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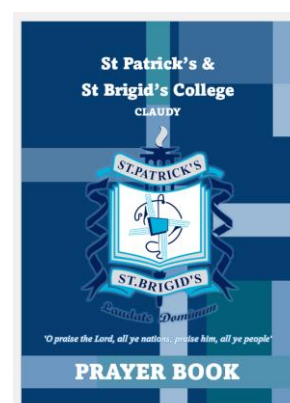
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some important information for you:

Prayer books

Pupils in Year's 8 – 10 have been provided with a college prayer book this week.

Please encourage your child to use it at home.



Parent Information Evenings

Many thanks to the parents/guardians who attended the Parent Information sessions this week.

A copy of the booklet shared with parents/guardians are available in the college for those who were unable to attend.



Collective Worship

The themes for this half term's Collective Worship are as follows:

W/b 15th September: **House Assemblies**

W/b 22nd September: **'Achievement'**

W/b 29th September: **'Leadership'**

W/b 7th October: **'Belief'**

W/b 13th October: **'Service'**

W/b 20th October: **'Celebration'**

R.S.E

During this academic year, the college will be delivering Relationships and Sexuality education (R.S.E) in line with our statutory obligation. We will be exploring topics which will be delivered in a very sensitive and age-appropriate way. The college's programme will be delivered firmly within the context of the Church's teaching on sexuality and the college will be using approved resources from the Catholic Schools

Trustee Service (CSTS) which you can access here: <https://catholiceducation-ni.org/post-primary-rse-resource-living-love/>

Extra Curricular Activities - Sports

Our range of sports clubs are available now on the School App. Research suggests that attending extra-curricular clubs regularly helps to extend pupils' social networks; develop new skills and enhance pupils' academic motivation, aspirations and achievement. Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved.



School Levy

I am appealing to parents/guardians to donate to the school levy to help fund the numerous opportunities for extra-curricular development. Over the years the generous donations of our parents/guardians have supported the extensive extra-curricular programme of which the college is rightly proud.

We ask for a contribution of £30.00 per pupil by Tuesday 7th October

Examinations

Parents/Guardians of Yr. 12 pupils are asked to record the dates of the GCSE examinations taking place in November 2025. This timetable is available on the School App.

Medical Information/Dietary Requirements

The college should be notified about any new/existing medical conditions. All medication required for example, inhalers and epi-pens etc. should be in date. We should also be informed of any dietary needs and parents/guardians are reminded that we are a Nut-Free school. Please ensure that your child is aware of this and does not bring any nut-based products to the college at any time.



Prefect Team

Thank you to Barney from R.E.A.C.H Across for facilitating leadership training for our new Prefect team. We are excited about what this new team of leaders can achieve this year.



Waterside Half Marathon

Well done to our members of staff who completed this year's Waterside Half Marathon last Sunday.

Key Date:

Monday 25th September

'New Beginnings Mass' for Yr. 8 (3.00pm)

Final Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for this new beginning, this new start, this new season.

We ask you to guide our hearts and minds to your ever flowing peace.

Help us ground ourselves in faith, perseverance and joy, amidst the busy tasks we face every day.

Realign us to your will, always.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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