



**PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

Location: Room 30 OLSS

Date: 9th October 2023

Time: 7:15 pm

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome (by Chairperson)**
- 2) Apologies**
- 3) Note(s) of Sympathy**
- 4) Correspondence**
- 5) Minutes of Previous Meeting – available on file**
- 6) Any Matters Arising**
- 7) Treasurer's Report**
- 8) Principal / BOM Report**
- 9) Chairperson's Address**
- 10) Any Other Business**
- 11) Date of Next Meeting**



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Parents Association Meeting October 9th

Events to Date:

Tuesday August 22nd

- 9.30am – 3.00pm: First Year Book Rental in the GPA
- 11.00am – 2.00pm: Induction of new staff

Wednesday August 23rd

- 9.30am – 3.00pm: Second Year Book Rental & Third Year Book Rental in the GPA
- 9.05am – 10.30 am: Staff prayer service to begin the school year followed by Staff Meeting.
- 10:30am - 10:50am: Break.
- 10.50am- 11.20am: Staff Workshop 1
- 11.20am- 12.10pm: Staff Workshop 2
- 12.10pm- 12.40pm: Staff Workshop 3
- 12.40pm- 1.10pm: Staff Workshop 4

Thursday August 24th

- 11.15am- 12.15pm: Whole School Guidance Meeting
- First Year Induction Activities

Friday August 25th

- First Year Induction Activities

Monday August 28th

- Third & Sixth Year students return to school

Tuesday August 29th

- Second, Fourth & Fifth Year students return to school
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33

Wednesday August 30th

- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33

Monday September 4th

- Showchoir melody- Music Room at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday September 5th

- Showchoir sopranos & altos- Music Room at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Friday September 15th

- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- First Year Boys GAA lunchtime leagues
- Full school choir- Music Room at lunchtime
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Monday September 18th

- Senior Girls GAA training
- LCA Induction
- U16 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Student Council Elections
- Showchoir melody- Music Room at lunchtime
- U14 Boys GAA training 4.00pm
- U16 Boys GAA training 4.00pm
- U19 Girls Basketball training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday September 19th

- Student Council Elections
- Showchoir sopranos & altos- Music Room at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Equestrian Team training 7.00pm

Wednesday September 20th

- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- First Year Boys GAA Blitz
- U14 Boys GAA training 1.15pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday September 21st

- TY Ploughing Championships
- Sixth Year Higher Options Conference
- U19 Girls Basketball
- Art Club 1.30pm – 1.55pm
- Musicians in school choir-Music Room at lunchtime
- U16 Girls Basketball training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- First Year Mass 7.00pm

Friday September 22nd

- Opening School Mass
- Full school choir- Music Room at lunchtime
- U16 Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Monday September 25th

- Senior Girls GAA training 7.50am
- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball game
- Student Council Meeting
- Showchoir melody- Music Room at lunchtime
- 6th Year Careers Talk from DKIT 3pm
- Senior Girls Basketball training 4.00pm
- U/16 Boys GAA training 4.00pm
- Teaching & Learning Committee meeting 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday September 26th

- U/19 Boys Basketball training 7.45am
- Sixth Year Retreat
- U/16 Girls GAA match
- Showchoir sopranos & altos- Music Room at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- U16 Boys Basketball training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday September 27th

- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- Senior Boys GAA 7 a side tournament
- Second Year Boys GAA Blitz
- Camogie training 1.15pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday September 28th

- Art Club 1.30pm – 1.55pm
- Musicians in school choir-Music Room at lunchtime
- U/16 Girls Basketball training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- First Year Mass 7.00pm

Friday September 29th

- TY Hike
- Full school choir- Music Room at lunchtime
- Junior Deutschklub
- 6th Year Careers Talk from DKIT 2pm – 3pm & 3pm – 4pm
- U16 Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Monday October 2nd

- Whole School JCT Day (no school for students)
- Sixth Year Reports sent home

Tuesday October 3rd

- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball
- U16 Camogie Blitz
- ATU Sligo Careers Talk P 2 & 4
- Senior Girls GAA
- Showchoir sopranos & altos- Music Room at lunchtime
- Clubs & Societies Day at lunchtime in the Gym
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday October 4th

- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- Second Year Boys GAA Blitz
- Senior Boys GAA Tournament
- School 5km run 11.30am
- U16 Girls GAA training 1.15pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday October 5th

- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- U16 Boys GAA
- Art Club 1.30pm – 1.55pm
- Musicians in school choir-Music Room at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Board of Management Meeting 7.15pm

Friday October 6th

- Staff monthly prayer meeting 8.10am
- Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Year Art trip (provisional)
- ATU Sligo Careers Talk P 6 & 7
- Showchoir soloists & dance auditions at lunchtime
- Second Year MFL Quiz
- U16 Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Monday October 9th

- Senior Girls GAA training 7.50am
- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- Eco Club meeting Room 53 at lunchtime
- First Year Girls GAA Lunchtime League
- Showchoir melody- Music Room at lunchtime
- TY Kayak Course
- TY Talk from Frank Diamond

- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Parents Association Meeting 7.15pm

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday October 10th:** 6th Year Careers Talk DKIT 9.05am- 10.05am & 11.20am- 12.16pm
- **Tuesday October 10th:** Senior Girls GAA
- **Wednesday October 11th:** First Year Girls GAA Blitz
- **Wednesday October 11th:** Senior Boys GAA
- **Thursday October 12th:** Ulster Ladies GAA All Stars
- **Thursday October 12th:** U16 Girls GAA
- **Friday October 13th:** Fifth Year LCVP Enterprise Event
- **Monday October 16th:** TY CV & Interview Skills Workshop
- **Monday October 16th:** Sixth Year October Assessments (based on 5th Year revision work)
- **Tuesday October 17th:** Senior Girls GAA
- **Wednesday October 18th:** Junior Cycle Results
- **Wednesday October 18th:** First & Second Year Hurling & Camogie Blitz
- **Thursday October 19th:** TY Gambling Talk
- **Friday October 20th:** TY Construction RDS Ideal Home Show

