday June 6th 2012

Our School's policies are online

You can now access our schools Code of Behaviour and other school policies on our website www.droghedacbs.ie

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

