



31st May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are this week's messages.

We need your vote!



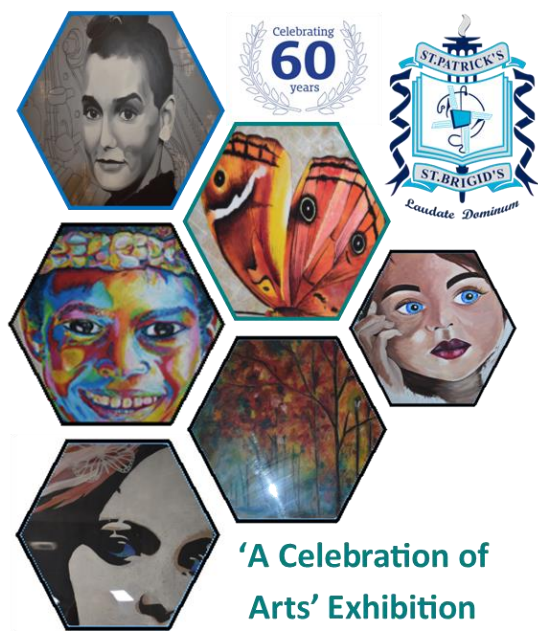
We have been informed that St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's has now progressed to the final stage of the National Families First Awards. The college has been nominated for the 'Best Secondary Award' and is one of 7 schools from the county.

Winners will be selected on the strength of the responses which are received and voting has now opened!

Please select the link and vote which will only take 1 minute to do: <https://www.familiesfirstfinalists.com/stpatricksandstbrigids>

The Deadline for Voting is Thursday 6th June.

The school's nominations from parents/guardians were for its pastoral care, wellbeing, and wider development. If you have time to vote, then your support would be much appreciated.



'A Celebration of Arts' Exhibition

Date: Thursday 20th June 2024

Time: 3.45 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.

Presentations: 5.45 p.m.

Venue: Assembly Hall

A Celebration of Arts Exhibition

The aim of our exhibition is to celebrate 60 years of 'the Arts' at our college. The event will include the work of pupils, past and present, and will mainly represent work from the Art and the Technology departments.

10 of our current GCSE students will have their work on display. It will be a challenge to select just 10 pieces from the array of top-quality work they have produced this year. The work on show ranges from graphic design to fine art outcomes and it is based on the themes of either 'Structure' or 'Waste'.

We are also exhibiting work from 3 former pupils:

-**Aoife Harvey** is an award-winning sustainable fashion designer who was the winner of BBC NI's 'A Stitch Through Time'.

-**Leona Devine** is now a practicing ceramicist whose work is inspired by the natural landscape and local environment.

-**Chelsea O'Kane's** work was recently exhibited as part of CCEA's 'True Colours' exhibition - an annual collection of the most impressive work produced across Northern Ireland in GCSE and GCE Art and Design.

As a college, we are very proud of the achievements of these practicing artists and we are delighted they are willing to take part in our celebration. The exhibition will also include a few portraits by the college's Art Teacher and practicing artist, Ryan Coyle. The event promises to be a great success and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on Thursday 20th June.

GAA



Congratulations to our pupils Blain and Caoimhin who won the Ulster Championship with Derry Minors last weekend. Derry beat Armagh in the final in Omagh. The boys are now preparing for the All – Ireland series.

Congratulations to our Girls team who topped their group at a football blitz organised by Ulster Ladies Football this week and made it to the semi-final. These girls will have a bright future representing our college.



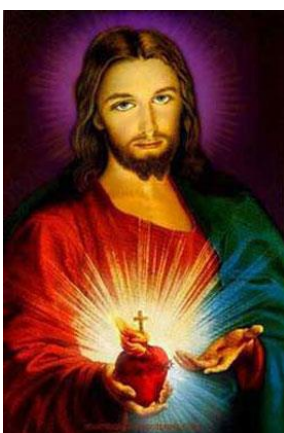
Fundraising – Make 2nds Count

On Friday 12th April 2024, the school community at St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College was saddened to learn about the death of Mrs Mary Toner who taught Home Economics in the college for 15 years. Mrs Toner was much loved and popular with both staff members and pupils alike.

In memory of Mrs Toner, the college is organising a Colour Run on Friday 21st June and a Prize Draw will be taking place on the same day. We are also going to be having a tea party for staff on Tuesday 4th June and a Charity Fundraiser on Wednesday 26th June which will be a 'Claudy's Got 60 Years of Talent' competition.



It is estimated that 35,000 people are currently living with breast cancer in the UK yet only 7% of National funding for cancer goes towards this incurable disease. Make 2nds Count aims to address this imbalance. It is hope that you can support with the events, enter the prize draw or make a donation! Here is a link to our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/spbc-1716546398821>



Reflection Mornings - June

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Reflection mornings will be returning on each Friday morning before school from 8.50am until 9.05am. This is open to both pupils and staff members.

Venue: Room 9. The first reflection morning will take place on Friday 7th June.

Textbooks

Please could Yr. 12 pupils who have borrowed textbooks ensure they are returned. In addition, if any pupil would like to donate any used textbooks following their examinations, they too would be greatly appreciated. Pupils can drop them off at main reception.

Uniform Donations

Parents/guardians of Yr. 12 pupils are asked to kindly consider donating any school uniform your child will no longer require after the public examinations. Please check that it is in a good clean condition. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be left at main reception.

Key Dates

Some key dates:

Tuesday 4th June
Thursday 6th June
Thursday 20th June
Friday 21st June

Staff Development Day 5 (college closed for pupils)

Voting closes for National schools Competition
A 'Celebration of Arts Exhibition' from 3.45pm (Presentations at 5.45pm)
Sports Day, Colour Run & Prize Draw

Monday 24th June
Tuesday 25th June
Wednesday 26th June
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Thursday 27th June
Friday 28th June

Year 8 Trip to Carrowmena Activity Centre
Year 9 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea
Year 11 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea
'Claudy's Got 60 Years of Talent' competition
Year 10 Trip to The Lake, Kilrea
End of Term (12.00 finish)

Final Prayer

Through your efforts, blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we have been redeemed, created, and sanctified. Although we have never understood the fullness of the Trinity, you have granted us new life and have declared us innocent through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

For this we worship you in humble adoration.

Keep us in the faith until we join the elect around your glorious throne.

We ask this in your name, you who live and rule, ever one God, through all eternity.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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