

*ST. JOSEPH'S
SECONDARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER*

Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Parents Council are selling Christmas Cards to raise funds for the Breakfast Club, subsidising supervised study during mid terms, Christmas and Easter and purchasing sports equipment for the school teams. Funds raised are directly benefiting the students.

The cards have images of local Drogheda landmarks. A pack of six cards cost €5 and are available from the school office. Your support of this fund raising initiative is greatly appreciated.



COSTUME DAY—HALLOWEEN

On the last day of term in October a Costume Day was arranged by class 3R and their form tutor Mr. O Lomasney to raise funds for a local charity, The Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre. Both teachers and students dressed up in their costumes for the day and paid for the privilege. A total of €1,000 was collected on the day and a cheque was presented by the students of 3R to the charity. Pictured left are Daire Boylan and Jack Reilly. Below left are Ryan Carroll, Nehemy Mutumbo and Jake Fleming. Below are teachers Mr. Carolan, Mr. O' Lomasney, aka 'Damo' and Ms. Flood.



SUPERVISED STUDY

The school was open during the October mid-term break for 3rd and 6th year students to avail of supervised study from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm each day. Over 90 students attended each day. The school will be open after Christmas on Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st December, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January before school re-opens on the 6th of January, 2014. The cost is five euro for the four days.

Pre leaving and Junior exams start on the 5th of February.

Supervised study is also available from 4pm to 6pm every Monday to Thursday on school days.



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

All school policies may also be viewed on the website



Business Studies Bazaar

On Friday 25th of October the Business Studies teachers, Ms. Wynne, Mr. Lynch and Mr. O' Connor organized a bazaar for their business studies students. The PE hall was set up with stalls for each group to sell their products to the rest of the student body. The winning stall was chosen by Mr. Sean Mc Entee from the Louth County Enterprise Board and was operated by second year students Cian Fitzpatrick and Darren Morgan, pictured below left.



TY STUDENTS VISIT BESSBROOK, N.I.

On the 11th and 14th of October our TY class did a cross-border link up with students from St. Paul's in Bessbrook. St. Paul's visited us in Drogheda on the 11th and we viewed a film in a cine-mobile which is a cinema inside a truck. The first film was a documentary about a Slovakian citizen of Ireland who is actually one of the last few to survive the Holocaust. The movie was shown to us to show hatred of a religion just like the hatred between two religions in Northern Ireland.

On the 14th we went up to St. Paul's of Bessbrook and into the cine-mobile once again. This time we watched a German movie called "The Wave". It was about a real story of a man who started fascism as an example to a group of students to show how easy a fascism group could start again. After the movie we did a workshop with a man from Derry telling us his life story in relations to the NI Troubles, and how he never looked at it from the Protestants point of view and how it was as hard for them too. He also explained to us that we are the worlds future and how we are the ones that can change it. Overall I thought the link up was a great experience and talking to the students from Bessbrook was good as well as they were all nice people.

John Stephenson, TY.

Contacting the School

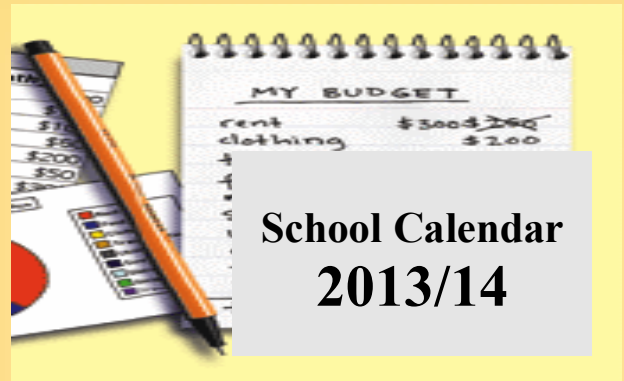
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If you wish to meet a member of staff, please phone and make an appointment.



School Calendar 2013/14

Second Term:

School re-opens: Monday, Nov 4th 2013.

Exams for all years: commence Nov 13th 2013.

Third Year PT Meeting: to be confirmed.

Sixth Year PT Meeting: to be confirmed.

Christmas Holidays: Friday Dec 20th 2013.

School re-opens Monday Jan 6th 2014.

Pre Junior and Leaving: Commence Wed Feb 5th 2014

Mid-term break - Closing on Friday, Feb 14th 2014.

Third Term:

School re-opens: Monday, Feb 24th 2014.

Fifth Year PT Meeting: Tuesday Feb 25th 2014.

Second Year PT Meeting: Monday Mar 3rd 2014.

School closed: Monday March 17th 2014.

First Year PT Meeting: Thursday Mar 20th 2014.

Easter Holidays - Friday, April 11th 2014.

School re-opens - Monday, April 28th 2014.

School Closed : Monday May 5th 2014.

Transition Year Parents' Night : Monday May 26th.

Exams 1st, 2nd and 5th Years: commence Tue May 27th.

Summer Holidays - Friday May 30th.

State Examinations - Commencing Wed June 4th 2014.

SPORTS UPDATES

U 16 Gaelic Football: This school team are particularly strong this season and fancy their chances to go all the way and take the Leinster title. In their first two games they conceded a total of four scores.

U16 Basketball: This team have won all their matches to date and are now in the All Ireland semi-final.



Junior rugby squad at lunch time training under the watchful eye of Leinster coach James Fay.

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