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Dear Parents/Guardians,

November 2019

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 **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** in the Nano Nagle Hall from 6-7pm. 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. They had a successful climb to Lake Muskery in the Galtees. A trip to Delphi Adventure Centre will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November. The students also attended an Aviation Expo in Croke Park, UL Science talk and also had a talk on STEM Subjects.

Work Experience for Transition Years takes place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Students are also in full swing preparing for the musical production of "Sister Act" which will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February.

The Foreign Trip has been organised and all monies for this are to be paid directly to the tour company [www.schooltour.ie/payment](http://www.schooltour.ie/payment).

Projects have been entered for BT Young Scientist competition, Environmental Project, Aberdeen Angus Farming Project, Euroscola and Junk Kouture is also on the horizon.

#### Senior Options Night

A Subject Fair will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December during the school day. This is aimed at Third Year and Transition Year students to help them when considering their subject choices for their future careers.

All Third Year students and their parents are invited to attend the Senior Option night at 6pm in school to inform you on the various options after Junior Cert.

#### Leaving Cert Applied

LCA held a very successful raffle for Novas. LCA 1 are currently on two weeks' work experience from 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019. They will be attending a Lifesavers Project run by Limerick Garda division and also the Donkey Sanctuary. They will also go on a Trip to London before the end of school year.

## Reports

You will now be able to view your son's/daughter's timetable, attendance and school reports on line. To do this go to [johnthebaptistcs.vsware.ie](http://johnthebaptistcs.vsware.ie) and log in. You should have log in and password details, if you have not please contact the school.

The report from the October assessment for all students except exam classes is now available to view. Please discuss the results with your son/daughter. The Department of Education and Skills have introduced new methods of assessment and these are reflected in your child's report.

## The Parent Teacher meetings take place as follows:

1st Years	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	3:45pm to 5:45pm
3rd Years	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	3:45pm to 5:45pm
6th Years & LCA2	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	3:45pm to 5:45pm
5th Years, TY's, LCA1	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	3:45pm to 5:45pm
2nd Years	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	3:45pm to 5:45pm

## Incoming First Years 2020/2021

Closing date for registration of Incoming First Years is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## Voluntary Contribution

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

## Games

Sport is in full swing at the moment, we have the following headlines,

- The first show jumping outing of the year took place recently and we were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 40.
- The Senior and Junior Ladies Footballers got off to a winning start against Thurles and Killorglan respectively.
- The first year boys hurlers and footballers have both started their campaigns, they are getting great numbers and two teams have been entered in both codes.
- The Harty Cup lost to Nenagh in the first round and will play Thurles CBS on 5<sup>th</sup> in Newport at 1.30pm
- In the coming weeks more sports will be coming on board such as Badminton, Athletics and Camogie
- The teachers who are giving their time to students across all sports must be commended every evening the place is alive with students taking part in games and it is benefiting them greatly. Thanks to the staff for their commitment.

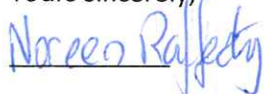
## School Closing Dates

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

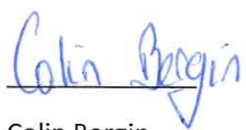
- JCT In-service – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- JCT Cluster Day - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

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

Yours sincerely,



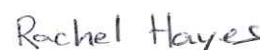
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