

**Our Lady’s Secondary School**

**Castleblayney**

**Co. Monaghan**

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**Board of Management Meeting December 1st**

**Opening Prayer:** G. Carville

Angela Sweeney RIP (mother of Grainne Sweeney), Eamon Mc Adam (uncle of Brenda Campbell) and Fearghal Duffy (brother of Fr. Stephen Duffy) were remembered in our opening prayers.

**Attendance:** G. Carville (Chairperson)S. Mc Ginnity (Trustee Nominee), A. Campbell (Trustee Nominee), B. Campbell (Parent Nominee), J. Bishop (Parent Nominee), D. Mooney (Teacher Nominee), J. Sheridan (Teacher Nominee), E. Kelly (Sec B.O.M).

**Apologies:** S. Egan (Trustee Nominee)

**Minutes**

Proposed: A. Campbell

Seconded: S. Mc Ginnity

**Matters Arising**

Addressed in the Principal’s Report

**Correspondence**

* Applications from staff for personal days-granted
* Application for the use of school facilities:
  + Castleblayney Musical Society- use of the Concert Hall on Friday’s from 7.30pm – 9.30pm until February 2023 -granted
  + Castleblayney Faughs- use of the astro turf pitch on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for juvenile training -granted
* Circular 0075? 2022: Commencement of the Education ( Provision in respect of Children with SEN) Act 2022 and Commencement of the remaining sections of the Education Act 2018
* Circular 0073?2022: NQF Level 9 Graduate Diploma in Social Personal and Health Education/ Relationships and Sexuality Education (SPHE/RSE) Programme 2023
* Circular 0072/ 2022: Standardisation of the School Year in respect of Primary & Post-Primary Schools for the years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26
* Circular 0071/ 2022: Teacher Supply Post Primary: Teaching Hours Extension Scheme for 2022/2023
* Circular 0067/2022: The circular will set out the increases due to Clerical Officers and Caretakers employed under the 1978/1979 Scheme under Building Momentum - A New Public Service Agreement 2021-2022 from 2nd February 2022 as an amendment to the BM Agreement as reviewed and the increases due on 1st October 2022 as provided for under the BM Agreement.
* Circular 0066 / 2022: The circular will set out the increases due to School Secretaries and School Maintenance Staff in Community and Comprehensive Schools under Building Momentum - A New Public Service Agreement 2021-2022 from 2nd February 2022 as an amendment to the BM Agreement as reviewed and the increases due on 1st October 2022 as provided for under the BM Agreement
* Circular 0065/2022: The circular will set out the increases due to Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) under Building Momentum - A New Public Service Agreement 2021-2022 from 2nd February 2022 as an amendment to the BM Agreement as reviewed and the increases due on 1st October 2022 as provided for under the BM Agreement.
* Circular 0064/2022: The circular will set out the increases due under Building Momentum - A New Public Service Agreement 2021-2022 from 2nd February 2022 as an amendment to the BM Agreement as reviewed and the increases due on 1st October 2022 as provided for under the BM Agreement.
* Correspondence from CEIST Coordinator Sharon Mc Grath acknowledging receipt of our minutes of October 6th and the Finance Report for September.

**Finance**

* The Principal presented a Finance Report to members of the Board of Management that included the following information: Income & Expenditure from the start of the year, list of creditors, debtors and unreconciled payments

**Events to Date:**

**Friday October 7th**

* PR Committee Meeting 8.15am
* Musical Rehearsals
* Ulster Ladies GAA All Star trials
* LCA 1 & LCA 2, TY, 5th, 6th Art Students - Art Trip to the Vincent Van Gogh Exhibition
* U/14 Girls GAA Lunchtime League
* Junior German Club in Iontas at 12.20pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Monday October 10th**

* Musical matinee 11.00am
* U/16 Girls GAA training 12.20pm
* Senior Boys GAA training 1.20pm
* Student Support Meeting in Iontas at 2.00pm
* Leaving Certificate talk 2.30pm – 3.30pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Senior Boys & Senior Girls GAA talk 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
* Equestrian Team training

**Tuesday October 11th**

* U/14 Girls GAA Lunchtime League
* Student Council meeting
* U/14 Boys GAA challenge
* Senior Boys GAA challenge
* School Cardiac Screening
* U/19 Boys Basketball training 4.00pm
* Senior Boys GAA training 4.20pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
* School Musical 8.00pm

