



ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Proud of our Past, Confident of our Future

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U16 Basketball team All Ireland Champions 2014



Back row: Ciaran Mc Groggan coach, Sam Kelly, Sean Butterly, Bobby Cudden captain, Nehemy Mutumbo, Ian Connor, Luke Cormican, Ms. Conlon coach.
Front row: Yih Chong, Hilary Ugwuja, Alan Connor, Robert Sullivan, Jamie Kelly, Daniel Akinso.

St. Joseph's U16 basketball team won the U16 B Boys All-Ireland Schools Cup on Wednesday the 22nd of January, beating St. Andrews from Dublin by a score of 47-33. The game got off to a slow start as both teams looked nervous. It was St. Joseph's captain Bobby Cudden who scored the first two points of the game, which seem to settle the early nerves. At the half time buzzer St. Andrews were leading 23-17. At the start of the third quarter, the St. Joseph's boys looked like a different team, attacking the basket, drawing fouls and looking stronger on defence. Playing much better, St. Joseph's took advantage and took the lead late in the quarter. Encouraged by our fans, the boys managed to finish out the quarter with some nice defensive stops. A great second half performance from St. Joseph's was the difference between the two teams. Robert Sullivan was the game's MVP, with 18 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals. The hard work and effort from all the players was great as every players gave 100% and played brilliantly. Also credit to St. Joseph's coaches, Ciaran Mc.Groggan and Ms. Conlon for their hard work and effort throughout the year.

By Barry Hynes

Department of Education School Inspection
The Inspectors have completed their whole school inspection in our school. They presented their draft findings to the Board of Management and the teaching staff. The completed report will be made available to the school in a couple of months and we will make it available on the school's website. As part of the inspection the inspectors conducted a survey of 2nd and 5th year students and their parents. The results of this survey questionnaire are now available on our website.



Sam Maguire Cup (All Ireland Senior Football championship) and Bob O Keefe Cup (Leinster Senior Hurling Championship) visit St. Joseph's. Photographed holding the cups are 1st year students Sean Kerrisk and James Farrell.

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Fundraising

A number of fundraising initiatives were arranged by students and teachers before Christmas. Ms. O Doherty and her 1R class raised €270 for the **Laura Lynn Foundation**, Ireland's first Children's hospice. Mr. Lynch and the 6th year LCA students raised €300 for the newly opened **Drogheda Soup kitchen**. Ms. Mac Namee and Ms. Flood arranged a Christmas lunch for staff which raised €350 for the **Lourdes Hospital Oncology Unit**. Mr. Stephenson's annual Johnny Mc Kenna 10k run for students raised €1,000 for **Drogheda Home Hospice**. Ms. Flood coordinated coffee mornings for 5th and 6th years generating €750 which was used to purchase baby products for the **Drogheda Women's Refuge**. Thanks to parents as well who donated non perishable food and toys to the Refuge. Some students from 1st, 2nd and 3rd year fasted before Christmas to raise €250 for the **Drogheda Cares at Christmas** charity.



ONE of Ireland's most revered economists, Dr. T.K. Whitaker, was the guest of honour at a momentous day in St Joseph's Secondary School on January 28th. A distinguished past-pupil, Dr. Whitaker (97) performed the official sod-turning ceremony for the new extension. Building work will start at the end of the month and will comprise of three new science laboratories, four workshops for technology and woodwork, ten general classrooms, computer room, resource and guidance suite. Dr. Whitaker was educated by the Christian Brothers in Drogheda in the late 1920s. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, Latin and Celtic Studies and was awarded a M.Sc. Economics degree by private study from the University of London. An Irish economist and former public servant, he is credited with a pivotal role in the economic development of Ireland.

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



School Calendar 2013/14

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

Third Term:

School re-opens: Monday, Feb 24th 2014

Fifth Year P/T Meeting: Tuesday Feb 25th 2014

Second Year P/T Meeting: Monday Mar 3rd 2014

School closed: Monday March 17th 2014

First Year P/T 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 : Mon May 26th 2014

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

Summer Holidays - Friday May 30th 2014

State Examinations - Commencing Wed June 4th

Texting system

The school regularly sends out text messages to parents about events in the school, changes to the school hours such as finishing early in the afternoon. The texting system has proven invaluable when the school has had to close for weather reasons such as snow.

If you haven't been receiving text messages from us please contact the school office at 041-9837232 so your mobile number can be added to the texting system. Parents often change their phone and forget to inform the school office about their new number phone number. Only one parent's mobile number per student can be registered on the texting system.

Pre Exams

Pre exams for 3rd and 6th year students commence on Wednesday 5th February and finish on Friday 14th February.

After school study

Reminder: after school study is available to all students from 4pm to 6pm every Monday to Thursday inclusive and Saturday mornings from 9am to 12pm.

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