- **Monday October 23rd:** U19 Girls Basketball
- **Monday October 23rd:** Third Year October Assessments (based on 2nd Year revision work)
- **Tuesday October 14th:** U16 Girls GAA
- **Thursday October 26th:** Open Night (provisional)
- **Monday October 30th- Friday November 3rd:** Midterm Break
- **Saturday November 4th:** National Showchoir Ireland competition

Learning & Teaching

- Leaving Certificate & Leaving Certificate Applied Results
- The Sixth Year September Reports were made available to parents & guardians on Compass Education the week beginning October 2nd.
- Teaching & Learning is on the agenda for all staff & Subject Department Meetings. A number of staff workshops in the following areas were held at staff meetings on August 23rd:
 - Staged approach to discipline and changes to the Code of Behaviour
 - Feedback from the Junior Cycle Science Inspection
 - Chat GPT in the Classroom
 - Tarsia Puzzles
- A meeting of the Teaching & Learning Committee took place on Monday September 25th. Teachers present had a conversation on the following areas:
 - As a school how can we share good practice in Teaching & Learning? How can the work of the Teaching & Learning Committee be shared at whole staff level?
 - What support can be provided by SMT and the Teaching & Learning group to improve individuals' professional practice?
 - Upcoming Whole School Junior Cycle Day
 - Feedback on staff workshops on August 23rd.

- 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
 - Wellbeing
- All staff engaged in a Whole School Junior Cycle Implementation Day on October 2nd.
- A meeting of the Guidance Team took place on August 24th.
- A meeting of LCA teachers took place on Wednesday September 6th.
- An Information Evening for the parents & guardians of Sixth Year students took place on September 11th.
- First Year students completed their CAT4 tests on September 14th.
- Sixth Year students attended the Higher Options Conference on September 21st
- Sixth Year students had a career talk from DKIT and ATU Sligo.
- An Information Evening for the parents & guardians of First Year students took place on October 2nd.
- 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.

Extra Curricular

- GAA training has started for the following teams: U14 Boys, U16 Boys, Senior Boys, U16 Girls, Senior Girls.
- The U16 Girls GAA team competition has started.
- The First Year Boys GAA lunchtime league has started.
- The First Year Boys GAA team competed in a blitz in Cloghan on Wednesday September 20th.
- The Senior Boys GAA team competed in a Mac Rory Cup 7's tournament on October 4th.
- Camogie training has started for U14 and U16 Girls and there was an inter school's county Camogie blitz on October 3rd.
- Basketball training has started for the following teams: U16 Boys, Senior Boys, U16 Girls & Senior Girls. All of these teams have started their competitions.
- A number of staff and representatives from our girls' soccer team attended an international soccer match in Dublin on September 26th.
- Training has started for the school Equestrian Team
- A number of students in the school participated in the schools multi combined athletics event in Belfast on September 14th.

- The school choir practices on a regular basis at lunchtime most days each week. The choir performed at the First Year Mass and the Opening School Mass. The choir are busy preparing for the finals of Showchoir Ireland on November 4th.
- 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 regular basis.
- An Eco Club has been set up that meets on a regular basis.
- A Clubs & Societies Day was held at lunchtime on October 3rd.
- Transition Year students have been busy since the start of the year:
 - TY Induction Activities
 - TY Peer Mentors
 - TY Hike
 - TY Create the Great in You Workshop
 - TY Ploughing Championships
 - TY First Year Homework Club
 - TY Planet Youth Survey
 - TY Clubs and Societies Day
 - TY GAISCE Talk
 - TY LA519 Fundraising & Talk
 - TY Kayak Course
 - TY Talk from Frank Diamond

Student Voice

- Sixth Year Student Leaders are assisting with supervision on corridors before school.
- Student Council Elections were held on September 18th.
- The First meeting of the Student Council took place on September 25th.
- Transition Year students are assisting with peer mentoring activities for the JCSP classes.

Student Support & Discipline

Student Support

- Student Support Meetings are held every Wednesday.
- 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.
- Assemblies were held for all year groups on their return to school.
- Senior Management and Year Heads met all students for a short one to one meeting during the month of September.
- First Year students had a talk on Internet Safety on September 7th.
- The school has engaged the services of a Student Youth / Home School Liaison Officer every Wednesday through an initiative with Monaghan Education Centre.
- Our school is implementing the NCSE Check & Connect Programme this year.
- A whole school 5km run / walk was held on October 4th
- It is planned to reintroduce the Breakfast Club two mornings a week from the week beginning October 16th.

Discipline

- Council of Discipline meetings take place every Tuesday.
- Yondr Pouches

Faith Life of the School

- Weekly prayers are said over the school intercom.
- The First Year Mass was held on September 21st.
- The Opening School Mass was held on September 22nd.
- Ms. Mc Ardle has organised a monthly prayer meeting for staff.

Plant Development & Maintenance

- Update on the new extension
- Summer Works Scheme.
- Fitness Suite

Policy Review:

- DES Child Protection Guidelines
 - Proposed:
 - Seconded:

AOB

- Review of goods served in the canteen and an application to be made to various organisations for support.