**Wednesday October 12th**

* First Year Girls GAA Blitz
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* School Musical 8.00pm

**Thursday October 13th**

* Year Head Meeting in Iontas 2.00pm
* School Cardiac Screening
* TY Innovating Communities Workshop
* U/14 Girls GAA Lunchtime League
* U/16 & U/19 Boys Basketball-
* Art Club in Room 24 12.16pm
* Eco Club Meeting 12.30pm Room 45
* First Year Boys soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* School Musical 8.00pm

**Friday October 14th**

* Senior Boys GAA training
* U/14 Girls GAA Lunchtime League
* U/14 Camogie blitz
* Junior German Club in Iontas at 12.20pm
* U/14 Girls GAA training 4.00pm
* U/19 Boys Soccer 4.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Saturday October 15th**

* Inter Schools Equestrian Competition
* Naughton Scholarship Presentation

**Monday October 17th**

* Senior Girls GAA 8.00am
* U/16 Girls GAA training 12.20pm
* U/16 & U/19 Boys Basketball
* Student Support Meeting in Iontas at 2.00pm
* TY Don’t Pour Your Dreams Away Workshop (Group 1 11.15am-12.15pm - Group 2 12.15pm -1.15pm)
* First Year Vaccinations
* Senior Boys GAA 4.20pm
* U/17 & U/19 Boys Soccer 4.00pm
* Teaching & Learning Committee meeting 4.10pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

**Tuesday October 18th**

* U/14 Girls GAA Lunchtime League
* First Year Boys GAA S & C at lunchtime
* U/16 & U/19 Girls Basketball
* Multi Sports Activities for 2nd Year students led by the TY Active School class
* U/19 Boys Basketball training 4.00pm
* Senior Boys GAA talk 4.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

**Wednesday October 19th**

* First Year Boys Soccer
* Senior Girls GAA 1.20pm
* U/16 Girls GAA 1.20pm
* Senior Boys GAA 1.20pm
* U/17 & U/19 Boys Soccer 4.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

**Thursday October 20th**

* Year Head Meeting in Iontas 2.00pm
* TY Innovating Communities Workshop
* U/14 Girls GAA Lunchtime League
* First Year Boys GAA S & C at lunchtime
* Art Club in Room 24 12.16pm
* Eco Club Meeting 12.30pm Room 45
* Tráth na gCeist Bhoird Feachtas
* First Year Boys Basketball 4.00pm- 5.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

**Friday October 21st**

* Senior Boys GAA challenge
* U/16 Girls GAA game
* U/14 Girls GAA Lunchtime League
* 4th & 5th Year Maths talk
* TY Simon James Workshop 1.30pm - 2.30pm
* First Year Boys GAA skill development at lunchtime
* Junior German Club in Iontas at 12.20pm
* Senior Girls GAA 4.15pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Student Leaders Sleepout for the Homeless

**Monday October 24th**

* Student Support Meeting in Iontas at 2.00pm
* U/16 & U/19 Boys Basketball
* Senior Girls GAA
* TY CV Interview Skills Workshop
* U/14 Boys GAA training
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
* School Equestrian Team Training

**Tuesday October 25th**

* Multi Sports Activities for 2nd Year students led by the TY Active School class
* U/16 & U/19 Girls Basketball
* TY Innovating Communities Workshop
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

**Wednesday October 26th**

* Senior Boys GAA
* Transition Year Cooking Competition
* Senior Girls GAA All Star trials
* U/14 Boys GAA training
* U/15 Boys soccer training
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

**Thursday October 20th**

* Year Head Meeting in Iontas 2.00pm
* U/16 Boys GAA
* TY Innovating Communities Workshop
* Art Club in Room 24 12.16pm
* Eco Club Meeting 12.30pm Room 45
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* Open Night 7.15pm

**Friday October 28th**

* Senior Girls GAA training
* U/17 & U/19 Boys Soccer
* 5th Year LCVP Enterprise Activity
* Junior German Club in Iontas at 12.20pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Saturday October 29th**

* Inter Schools Show jumping Competition

**Monday November 7th**

* Transition Year Work Experience
* Senior Girls GAA training
* Student Support Meeting in Iontas at 2.00pm
* Senior Boys GAA challenge
* First Year Boys GAA training 4.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

