



Our Lady's Secondary School
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Board of Management Meeting Agreed Report November 30th

Opening Prayer: G. Carville

Dane Farrell & Cliodhna Mc Dermott were remembered in the opening prayer.

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

Apologies: None

Minutes

Proposed: A. Campbell

Seconded: S. Egan

Matters Arising

Addressed in the Principal's Report

Correspondence

- Application for the use of school facilities (all approved)
 - Donaghmoynne GAA (fitness suite)
 - Oram GAA (fitness suite)
 - Castleblayney Faughs GAA (fitness suite)
 - Cremartin GAA (fitness suite)
 - Castleblayney Musical Society (Concert Hall)
- Circular 0060/2023: Domestic Violence Leave for Registered Special Needs Assistants in Post Primary Schools
- Circular 0059/2023: Domestic Violence Leave for Registered Teachers in Post Primary Schools
- Circular 0056/ 2023; Cost of living measure to support increased school running costs
- Circular 0054/2023: Curriculum & assessment developments at senior cycle with particular reference to the 2023/ 2024 school year and onwards
- Circular 0053/ 2023: Breastfeeding Breaks for Registered Special Needs Assistants in Primary & Post Primary Schools
- Circular 0052/2023: Breastfeeding Breaks for Registered Teachers in Primary & Post Primary Schools
- Circular 0051/ 2023: Unpaid Leave for Medical Care Purposes for Special Needs Assistants in Post Primary Schools

- Correspondence from CEIST Coordinator Sharon Mc Grath acknowledging receipt of our minutes of October 5th.

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 6th

- Staff monthly prayer meeting 8.10am
- Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Year Art trip
- 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

- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball
- Eco Club meeting Room 53 at lunchtime
- U16 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- First Year Boys S & C at lunchtime
- Literacy & Numeracy Committee meeting 1.15pm
- TY Kayak Course
- TY Talk from Frank Diamond
- 6th Year Guidance talk from University of Galway P7
- Defibrillator training 3.00pm – 4.30pm
- U17 Girls soccer training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Parents Association Meeting 7.15pm

Tuesday October 10th

- U16 Boys Basketball 7.45am
- Senior Girls GAA
- Soccer for all blitz
- TY Kayak Course
- 6th Year Careers Talk DKIT 9.05am- 10.05am & 11.20am- 12.16pm
- 6th Year Guidance talk from University of Galway P 2 & 4
- First Year Girls GAA Lunchtime League
- Full Showchoir in the Concert Hall
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- U19 Boys Basketball training 4.00pm
- U16 Boys GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday October 11th

- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- TY Kayak Course
- First Year Girls GAA Blitz
- Ulster All Star Camogie trials

- Camogie training for First & Second Year students 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- Showchoir in the Concert Hall 2pm – 4pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday October 12th

- TY Kayak Course
- U16 Girls GAA
- Ulster Schools Ladies GAA All Star trials
- School SSE Advisory Visit
- Full Showchoir in the Concert Hall
- First Year Girls GAA Lunchtime League
- Art Club 1.30pm – 1.55pm
- U17 Boys Soccer training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Friday October 13th

- TY Kayak Course
- Fifth Year LCVP Enterprise Event
- U16 Camogie
- Dancers Concert Hall & Soloists Music Room at lunchtime
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Monday October 16th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- Maths Week Activities
- First Year Boys S & C at lunchtime
- TY Interview & CV Workshop
- TY Kayak Course
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U16 Girls GAA training 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- U19 Girls Basketball 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- U17 Girls Soccer 4.00pm – 5.15pm
- U14 Boys Soccer 5.00pm – 6.15pm

Tuesday October 17th

- U19 Boys Basketball 8.00am
- Maths Week Activities
- TY Talk from Castleblayney Regeneration Committee
- TY Kayak Course
- TY Don't Pour Your Dreams Away Workshop (1.55pm – 2.45pm & 2.50pm – 3.50pm)
- Senior Girls GAA
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- Droichead Meeting P7
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U14 Boys GAA training 4.15pm – 5.30pm
- U16 Boys Basketball 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- U15 Girls Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- U15 Boys Soccer 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday October 18th

