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CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

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Dear Parents

As we move into our second term in Crescent here are some updates:

Covid 19 Procedures

I would like to remind all parents that students displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 should not attend school and follow the required public health advice. By following this advice it is protecting yourself but also your fellow students and teachers. It appears that the situation has stabilised and I look forward to as normal a term as possible within the parameters of the current restrictions. I would like to thank all our parents and students for their co-operation over the last number of months.

Pre-Examinations

The Leaving Certificate pre - examinations begin on the 7 February. The timetables are available on Teams and the school app for students to access. The Junior Certificate pre -examinations begin on Wednesday 9 February. It is important for students to approach these exams with a view that they are a chance to get valuable exam practice. It will allow students to work on time management and also identify areas which will require some attention between now and the examinations in June. There will be plenty of time after the pre-examinations to reflect and plan for the next block of work towards June.

Retreats

All our Third Year classes are going on retreat this term. I have received very positive feedback from the retreat facilitator and students on the content of these retreats. Our retreat programme is central to our Jesuit education in Crescent and it is a really important step in the growth of all of our students. The third year retreat is about unlocking your potential, not comparing yourself to others and removing negativity. The focus for students is fun and connection with each other. Students are empowered to unlock their potential, removing any negative self-talk.

Basketball All Ireland Champions

Yesterday, in the national basketball arena in Tallaght our Girls U.16 and Boys U.16 teams captured their respective All-Ireland titles. Both teams displayed all the necessary qualities of champions of teamwork, skill and determination. The girls defeated Colaiste Ciarain Leixlip and the boys defeated St. Louis Kiltimagh. The whole school community are very proud of these achievements. I would like to thank Áine Costelloe, Grace Leahy, Tony Hehir, Michelle Aspell and Esther Godfrey for all their hard work as a coaching team to assist these players. Well done!



Cup Season & standards of support for school games

It is great to have the games back that we missed last year. These occasions are always a great day where the hard work of our players and mentors is rewarded by a chance to perform in the various codes. We will have a certain level of support for teams depending on the covid restrictions that are in place, the numbers allowed will be decided by the governing sporting body in line with government restrictions.

I would like to outline that every time a student from our school attends a school game, they are representing the good name and reputation of Crescent College Comprehensive SJ. As a school we pride ourselves on the respect we have for each other, so much so that we have very few student behaviour issues within our school day. Therefore, we absolutely expect the exact same level of behaviour from any students when attending a game. Students should note the following:

- Only students who have purchased a ticket from the school may attend the game with our supporters.
- Students should move in and out of the venue in a safe manner.
- Students should respect and adhere to all stewards and teachers instructions while supporting the team.
- Students should be positive in their support of our teams and respect all opposition supporters /players.
- Students should remain off the pitch after the game has concluded and leave the venue in an orderly manner.

I want to make it very clear that any students who do not adhere to the above points and whose actions might in any way damage the reputation of our school will be dealt with as per our code of behaviour. I would ask parents to be proactive and talk to your son/ daughter if they are attending a game regarding the need to behave in the appropriate manner and then we can enjoy the games in the spirit that school sport has always been associated with.

Senior Hockey

Congratulations to our senior hockey team who won their Munster Q-Final vs. Scoil Mhuire last Wednesday in Crescent by 5 goals to 2. Thanks to Mark Doupe from DGD Shredding for sponsoring the girls' gear.



First Year Cyber Safety Talk

Our First Years will have a cyber-safety workshop next Tuesday during school. The following are the topics that will be discussed:

- Cyber- bullying
- Inappropriate Content
- Stranger Danger
- Digital Footprint
- Social Media/ Excessive Internet Usage
- A parents Seminar that evening includes
- Understanding of Issues and opportunities facing children online
- Actionable Insights for you and your family

A presentation for first year parents will take place at 7pm next Monday night, details have been sent via the school app.

Culture Committee & Choir

Last Wednesday our culture committee and school choir attended the Bord Gais theatre for a performance of The Lion King. It was great to see this taking place. I am delighted with our renewed focus on culture and the arts in the school. Drama club continues every Wednesday and there will be more exciting projects in the weeks ahead.



Aisling Murphy – R.I.P. – As a school community we observed a minute of silence last Tuesday at 11am. The following was our reflection prior to observing a moment of silence:

Lord,

Gather amongst us today and bless us as we pay our respects for Aisling Murphy.
We pray that you will bless us with Strength and Self Care. Grace us with Patience and Wisdom.
Encourage us to take care of each other every day,
to take the correct steps,
to walk proudly,
and act respectfully.

We pray for the Murphy Family today, that they may sense our prayers and solidarity.
We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

Take care

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