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2 December 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians

During this week we had a school assembly in which we celebrated diversity and inclusion of all students within our school community. A unity of purpose within a diverse community is a healthy environment for us all. As Pope Francis outlined:

"Unity does not imply uniformity; it does not necessarily mean doing everything together or thinking in the same way. Nor does it signify a loss of identity. Unity in diversity is actually the opposite: it involves the joyful recognition and acceptance of the various gifts which the Holy Spirit gives to each one and the placing of these gifts at the service of all members of the Church. It means knowing how to listen, to accept differences, and having the freedom to think differently and express oneself with complete respect towards the other who is my brother or sister. Do not be afraid of differences!" (Pope Francis 2014)



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Some Updates:

Transition Year Retreats

The TY retreat programme for TY students is now complete. Declan Browne worked hard with them and between playing bonding games, sharing his stories, meditation and the highpoint, the positive affirmations they write to each other, the students report feeling very positive about themselves and their class.

A few samples of their reflections:

- I was putting myself down recently because I didn't do as well in the Junior Cert as I would have liked. Reading my classmates messages today really helped me.

-Today was a really good day. Each and every one of us deserved it. We all have things going on, big or small. You never know. The positive comments honestly touched my heart. We got on great as a class.

-I have had a hard time with my family, and I used to be very loud but lately I bite my tongue. I realised today how much my three friends have been there for me and how positively people view me.

-this is one of the best things I have ever done. It showed me that people actually like me. I am always trying to find my place.





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Science Quiz Team

Congratulations are extended to our teams who competed at the Irish Science Teachers Association Regional Final of the Senior Science Quiz.

This competition is open to sixth year students in Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary and covers all areas scientific. We had three teams representing the school this year in the event in which twenty-one teams competed.

The team members were Marion Anumati, Salman Bazaaz, Thomas Byrne, Seodhna Dervan, Taibou Gavi, Sean Magee, Ivin Mathew, Jordan Power and Cathal Roche.

Following eight rounds of questions, our teams finished in first, second and fourth place. Two of the teams go on to represent the area on this Saturday at the National Finals in Trinity College.

We extend our best wishes to Marion, Thomas, Ivin, Salman, Taibou and Cathal.





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Rock of Ages

Preparations continue for our school musical in January which is Rock of Ages. Tickets go on sale on Monday 12 December at 12.00pm. Tickets are €10 each. There are three shows, Thursday 19, Friday 20 & Saturday 21 January at 8pm in the Lime Tree Theatre. We look forward to welcoming back a live audience for the first time in three years.

Men & Women for Others

- Congratulations to Aisling Kelly and her classmates for their work in raising €1140 for • the Hope foundation. Aisling will travel to India with Hope next March. It was great to see a Bake Sale happening at school after a long break. It is a great way to exercise leadership and organisational skills and also promoting our students as People of Action. 'A Faith that DOES Justice.
- We are looking forward to Christmas Jumper day in aid of Pieta House with students donating € 2 next Wednesday.
- Our Annual Pyjama Appeal is underway. We have enough people to buy for all the • women and children in the Centre but considering all our pledges we still need 100 jumpers/hoodies for the remaining men. You can offer to get involved at pyjamaappeal@crescentsj.com
- Sixth year students will have their Sleep Out on 19 December. Current Total is €1182

Link for donating to the Sleep out for Novas Initiatives. https://eventmaster.ie/fundraising/pages/CC00899486/



Crescent College Comprehensive SJ Sleep Out



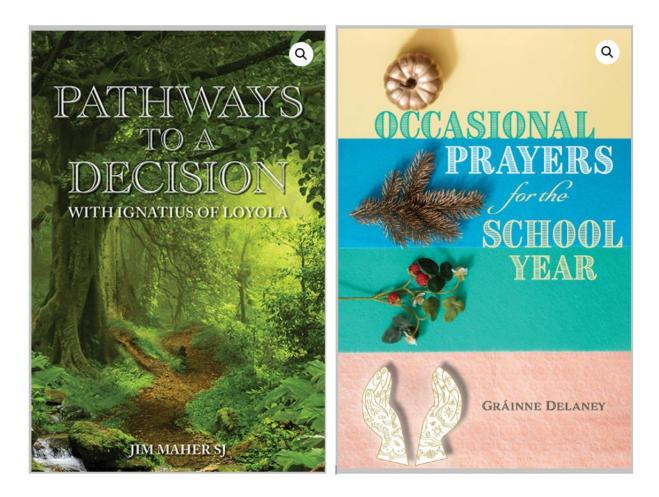


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Our two ethos recommendations for Christmas are written by our Jesuit, Jim Maher S.J and our School Chaplain, Grainne Delaney. In the Spirit of Jesuit Education, both books are about finding God in the Ordinary and Everyday experiences.



Christmas Carol Concert

Our annual Christmas Carol Concert takes place on Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 8pm in St Nessan's Church, Raheen. The CCC Orchestra, Choir & Trad. Group will present a programme of seasonal music. All are welcome to come along with friends and family. Admission is free of charge.

Best wishes Diarmuid