- Maths Week Activities
- Junior Cycle Results
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- TY Kayak Course
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- U16 Girls Basketball 1.15pm – 2.15pm
- Camogie training 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Thursday October 19th

- Maths Week Activities
- TY Kayak Course
- TY Gambling Talk
- U16 Girls GAA
- Art Club 1.30pm – 1.55pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U15 Boys Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- U17 Boys Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Friday October 20th

- Maths Week Activities
- TY Kayak Course
- TY Maths Talk P2 & 3
- U14 Boys GAA
- U17 Boys Soccer
- 5th Year Construction RDS Ideal Home Show
- Jersey Day in aid of the Zambia Immersion Project
- 6th Year Talk on Medicine from Eileen Mc Elroy 3.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Monday October 23rd

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball game
- U14 Boys GAA game
- Showchoir soloists' rehearsals at lunchtime
- First Year Boys S & C at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U16 Girls GAA training 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm- 5.00pm
- U17 Boys Soccer

Tuesday October 24th

- Showchoir rehearsals at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- TY STEM Odyssey Belfast
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U17 Girls Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday October 25th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- U16 & U19 Boys Basketball game
- Ulster Ladies GAA All Star trials
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- Showchoir rehearsals 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Thursday October 26th

- U15 Girls Soccer
- U16 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U16 Girls GAA training 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Open Night 7.00pm

Friday October 27th

- Senior Girls GAA training 7.45am
- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- Showchoir soloists' rehearsals at lunchtime
- First Year Boys Soccer
- DCU Sixth Year Information Talk P6
- DCU Sixth Year Information Talk P7
- U16 Boys GAA game
- U19 Girls Soccer
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm

Monday November 6th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- Transition Year Work Experience
- First Year Assembly 11.18am
- Sixth Year Assembly 12.16pm
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Senior Boys GAA game
- U15 Girls Soccer
- U16 Boys Basketball Quarter Final
- 2C Guidance talk P7
- 3C Guidance talk P2
- First Year Boys S & C at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm- 5.00pm

Tuesday November 7th

- Transition Year Work Experience
- U16 Boys Basketball training
- 2B Guidance talk P2
- 3A Guidance talk P7
- U19 Girls Basketball All Ireland Quarter Final
- U19 Boys Basketball Quarter Final
- Fifth Year Assembly 11.18am
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U19 Boys Basketball training
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Meeting of Parents & Guardians for the Zambia Immersion Project 6.30pm

Wednesday November 8th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- Transition Year Work Experience
- 3D Guidance talk P5
- U16 Girls Basketball Final
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- First & Second Year Hurling & Camogie blitz
- Official opening of the new extension 1.15pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- U15 Boys GAA training 1.15pm – 2.15pm

Thursday November 9th

- Transition Year Work Experience
- First Year NGRT Testing
- 2A Guidance talk P3
- 2F Guidance talk P5
- 3F Guidance talk P6
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U16 Girls GAA training 4.00pm

Friday November 10th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- Transition Year Work Experience
- Staff Monthly Prayer Meeting 8.10am
- U14 Boys Soccer
- U16 & U19 Girls Basketball League Quarter Final
- 2D Guidance talk P3
- 2E Guidance talk P6
- 3B Guidance talk P3
- Sixth Year Register of Electors 3.00pm – 4.00pm
- Sixth Year Apprenticeship Talk 3.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm

Saturday November 11th

- Open Day for the new extension for members of the public 11.00am – 1.00pm

Monday November 13th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- Third & Sixth Year October Reports available on Compass
- Geography Awareness Week
- Stand Up Awareness Week- Raising of the Pride Flag & Information Slides during Tutor Class
- U17 Girls Soccer
- U19 Girls Soccer
- FAI Football for All Inclusion Programme
- 2C Guidance talk P7
- 3C Guidance talk P2
- School choir Sopranos and Altos Music Room
- First Year Boys S & C at lunchtime
- Meeting of the Digital Learning Team 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U16 Girls GAA training 4.00pm- 5.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm- 5.00pm

