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CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

20th November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Friday at morning prayer I was struck by some of the words from the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, 'Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light and Where there is sadness, joy;'. It is hopefully with a sense of faith, hope, light and joy that we approach the upcoming weeks leading up to Christmas. As the whole country is working together for the common good it is essential that we work together as a school community.

Some Updates:

Junior Cycle Training Day

There will be no school for students on Friday 27th of November. Staff will have an inservice training day on this date.

Parent Teacher Meetings

In line with Public Health advice the Department of Education have asked schools to look at alternatives to Parent-Teacher meetings for the upcoming year. In Crescent we will be putting in place an enhanced and detailed report for parents on students' progress to replace the traditional parent teacher meeting which cannot take place safely. Reports for Sixth, Third and Transition Year groups will be available by December 22nd.

Fifth Year & Second Year Christmas Exams

Fifth Year Christmas exams will take place from Monday 14th of December until Friday 18th of December. Second Year exams will begin on Wednesday 16th of December until Friday 18th of December.

Transition Year Differential Aptitude Test

Transition Years will sit their DATs test on Friday 11th of December. It is essential that all Transition Year students sit these tests on this date as there will not be any other chance to do so.

First Year Photography Competition

Well done to all our first year students who entered our photography competition which was entitled 'Images of Perseverance'. Aisling Keogh, Emma Luby and Isabel Gaffney entries were chosen as the top three by Diane Curran our adjudicating photographer.

1ST Place Winning Photograph By Aisling Keogh



2nd Place Winning Photograph By Emma Luby



3rd Place Winning Photograph By Isabel Gaffney



First Year Intake 2021

We are currently accepting applications for our first year group in 2021. All the details and forms for the common application system are on our school website along with our Open Night presentation.

Book Grant –Covid Pandemic Unemployment Payment

There is a portion of our school book grant that we can make available to assist parents who are on an unemployment payment due to Covid 19. This payment can be used to offset the cost of schoolbooks. Please contact Barbara at 061 229635 for further details.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities are continuing to take place. I would like to thank the teachers/volunteer coaches for all their time and effort in helping with these activities.

Christmas Tree & Santa Hat Day

Our Christmas tree will be placed in the central area at the start of December. Santa Hat Day and Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Wednesday 9th of December. All monies collected will go to Enable Ireland.

C.A.O. Virtual Information Night

Our Guidance Department has put together a presentation which contains all the relevant information for parents that is needed to register your son/daughter for the C.A.O. process. A link was sent via the school app for sixth year parents. Any queries please contact any of our guidance counsellors.

Pyjama Appeal

At this time of year we usually run a Pyjama Appeal for the residents of Knockalisheen Provision Centre. The centre is one of our community placement partners and 5th year students go there as part of our Social Justice Module.

Thank you to the 300 families who bought pyjamas for the women and children there and who bought hoodies for the men. This year we are eager that the residents still receive the Pyjamas, so it is more practical that we provide an opportunity for Crescent families to donate €15 and we, in Crescent will do the shopping and wrapping.

We will update you on the progress of this year's appeal. You can **donate via EPP - €15 Pyjama Appeal.**

Warmest Regards,

Diarmuid