



ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the New School Year. On behalf of the management, teaching and ancillary staff at St. Joseph's I would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning students. To those students and parents who are new to our school we extend an especially warm welcome and best wishes for an exciting and educationally challenging year in your first year. We hope that your son will quickly feel at home, settle into his studies and become involved in the organised extra-curricular activities. We hope it will be a successful year for all the students academically and that their time with us will be enjoyable. I have high expectations for this school year and that your son achieves to his highest potential.

David Madden.
Principal.



Olly's 17th Birthday

Happy birthday to 6th year student Olly Ijeh, pictured above with his classmates who surprised him with a birthday cake.

L – R: Ronald Upenieks, Ollie Ijeh, Eshan Butt, Jonathon Mc Namee, Kyle Young.



Daniel's Delight at J.P. Manus Scholarship

Daniel Nelis from Thomas Street, Drogheda, a past pupil of St. Joseph's Secondary school, is celebrating with delight following the announcement that he is to be awarded a J.P. McManus all-Ireland scholarship for academic excellence on the basis of his outstanding Leaving Certificate results in 2013. Daniel achieved 570 points in his Leaving Cert, including As in English, History, Chemistry and Biology.

The scholarship is worth €6,500 per year and will be used to fund Daniel's university studies. Daniel commenced his degree studies at Trinity College Dublin where he is currently specialising in Chemistry, Biology and Maths. Daniel is the second student from St. Joseph's to be awarded a J.P. Mc Manus Scholarship in as many years. Last year Shane Cunningham from Moneymore was presented with his scholarship by former US President Bill Clinton at a special ceremony in the University of Limerick. Shane is currently studying Actuarial Mathematics at DCU.

Daniel says that he did not get any extra grinds in his subjects but just studied hard at school, at home and at Drogheda library. An all-rounder he has played soccer for Albion Rovers for many years. Daniel will be presented officially with his JP Mc Manus scholarship at a special awards ceremony in November, which will be attended by his family as well as St. Joseph's School Principal, Mr. David Madden. Mr. Madden has expressed delight at Daniel's achievements and those of all his class mates.

After school study is available to all students from 4pm to 6pm from Monday to Thursday inclusive. Saturday morning study is available to 3rd and 6th years from 9am to 12pm.

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



Anyone for tennis

On the 26th of September ten students from St. Joseph's entered into their first ever tennis tournament which was held in Laytown Tennis Club. There were four other schools that were competing in the tournament, St. Mary's Drogheda, Dundalk Grammar, C.N.I and Ardgillan. St. Mary's have won the competition for the past six years and they have a player that plays for Ireland under-15. We all believed that we had a chance to win the trophy. When it came to our matches every one of us tried our hardest but unfortunately when it came down for our match against Mary's and C.N.I we just didn't have enough in us to clinch the win and steal the trophy for Joey's. Considering that we had no practice together as a team I thought we did really well in coming 4th place. We all enjoyed the day a lot and we are hoping to enter into more tournaments before the year is out. So if there are any Joey's tennis players out there we want to hear from you!

Niall Connor
6th year L.C.A



Study Seminars for 3rd and 6th years

Our State exam students have completed a study skills workshop with Mr. Michael Bond. An evening information session was also organised for their parents. Feedback reveals that the 3rd years and 6th years now realise that they need to sign up for after school study and October mid term study.

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



Second Term:

School re-opens: Monday, Nov 4th

Exams for all years: commence Wednesday Nov 13th

Third Year PT Meeting: Thursday Nov 28th

Sixth Year PT Meeting: Wednesday Dec 11th

Christmas Holidays: Friday Dec 20th

School re-opens Monday Jan 6th

Pre Junior and Leaving: Commence Wed Feb 5th

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

Third Term:

School re-opens: Monday, February 24th

Fifth Year PT Meeting: Tuesday February 25th

Second Year PT Meeting: Monday March 3rd

School closed: Monday March 17th

First Year PT Meeting: Thursday March 20th

Easter Holidays - Friday, April 11th

School re-opens - Monday, April 28th

School Closed : Monday May 5th

Transition Year Parents' Night : Monday May 26th

Exams 1st/2nd/5th: commence Tuesday May 27th

Summer Holidays - Friday May 30th

State Examinations - Commencing Wednesday June 4th



St. Joseph's joins the Movie Set

In a day long project on September 10th some school locations were converted to a movie set as filming began documenting some of the varied aspects of life in St. Joseph's. The film was shown at the Open Night on the 1st of October. Mr Sharkey was directing and Ms Hackett was producing. Filming started at 8.15am and finished at 6pm. The film can be viewed on the school's website www.droghedacbs.ie

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