Tuesday November 14th

- Stand Up Awareness Week- Information Slides during Tutor Class
- 2B Guidance talk P2
- 3A Guidance talk P7
- U17 Boys Soccer
- Showchoir Meeting Concert hall
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U16 Girls GAA training 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- U15 Boys GAA training 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- U16 Boys Basketball 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Wednesday November 15th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- 3D Guidance talk P5
- 3E Guidance talk P5
- Second Year Girls GAA Blitz
- Senior Girls GAA game
- U15 Boys S & C 1.15pm
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 2.000pm – 4.00pm
- Staff Meeting 2.15pm – 3.15pm
- Third Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm – 6.45pm

Thursday November 16th

- 2A Guidance talk P3
- 2F Guidance talk P5
- 3F Guidance talk P6
- U19 Camogie Blitz
- U17 Boys Soccer game
- U16 Girls GAA game
- School Choir Musicians Music Room
- TY Red King Chess Workshops
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U17 & U19 Girls Soccer training 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- First Year Boys Soccer training 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Friday November 17th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- Stand Up Awareness Week- LGBT Tea Party in Ms. Bruen's room at lunchtime
- 2D Guidance talk P3
- 2E Guidance talk P6
- 3B Guidance talk P3
- U16 Girls GAA game
- Senior Boys GAA
- School Choir Melody Music Room
- TY Red King Chess Workshops
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Monday November 20th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- U16 Girls GAA training
- U16 Boys Basketball training
- College Awareness Week- talk by past pupil Niamh Hand (Physiotherapist)
- College Awareness Week- talk by past pupil Karol Harvey (Monaghan Institute)
- College Awareness Week- talk by Jonathan Holland (Ulster University)
- College Awareness Week- talk by Micheal Dowdican (ATU Sligo)
- U17 Boys Soccer
- Inspire Education Study Skills Workshop for First Years
- FAI Football for All Inclusion Programme
- U14 Boys S & C at lunchtime
- School Choir sopranos and altos at lunchtime
- First Year Boys GAA training at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm- 5.00pm

Tuesday November 28th

- College Awareness Week- talk by Georgina Buffini (DCU)
- U16 Boys Basketball
- U16 Girls Basketball
- U14 Boys GAA training at lunchtime
- 5th Year Choir Leaders meeting at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Second Year Girls Basketball 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- U17 & U19 Girls Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday November 22nd

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- College Awareness Week- talk by Erin Keapock (Teagasc)
- 3E Guidance talk P5
- First Year Boys GAA Blitz
- U17 Boys Soccer
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- U15 Boys S & C 1.15pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- U19 Camogie training 1.30pm – 3.00pm
- U16 Girls GAA training 1.30pm
- U14 Boys GAA training 1.30pm

Thursday November 23rd

- College Awareness Week- talk by Alan Clarke Civil & Structural Engineering
- College Awareness Week- talk by Victoria Wilson (ATU Donegal)
- First Year Boys Soccer
- At Club 1.30pm – 1.55pm
- School Choir musicians at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U15 Boys GAA training 4.00pm
- Sixth Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm – 6.45pm
- Meeting for the Parents & Guardians of students travelling to Berlin 7.00pm

Friday December 1st

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- Sixth Year Politics & Society Coffee morning in aid of the Red Cross.
- School Choir melody at lunchtime
- German Club for First Year students at lunchtime
- Senior Boys GAA
- Ulster Ladies All Star Event
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Friday November 24th- Sunday November 26th

- FAI U15 Interprovincial Tournament

Saturday November 25th

- Saturday Study 9.00am – 1.00pm

Monday November 27th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- U16 Girls GAA training
- U19 Girls Regional Basketball final
- U17 Girls Soccer
- FAI Football for All Inclusion Programme
- National Final of the Europe Direct Soapbox Public Speaking Competition
- First Year Boys S & C at lunchtime
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm- 5.00pm
- Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 4.10pm
- Second & Fifth Year Information Evening Online Meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday November 28th