**Tuesday November 8th**

* Transition Year Work Experience
* Senior Boys GAA training
* U/15 Boys Soccer game
* U/14 Boys GAA training 4.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

**Wednesday November 9th**

* Transition Year Work Experience
* IWish talk for First Year students
* Senior Boys GAA training
* U/19 Boys Soccer training
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

**Thursday November 10th**

* Transition Year Work Experience
* U/14 Boys GAA
* NGRT Test First Year students
* Inspire Education talk for Third Year students
* Year Head Meeting in Iontas 2.00pm
* Art Club in Room 24 12.16pm
* Eco Club Meeting 12.30pm Room 45
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

**Friday November 11th**

* Transition Year Work Experience
* Junior German Club in Iontas at 12.20pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Saturday November 12th**

* Saturday Study for Sixth Year students 9.00am – 1.00pm

**Monday November 14th**

* U/15 Boys GAA S & C
* Student Support Meeting in Iontas at 2.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* U/16 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
* Senior Girls GAA game
* U/19 Boys Basketball
* U/14 Boys GAA training
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
* Equestrian Team training

**Tuesday November 15th**

* U/19 Girls Basketball
* U/14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
* U/15 Boys soccer training
* U/17 & U/19 Girls soccer training

**Wednesday November 16th**

* U/14 Boys GAA
* Second Year Girls GAA Blitz
* Senior Girls GAA training
* U/16 Girls GAA training
* Senior Boys GAA
* Staff Meeting 2,00pm – 4.00pm (details below & attached)
* Third Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm – 6.45pm
* Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm

**Thursday November 17th**

* Staff Training Day-JCT Cluster Day

**Friday November 18th**

* U/15 Boys GAA S & C
* College Awareness Week Talk
  + St. Patrick's Pontifical Univeristy Maynooth P3
* U/14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
* TY Family History Workshop
* U/17 Girls Soccer
* Senior Choir at lunchtime
* Senior Girls GAA training
* Junior Girls Basketball 4.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Saturday November 19th**

* Saturday Study for Sixth Year students 9.00am – 1.00pm
* Inter Schools Show Jumping Competition

**Monday November 21st**

* U/15 Boys GAA S & C
* Senior Girls GAA training
* Inspire Education Event for Fifth Year students
* Politics & Society Day in Iontas
* College Awareness Week Talks
  + 9.07am DKIT
  + 10.05am University Ulster
  + 11.20am Monaghan Institute
  + 3.30pm O’ Fiach Institute Dundalk
* Student Support Meeting in Iontas at 2.00pm
* First Year Boys GAA training 4.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

**Tuesday November 22nd**

* First Year Boys Soccer
* U/15 Boys Soccer
* TY Forensic Fun Workshop
* NCSE In School Support
* College Awareness Week Talks
  + 10.05am Alan Clarke Structural Engineer
  + 11.15am Maynooth University
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
* Sixth Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm – 6.45pm

**Wednesday November 23rd**

* Junior Certificate Results
* College Awareness Week Talks
  + 12.15pm ATU Sligo
* Staff CPD Dynamics training
* U/17 & U/17 Boys Soccer training
* Senior Girls GAA training
* Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm

**Thursday November 24th**

* U/15 Boys GAA S & C
* Third Year History trip to Glasnevin
* Sports Blitz with Holy Family Cootehill
* College Awareness Week Talks
  + 11.15am ATU Donegal
  + 3.00pm Conor Brady (nursing)
* Art Club in Room 24 12.16pm
* Eco Club Meeting 12.30pm Room 45
* First Year Boys GAA training at lunchtime
* Junior Choir at lunchtime
* Year Head Meeting in Iontas 2.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

**Friday November 25th**

* U/15 Boys Soccer
* Senior Choir at lunchtime
* First Year Boys GAA at lunchtime
* Junior Girls Basketball 4.00pm
* College Awareness Week Talks
  + 10.05am DCU
  + 12.15pm Ballyhaise
  + 2.00pm Queens University
  + 3.00pm Niamh Hand RCSI Physiotherapy
* Senior Girls GAA training
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm

**Saturday November 26th**

* Saturday Study for Sixth Year students 9.00am – 1.00pm
* Inter Schools Show Jumping Competitio

