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Dear Parents/Guardians,

January 2020.

Good wishes for a healthy and happy 2020 to you and your families. The New Year has had a busy start with a lot happening in John the Baptist Community School.

Teaching and Learning

The new Junior Cycle Programme is well established and Second Year students have completed Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) in English, Irish, Business, Visual Arts and Home Economics. Third Year CBA's are completed in English, Irish, Business, Science, Visual Arts and French and German. Assessment Tasks will take place in January for Third Years in Business, Science, French and German.

Please encourage students to use learning strategies in their journal.

Exams

Leaving Certificate Irish Orals will take place from the 23rd to 27th March and for French/German from the 30th March to 3rd April 2020

Pre Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate will commence on Monday 27th January 2020 and will end on the 7th February 2020. The State Examinations fees are to be paid online directly to the State Exam Commission in March. More details to follow.

Reports and Attendance

Reports and attendance can be viewed online at <https://johnthebaptistcs.vsware.ie>. Please discuss the report with your son/daughter. If you have any concerns, please contact the school and an appointment can be arranged.

Transition Year

"Sister Act" This Year's Transition Year musical will be staged on Friday 28th February and Saturday 29th February in the school Gym.

Joanne Meaney, Shonagh Murphy, Sophie and Chloe Naughton and Caoimhe Real will travel to Calcutta 20th March – 27th March 2020. They will visit hospitals, schools and orphanages.

Three projects qualified for the BT Young Scientist.

Incoming First Years 2020

Registration night will take place for Incoming First years on Wednesday 15th January in the school at 6pm

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Voluntary Contribution

Thank you to all who have paid the voluntary contribution. The payment (€55.00 for one student or €60 for a family) makes a lot of extracurricular activities possible e.g. student school insurance, school bus, games etc. This can only be paid on-line at <https://pay.easypaymentsplus.com>

Food Appeal

Thank you for your support with the Redemptorists Food Appeal. The response was most generous and greatly appreciated.

Congratulations

Congratulations to past student Emily Dollery, Bailey Lane, Mary Nealon and Olivia Buckley who received scholarships into Third level colleges, UCC UL and UCD.

Congratulations also to Bailey Lane who received an award for the highest result in Economics in the Country for this Leaving Cert. Well done also to Finn Coleman who has won awards with his photography.

Parent Association

The Parent Association have organised a presentation by Sgt Ber Leetch on student on-line behaviour. This promises to be a very worthwhile opportunity for parents to get advice, support and guidance on internet safety issues and concerns. All parents to attend.

If you need to contact your parent representative for any reason please go to <https://johnthebaptistscs.ie/information/parent-information/parents-association/>

Parent Teacher Meetings

The **Parent Teacher Meetings** will take place as follows –

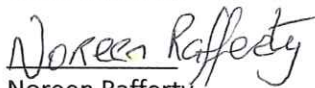
5th Years, TY's, LCA1	Monday 27 th January	3:45pm to 5:45pm
2nd Years	Tuesday 11 th February	3:45pm to 5:45pm

School Closed

The school will be closed on Thursday 23rd January 2020 for JCT In-Service.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Noreen Rafferty
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