- TY Forensic Fun Workshop
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm – 2.55pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U15 Boys GAA training 4.00pm
- Second Year Girls Basketball 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Wednesday November 29th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am – 12.16pm Rm 33
- U19 Camogie Blitz
- First Year Girls GAA Blitz
- TY Star Weaving Event in Iontas 10.30am – 12.30pm
- TY Trip to the Christmas Markets
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- U19 Girls Basketball training 1.15pm
- U15 Boys GAA S & C 1.15pm
- U15 Girls soccer training 1.30pm
- Parents Association Talk ‘Building Resilience in Teenagers at 7.15pm’
- DCU Scholarship Presentation

Thursday November 30th

- Trath na Ceist Quiz
- TY Visit to St. Mary’s
- U15 Boys soccer at lunchtime
- At Club 1.30pm – 1.55pm
- School Choir musicians at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm – 6.00pm
- U17 Girls Soccer 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Board of Management Meeting 7.15pm

Upcoming Events

- **Monday December 4th:** First Year Exams in English, Irish & Maths in the school gym
- **Tuesday December 5th:** Second Year Exams in English, Irish & Maths in the school gym
- **Tuesday December 5th:** U19 Girls Basketball All Ireland semi final
- **Tuesday December 5th:** TY Christmas Fair
- **Tuesday December 5th:** TY Technology Class trip
- **Tuesday December 5th:** Second Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm – 6.45pm
- **Tuesday December 5th & Wednesday December 6th:** Sixth Year French & German Pre Leaving Certificate Oral Exams
- **Wednesday December 6th:** First & Second Year Hurling & Camogie Blitz
- **Wednesday December 6th:** TY Tour to Belfast
- **Wednesday December 6th- Saturday December 9th:** Fifth & Sixth Year History tour to Berlin
- **Thursday December 7th:** Staff JCT Cluster Day
- **Friday December 8th:** School Holiday
- **Monday December 11th:** School Holiday
- **Tuesday December 12th:** Christmas Reflections
- **Wednesday December 13th:** Christmas Jumper / Festive Decorations Day with proceeds going to charity
- **Wednesday December 13th – Friday December 15th:** Sixth Year Irish Pre Leaving Certificate Oral Exam
- **Wednesday December 13th:** Sixth Year Pre Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Practical Exam
- **Wednesday December 13th:** Sixth Year Pre Leaving Certificate Art Practical Exam
- **Thursday December 14th- Friday December 15th:** Pre Leaving Certificate Music Practical Exam
- **Thursday December 14th:** TY Drug Awareness Talk
- **Friday December 15th:** TY STEM Event in Belfast
- **Monday December 18th- Wednesday December 20th:** Fourth Year Exams in the school gym
- **Tuesday December 19th- Friday December 22nd:** Fifth Year Exams in the school gym

Learning & Teaching

- Sarah Carragher from the Leaving Certificate class of 2023 received a DCU Entrance Scholarship.
- Adam Mc Bride from the Leaving Certificate class of 2023 received a scholarship from the Tax Institute of Ireland.
- Fifth Year student Annabel Bogue was successful in the national final of the Europe Direct Soapbox Public Speaking competition.
- The Principal commented on the excellent Junior Cycle results across all levels and subjects. The Principal thanked all teachers and support staff for their work with the students over the course of their three years at Junior Cycle.
- The Principal informed the Board of Management of the results analysis completed by Athena tracking and the criteria by which staff and Senior Management were analysing Junior Cycle results. Senior Management will be meeting with each subject department over the course of the year to discuss results trends in each subject area.
- The Sixth Year & Third Year October Reports were made available to parents & guardians on Compass Education at the start of November.
- The Third Year Parent Teacher Meeting took place on November 15th.
- The Sixth Year Parent Teacher Meeting took place on November 23rd.
- A meeting of the Teaching & Learning Committee took place on November 27th.
- 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 had an SSE Advisory visit from the Inspectorate on October 12th.
- The Literacy & Numeracy Committee had a meeting on October 9th.
- The Digital Learning Team had a meeting on November 13th and staff completed a Digital Learning survey on November 15th.
- First Year students completed NGRT Testing on November 9th.
- Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Year Art students visited an exhibition in Dublin on October 6th.
- Sixth Year students had career talks from:
 - ATU Sligo
 - DKIT
 - University of Galway
 - Doctor Eileen Mc Elroy
 - DCU
 - Apprenticeship Talk