**Monday November 28th**

* U/15 Boys GAA S & C
* Senior Girls GAA training
* Student Support Meeting in Iontas at 2.00pm
* First Year Exams in English, Irish & Maths
* Senior Boys Basketball
* TY First Aid Course
* U/14 Boys GAA training
* U/16 Girls GAA training
* Teaching & Learning Committee meeting 4.10pm
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm
* Equestrian Team training
* Online Second Year Information Evening 7.15pm
* Online Fifth Year Information Evening 7.15pm
* DCU Entrance Scholarship Awards

**Tuesday November 29th**

* Second Year Exams in English, Irish & Maths
* U/19 Boys Soccer
* TY First Aid Course
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm- 6.00pm

**Wednesday November 30th**

* TY First Aid Course
* U/15 Boys Soccer
* U/15 & U/17 Girls Soccer training
* U/17 Boys Soccer training
* U/16 Girls GAA training
* Senior Girls GAA training
* Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm

**Thursday December 1st**

* U/15 Boys GAA S & C
* TY Road Safety Workshop
* Pre Junior Certificate Home Economics Practical Exams
* Art Club in Room 24 12.16pm
* Eco Club Meeting 12.30pm Room 45
* Junior Choir at lunchtime
* Year Head Meeting in Iontas 2.00pm
* U/15 Boys GAA training
* First Year Homework Club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
* Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
* Board of Management Meeting 7.15pm

**Upcoming Events**

* **Friday December 2nd:** U/17 Boys Soccer
* **Monday December 5th:** Third Year Exams in all subjects that don’t have CBA’s
* **Tuesday December 6th:** TY Christmas Fair & Wear Something Festive Day (donations to Mary’s Meals)
* **Tuesday December 6th:** Senior Boys GAA
* **Tuesday December 6th& Wednesday December 7th:** Pre Leaving Certificate French & German Orals
* **Wednesday December 7th:** Pre Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Practical Exam
* **Thursday December 8th:** Christmas Reflections
* **Thursday December 8th:** First Year Boys GAA
* **Thursday December 8th:** Second Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm – 6.45pm
* **Friday December 9th:** School Holiday
* **Monday December 12th:** School JCT Day
* **Wednesday December 14th:** TY trip to the Christmas Markets (provisional)
* **Wednesday December 14th:** Pre Leaving Certificate Art practical exam
* **Tuesday December 13th & Wednesday December 14th:** Pre Leaving Certificate Irish Oral Exam
* **Thursday December 15th- Monday December 19th:** TY Christmas Exams
* **Thursday December 15th- Friday December 16th:** LC Music practical exam
* **Monday December 19th- Wednesday December 21st:** Fifth Year Christmas Exam
* **Tuesday December 20th:** TY#ThinkLanguages Event
* **Thursday December 22nd:** Christmas Holidays

