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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Principal: Mrs. Noreen Rafferty

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October 2018

The year has begun on a positive note with all students settling into the routines of school. Thank you for sending your child to this school well prepared with the correct uniform, books and other equipment.

Update mobile contacts

Parents are asked to update their contact details with the school to ensure they can be contacted by the school when necessary.

Sixth Years

An information evening for Sixth Years and LCA 2 and their parents/guardians will take place on Monday 22nd October in the Nano Nagle Hall from 7-8.30pm. Information on various options after Leaving Certificate, i.e CAO, UCAS, SUSI, HEAR DARE, Post Leaving Certificate Courses and apprenticeships etc., will be addressed.

Project Work for Junior and Leaving Certs

A list of closing dates and deadlines for project work for exam classes can be found on our website. Please check that work is being completed on time.

Transition Year

Transition Years have had a busy start to the year. A successful climb took place to Lake Muskery in the Galtees and a trip to Delphi Adventure Centre will take place on 15th and 16th November. Work Experience for Transition Years takes place from 19th to 23rd November. On the 6th and 7th December students will take part in a Cycle and Orienteering course in Ballyhoura. Students are also in full swing preparing for the musical production of "The Wedding Singer" which will take place on the 1st and 2nd March. The Foreign Trip has been organised and all monies for this are to be paid directly to the tour company www.schooltour.ie/payment. Projects have been entered for BT Young Scientist competition, Renewable Energy Project, Aberdeen Angus Farming Project, and Junk Kouture is also on the horizon.

A Careers Fair will take place on Monday 12th November during the school day. This is aimed at Transition Year students who will be considering their subject choices for their future careers. All students in Senior Cycle are welcome to attend this event

Leaving Cert Applied 1

LCA1 held a very successful cake sale for Milford Hospice which raised a total of €650.00. They will have work experience from 5th to 16th November 2018.

Reports

You will now be able to view your son/daughters timetable, attendance and school reports on line. To do this go to johnthebaptistcs.vsware.ie and log in. You should have received a log in and password by text, if you have not please contact the school.

The report from the October assessment for all students except exam classes will be available after the 26th October 2018. Please discuss the results with your son/daughter. The Department of Education and Skills have introduced new methods of assessment and these may be reflected in your child's report.



Easypay

We thank you all for your co-operation and support with the Easypay system. Now that it is up and running, all payments going forward will be through Easypay except for the Transition Year Foreign trip which will be paid directly to the tour company. The State Examination fees will be paid online directly to SEC.

The Parent Teacher meetings take place as follows:

1st Years	Tuesday 20 th November	3:45pm to 5:45pm
3rd Years	Tuesday 11 th December	3:45pm to 5:45pm
6th Years & LCA2	Monday 14 th January	3:45pm to 5:45pm
5th Years, TY's, LCA1	Monday 28 th January	3:45pm to 5:45pm
2nd Years	Tuesday 12 th February	3:45pm to 5:45pm

Open Night

An Open Night for Incoming First Years and their parents will place on the 16th October. The registration night to confirm a place in this school takes place on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 7pm.

Voluntary Contribution

Thanks to all who have paid the voluntary contribution and a gentle reminder if you have forgotten.

Games

U16½ Hurling beaten by Middleton in Dean Ryan Cup

Harty Cup team are training well for first game V Templemore on 17th October in Nenagh at 1.30pm.

U15 Football beat Rathmore

U19 Soccer played St Caimins recently

Girls Senior Footballers have qualified for the Munster Semi-Final. Juniors will commence shortly.

Camogie will also commence shortly

School Closing Dates

Please note the school will be closed on the following dates to facilitate training of teachers for the new Junior Cert programme:

- Cluster Day 4th December JCT Training for all teachers
- Wellbeing Day- 26th November Training for all teachers

Thank you again for all your support during the school year.

Yours sincerely

Noreen Rafferty

Principal Deputy Principal

Ita Browne Deputy Principal

Rachel Hayes
Deputy Principal