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## CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

Dear parents/ guardians,

I am delighted to welcome all our school community for another academic year with a renewed energy for the upcoming year. It has been a busy start to the school year as each student adapts to a new stage of their Jesuit education. As part of that education we are constantly encouraging our students to develop their talents as fully as possible. They must use those gifts in the Jesuit spirit of 'What more can I do, what more can I give' –Striving for excellence –The Magis.

### Some Updates:

#### Leaving Certificate 2022 Results

Congratulations to the class of 2022 on their excellent results last week. Students worked so hard over the last number of years and now have opportunities in a range of areas to pursue their interests. No student from Crescent should be defined by a points total. A combination of striving for academic excellence and a well-rounded education will serve all these students in later life. All of our teachers should also take huge pride in their contribution to the excellent results.





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### School Building Update

The school building project is making progress. It is a challenge combining a live school day, a new build of science labs and also refurbishment of the existing school. There is a good system in place for students and staff. Please note the following.

- Morning drop off: Please only use the set down area for dropping off in the school.
- Use the full length of the area – there is a student crossing at the top of the set down area for students to use.
- Do not let students off at the roundabout area as this is dangerous and also stops the flow of traffic.
- No student should cross the road from the set down area to enter the school. All students should use the footpath and move to the shop & junior corridor to enter the school. We have reminded all students regarding this.
- **Please when exiting the school turn left as there is no right turn.**
- There is no parent parking at the end of the school day.







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### School Show

This coming January 2023, Crescent College Comprehensive SJ is thrilled to announce that we will be performing "Rock of Ages" at the Lime Tree. "Rock of Ages" is a jukebox musical built around classic rock songs from the 1980s, highlighting some musical favourites from Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Steve Perry, Poison and Europe, among other well-known glam rock bands of that decade.

TY students will have a pivotal role in set design and building, costumes, production, and in the large chorus/dance numbers. **Auditions for the main cast are open to all year groups and audition material will be handed out to interested students on Wednesday 14 September at 1.30pm.**

Auditions will take place on Wednesday 21 September at 1.20pm. Rehearsals for the main cast will take place every Wednesday from 1.20pm to 3pm. We are so looking forward to continuing our school's long and successful tradition in the Performing Arts and hope to see everyone at the Lime Tree 19/ 20/ 21 January 2023.

### Extra-Curricular Update

All the teams and codes are back in training. Sport offers a great opportunity for students to keep fit but also to develop leadership skills. I would encourage students to always try to play with a team if possible. Our senior rugby and hockey teams have already been away on successful tours. In addition, well done to players on the Munster U.18 rugby team who won the interprovincial series over the last few weeks. I look forward to a great year of activity and I thank all our teachers/volunteers for such commitment to our students. Fiachra as sports co-ordinator has sent a schedule of training times to all parents.





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### Transition Year 2023

Transition year students have already visited the Aran Islands and preparations for the school show are beginning in earnest. Our Fast Friends programme has also started with students visiting students in St. Vincents. It is a year for growth for students and students must be open to that growth. Engagement with all aspects of the programme is essential and I would like parents' support in encouraging your son/ daughter to try all aspects of the programme.







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### **Adult Education Night Classes**

Our adult education classes begin on Monday 19 September. There is a diverse range of courses. Information is available on our school website

<https://www.crescentsj.com> or by emailing [adulthood@crescentsj.com](mailto:adulthood@crescentsj.com)

### **Third Year Outdoor Pursuits Trip**

All of our third year students will travel on two different trips to Lahinch for a day of surfing and pitch and putt in the last week of September. This will be a good chance for students to mix and enjoy each others company outside of the school setting. All costs will be covered through the third year administration charge.



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### First Years

Our first years have settled in well to their new environment. Lockers, form classes, options and a longer school day have been to the forefront of their new daily routines. As part of our first year induction programme, classes will go on an outdoor pursuits day in Derg Isle centre on the following dates.

Lewis & Lonergan	Tuesday 13 September
Lainez & Lalemant	Thursday 22 September
Lugo & Loyola	Friday 23 September

### Sixth Year Retreats

Our sixth year retreat programme takes place on Friday 23 September. This is a really important experience for all our students and it is important that all students engage in one of the retreat options on this day. Our retreat programme is at the core of our Jesuit education that we offer and the benefits of such experiences can be very telling for students beyond their school years.

### Sixth Year Retreat Options 2022

Facilitator Retreat Centre

1. Declan Browne Limerick Diocesan Office
2. An Tobar Nua Limerick Diocesan Office
3. Yoga Tadhg Ferriter Yoga on Track, Ballysimon Road
4. St. Mary's Abbey – nuns retreat Glencairn, Waterford
5. Pilgrimage Retreat, Killaloe
7. Callum Douglas and Jesuit Faber Companions Milford - Don Bosco

### Canteen

I am delighted that the school canteen has fully reopened to all students. We have a new canteen provider (The School Food Company) and I am confident that they will provide a cost effective new menu offering for students. Canteen cards have been distributed to all students and parents can top up canteen cards online.

### Supervised Study

Supervised study is back up and running. Study takes place from 4.10pm to 6.10pm and 7pm to 10pm (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays); 2pm to 6pm on Wednesdays; and 9.30am to 5pm on Saturdays. There are still a limited number of places available. Students can attend any of the sessions outlined throughout the school year.



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**Morning Prayer:** Morning prayer takes place in the school prayer space every Friday morning from 8.40am. It is a space that allows students to reflect on the week that has past and also to have a sense of solidarity as people come together to pray.

Lord, teach me to be generous,  
To serve you as you deserve,  
To give and not to count the cost,  
To fight and not to heed the wounds,  
To toil and not to seek for rest,  
To labor and not to look for any reward,  
Save that of knowing that I do your holy will

Best wishes for the year ahead,  
Diarmuid