L**earning & Teaching**

* Kaitlin Brereton from the Leaving Certificate class of 2022 received a prestigious Naughton Scholarship at a ceremony in Trinity College on October 15th. Jason Carragher from the Leaving Certificate class of 2020 was also presented with his scholarship at this function.
* Anzelika Bukovska from the Leaving Certificate class of 2022 received an entrance scholarship to Technological University of Shannon
* Emer Ruddin from the Leaving Certificate class of 2022 received an entrance scholarship to DCU.
* Fourth Year students received their Junior Certificate results on November 23rd and the Principal commented on excellent results across all levels and abilities. A discussion took place on the new marking scheme and the process for appealing results. The Principal outlined the criteria by which staff were analysing Junior Certificate results and a document on Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate results by subject in comparison with national averages was circulated to members of the Board.
* The Principal outlined the schedule of assessment for all year groups before Christmas.
* The reports from the Sixth & Third Year October assessments were made available to parents the week beginning October 14th. Senior Management, Year Heads and representatives from student support continue to meet with students on a regular basis.
* The Third Year Parent Teacher meeting took place on November 16th.
* The Sixth Year Parent Teacher Meeting took place on November 22nd.
* A staff meeting took place on November 16th with staff workshops on the following areas:
  + Understanding CAT4 Scores
  + Student Voice in Teaching & Learning
  + Compass Education
* A meeting of the Teaching & Learning Committee took place on Monday October 17th. Teachers present had a conversation on the following areas:
  + The impact of Covid on literacy, wellbeing & a look at the current Wellbeing School Improvement Plan.
  + The use of Magic Whiteboards
  + Demonstration on the use of Plickers
* A meeting of the Teaching & Learning Committee took place on November 28th. Teachers present had a conversation on the following areas:
  + Parents' survey results (PTM)
  + Group Discussion & Feedback.
  + The use of digital technologies to assist teaching & learning.
* School Self-Evaluation: The development of our areas of focus for School Self Evaluation for the forthcoming year will continue through the Teaching & Learning Committee, Subject Department meetings and staff meetings. The school applied to the PDST for support in the following areas relating to SSE
  + ICT
  + Literacy
  + Questioning
* All staff participated in a JCT cluster day on November 17th
* NGRT Testing for First Year students took place on November 9th.
* The Politics & Society Department held a very successful Border Schools Conference for Politics & Society students in Iontas on November 28th.
* The Guidance Department held a very successful range of talks (listed in the events section of the report) for College Awareness Week the week beginning November 28th.
* The Home Economics Department organised a range of talks and workshops for staff and students the week beginning November 21st.
* Home Economics students participated in a Chef of the Year competition the week beginning November 21st. Two students will now meet the other winners from Monaghan schools in the next round on December 7th.
* The NCSE provided in-school support to staff on November 22nd.
* A number of staff completed Dynamics manual handling training on November 23rd.
* Third Year students had a Study Skills talk from Inspire Education on November 9th
* Fifth Year students had a Study Skills talk from Inspire Education on November 21st.
* There were online information evenings for the parents & guardians of Second & Fifth Year students on November 28th.
* Ms. Mc Ardle applied for a Bring Live Arts to Students and Teachers Initiative on behalf of the Art Department.
* The school was successful in the Credit Union Art competition
  + Category 1 (11-13 years): 3rd Lucy Carey
  + Category 2 (14-17 Years): 1st Keisha Mc Cann (entry goes forward to Chapter)
  + Category 3 (14-17 years): 1st Aoibheann Routledge (entry goes forward to Chapter), 2nd Philip Russell
  + Category 4 (18 years & over): 1st Sophie Moore (entry goes forward to Chapter), 2nd Ellen Carragher, 3rd Holly Simpson
* Third Year History students visited the Epic Museum in Dublin on November 24th.
* Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Year Art students visited the Van Gough exhibition and the Botanic Gardens in Dublin on October 7th.
* The school received the following awards from Prodigy Learning in October.
  + Prodigy Learning: Centre of Excellence 2020-2021
  + Prodigy Learning Outstanding Centre of Excellence 2021- 2022
* Students in the school participated in the tráth na gceist quiz on October 12th.
* As part of the Cavan-Monaghan Science Festival, Dr. Barry Fitzgerald gave a talk on Thursday the 10th of November to 1st, 2nd, 5th & 6th Year students
* The Maths Department organised a Maths talk for 4th & 5th Year Maths students on Careers in Maths and Data Science. This talk was delivered by past pupil Siobhan Connolly.
* The following students in the TY Young Scientist module have qualified for the Young Scientist exhibition in January: Annabel Bogue (The True Cost of The Accommodation Crisis in Ireland), Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick (A Statistical Study into the financial sustainability of the agricultural sector in Ireland) and Comac Mc Nally, Finian O’ Neill & Calum Cunningham (Waste Water Fertilizer)
* The MFL Department organised a number of activities as part of European Languages Day
* Fifth Year LCVP students completed an Enterprise Activity on October 28th.
* The Junior German Club meet on a regular basis
* Evening Study takes places from 4pm – 6pm,
* A homework club for First Year students takes place from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. First Year students are supported by our SNA’s and TY students.

The Principal also paid tribute to the teachers for their willingness to embrace new initiatives so willingly that has generated so much positive discussion around Teaching & Learning in our school.

**Extra Curricular**

* The school musical Rock of Ages took place in Iontas Theatre from October 11th – 13th. Members of the Board of Management passed on their congratulations to everyone involved in this fantastic success.
* GAA leagues for First & & Second Year Girls finished the week beginning October 17th
* First Year Girls competed in a GAA blitz in Cloghan on October 12th.
* The U/14 Camogie team participated in a blitz on October 14th.
* The Senior Boys GAA team made a positive start to their Mac Rory Cup campaign.
* The U15 Boys team commenced an S & C programme in preparation for their competition after Christmas.
* The Corn na nOg team qualified for the Ulster semi final.
* The U13.5 Boys GAA team commenced training in preparation for their competition after Christmas.
* The Senior Girls GAA team qualified for the Ulster A semi final.
* The U/16 Girls GAA team qualified for the Ulster A semi final.
* The U14 Girls GAA team commenced training in preparation for their competition after Christmas.
* Niamh Flanagan, Hannah Haughey, Laura Grimes and Hazel Hughes were selected on the Ulster Ladies GAA All Star panel for 2022- 2023.
* Fifth Year student Katie Glynn has been selected for the Ireland U/17 Basketball team.
* Second Year student Lucy Carey, Third Year student Rebecca Keenan and Ms. Brady represented the U/15 Girls North East Basketball Region at an interprovincial tournament in Limerick.
* Annie Carroll, Emma Mc Guigan & Rebecca Keenan were selected on the Ulster Girls U/15 Basketball Academy Team.
* The U/19 Boys Basketball Team qualified for the Regional A semi final. The boys now play Dunshauglin CC for 3rd place in the league and a spot in the All Ireland last 16.
* The U/19 Girls Basketball team qualified for the Regional A semi final. Members of the Board of Management thanked past pupil Thomas Hughes (Americold) for their very generous sponsorship of basketball kits.
* The 1st year Boys Soccer team have had an excellent start to the year, winning impressively against Beech Hill and Inver, while drawing with Patrician. They have two group games remaining and are optimistic of progressing into the knockout rounds.
* The U15’s Boys Soccer team have been extremely impressive recording wins over St Macartans and Beech Hill. They have two remaining group games and similarly, they are optimistic of reaching the knockout stages.
* The U17’s Boys Soccer team topped their group with 4 points from two games, having drawn with Cootehill and recording a win over Beech Hill. They are scheduled to play a Cavan – Monaghan semi-final. Currently waiting on an opponent.
* The U19’s Boys Soccer team progressed to the Cavan – Monaghan semi-final’s after an impressive win over Beech Hill. The U19’s recovered from a difficult opening defeat to Cootehill to progress as best runners up. Scheduled to play St Macartan’s on November 29th for a place in the regional final.
* First Year Girls soccer training and competition will start after Christmas.
* The U15 Girls Soccer team started training this week, with upcoming games against St Louis and Inver scheduled for December.
* The U17 Girls Soccer team played their first game on Friday November 18th. Although they were well beaten by St Louis, almost 30 girls are training regularly and they’ve shown brilliant commitment, attitude, work ethic and willingness to learn. For the majority of the group, it was their first ever experience of playing competitive football. Their second, and final, group game vs Cootehill is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd.
* The U19 Girls Soccer team have an upcoming blitz scheduled against St. Aidan’s and Breifne College.
* The school equestrian team has started training and participating in inter schools show jumping competitions. The team finished 3rd in a competition on October 29th & 4th on November 26th.
* Students in 1L, 2L & 3L participated in a blitz with students from Holy Family School Cootehill on November 24th.
* The TY Active Schools Module organised multi sports activities for Second Year students not involved with sports teams.
* A talk for Second Year students involved in the iWish Walking in Schools Initiative took place on November 9th.
* The school ECO club meets on a weekly basis and organised a ‘ Bin it & Win it’ competition for Climate Action Week. Three students Kayla Redden, Nina and Ruby Daly from the Eco Club were successful in their application to take part in the Green School Water Ambassador programme this year. This programme involves in person training, interactive discussions on water conservation topics, well-being workshops(online), clean ups and water testing events.
* The following students from the TY Young Scientist module were selected to participate in the BY Young Scientist exhibition in the RDS in January 2023:
* A Junior Art Club has been set up that meets on a weekly basis.
* A Junior German Club has been set up that meets on a weekly basis.
* An after school Cooking Club has been set up that meets on a regular basis.
* The Junior Choir meets every Thursday at lunchtime.
* The Senior Choir meets every Friday at lunchtime
* Transition Year students have been busy since their return to school.
  + TY Innovating Communities Workshop
  + TY Don’t Pour Your Dreams Away Workshop
  + TY Active Schools Multi Sports Activity
  + TY CV & Interview Skills Workshop
  + TY Cooking Competition
  + TY Work Experience
  + TY First Aid Course
  + TY Road Safety Workshop
  + TY Forensic Fun Workshop
  + TY Visit to St. Mary’s

The Principal thanked the staff for their extraordinary generosity of time & spirit in giving students opportunities to develop their skills, talents and interests outside the classroom

**Student Voice**

* Sixth Year Student Leaders are assisting with supervision on corridors before school.
* Sixth Year Student Leaders organised a sleepout for the homeless on October 21st.
* The Student Council elections were held at the start of the year and the new Student Council met on September 23rd.
* The following Sixth Year students have assumed leadership roles in the Student Leaders group:
  + Head Boy: Conor Curran
  + Head Girl: Ciara Brady
  + Deputy Head Boy: Pauric Mc Bride
  + Deputy Head Girl: Grace Hanratty
* Members of the Student Council assisted with serving refreshments for recent parent teacher meetings.
* A number of 6th Year students participated in a focus group with Student Voice Coordinator Ms. Murray the week beginning November 28th.

The Principal & members of the Board of Management thanked everyone involved in the promotion of Student Voice at Our Lady’s.

**Student Support & Discipline**

**Student Support**

* First Year Vaccinations were held on October 14th.
* A number of activities were held for Anti Bullying Week the week beginning October 20th.
* Student Support Meetings are held every Monday P6
* The External Counsellor continues to support students on a weekly basis.
* The school meals programme continues to provide support to a number of families on a weekly basis.
* Senior Management and Sixth Year Year Head Mr. Lonergan are currently meeting all Sixth Year students on an individual basis.
* Senior Management and Third Year Year Head Mr. Mulroe & Ms. Mason are currently meeting all Third Year students on an individual basis.
* The school Chaplain Ms. Duffy organised a number of activities in school the week beginning October 24th as part of Positive Mental Health Week. These activities included drop all and colour, drop all & walk and staff fancy dress.
* A number of staff are participating in the Crocus Men’s Den Monaghan GAA Club Championship Challenge.

**Discipline**

* Council of Discipline meetings take place every Thursday P6.

The Principal & members of the Board of Management thanked everyone involved in the Council of Discipline and Student Support Team for the hard work, care and support shown to students across so many different levels.

**Faith Life of the School**

* Weekly prayers are said over the school intercom.

The Principal & members of the Board of Management thanked Ms. Duffy, members of the Religion Department and everyone involved in the promotion of the faith life of our school.

**Plant Development & Maintenance**

* D. Mooney updated the Board of Management on developments relating to the new extension.
* D. Mooney updated the Board of Management on developments with Educena in relation to acquiring additional land from the Mercy Sisters at the entrance to the school.
* The Principal updated the Board of Management on a proposed application to the DES for additional accommodation for specialist classrooms for the students in our mild & moderate general classes.

**IT**

* All data projectors in the school were serviced during the October midterm break

**Policy Review:**

* The Schools Strategic Plan is currently under review.
* Changes to Admissions Policy as outlined below: Proposed: G. Carville Seconded: J. Bishop

*Our Lady’s Secondary School* *will cooperate with the NCSE in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 in relation to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council.”*

*Our Lady’s Secondary School* *will comply with any direction served on the Board or the patron under section 37A and 67(4)(b).”*

**Health & Safety**

* An issue was raised in relation to lighting at the front of the school & the main school carpark. This is to be actioned by Glebe builders the week beginning December 5th.

**Child Protection Issues**

* The Principal informed the Board of Management of communication and / or referrals to TUSLA since the last Board of Management meeting.

**Bullying Issues**

* None

**Staff Issues**

* The school received an extra .75 allocation for a Special Needs Assistant. This position was advertised and the closing date was November 30th.

**A.O.B.**

* The Principal updated the Board of Management on developments relating to the school lotto.
* The Principal updated the Board of Management on developments relating to the enrolment of Sixth class students for September 2023.
* The Principal presented a proposed new Mission Statement to the Board of Management. Proposed: J. Bishop Seconded: J. Sheridan
* The Chairperson of the Board of Management thanked the Principal for a comprehensive report and thanked the Senior Management Team and all staff for their continued hard work & commitment to the school.

**Next Meeting**

* The next meeting of the Board of Management will take place in November with a date to be confirmed.

**Agreed Report Parents:** To go on the website and link sent to parents on the school app.

**Agreed Report Staff:** J. Sheridan