- The following talks were organised by the Guidance Department as part of College Awareness Week:
 - Ulster University
 - DCU
 - ATU Sligo
 - ATU Donegal
 - Niamh Hand Physiotherapist
 - Monaghan Institute
 - Teagasc
- All Second & Third Year students received Guidance classes the weeks beginning November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.
- The MFL Department held a table quiz for second year students on October 6th.
- Fifth Year LCVP students held an enterprise activity on October 13th.
- Fifth Year Construction Studies students visited the RDS Ideal Home Show on October 20th.
- The Maths Department held activities for Maths Week, the week beginning October 16th.
- The Geography Department held activities for Geography Awareness Week, the week beginning November 13th.
- First Year students participated in a workshop on study skills by Inspire Education on November 20th.
- The school participated in the Trath na Ceist Quiz on November 30th.
- Evening Study takes places from 4pm – 6pm,
- Saturday Study has commenced for Sixth Year students every Saturday from 9.00am – 1.00pm
- 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 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

- GAA training is ongoing for the following teams: U13 Boys, U14 Boys, U15 Boys, U16 Boys, Senior Boys, U14 Girls, U16 Girls, Senior Girls.
- Laura Grimes, Hazel Hughes, Tara Renaghan and Niamh Flanagan were selected on the Ulster Ladies All Star team for 2023- 2024. The girls participated in an in-house game in University of Ulster Jordanstown on November 24th.
- The U16 Girls GAA team qualified for the Ulster final.
- The Senior Girls GAA team qualified for the Ulster final.
- The U16 Boys GAA team qualified for the Rannafast Shield final.
- The U14 Boys GAA team lost in the semi final of their competition.
- The Senior Boys GAA team have two wins from two games in the Mac Rory Cup
- A number of teams in the school have participated in GAA blitzes organised by the Monaghan GAA Coaching & Development Team.
- Camogie training has started for U14 and U16 Girls. Students from our school participated in U16 and U19 Camogie blitzes. Representatives from the U19 team attended the Ulster Camogie All Star trials on October 11th.
- Basketball training is ongoing for the following teams: U16 Boys, Senior Boys, U16 Girls & Senior Girls. All of these teams have started their competitions. The Senior Girls team were defeated in the Regional A Final and have qualified for the All Ireland Semi Final. The U16 Boys team qualified for the All Ireland play offs. Trials have started for junior basketball teams and their competitions start after Christmas.
- The following students from the school are part of North East Regional Basketball Academies: Abaigh Mc Geough, Caoimhe Beirne, Mary Kate Byrne, Naomi Mc Caghey, Shannon Mc Dermott, Ruby O' Brien, Michael Mc Ardle, Oliver Mc Geough, Matthew Lennon, Sadie Byrne, Niamh Clarke, Hannah Dignam, Grace Fleming, Emma Mc Dermott & Aisling Beirne
- Soccer training is ongoing for the following teams: U15 Girls, U17 Girls, U19 Girls, U13 Boys, U15 Boys, U17 Boys, U19 Boys. All these teams are progressing well in the group stages of their competitions with cup fixtures scheduled for after Christmas.
- Macy Treanor was selected on the Ulster U15 Interprovincial soccer team for 2023- 2024. Macy participated in an interprovincial tournament the weekend of November 24th.
- Students in 11, 2L & 3L are participating in a FAI Inclusion For All Programme
- The school choir practices on a regular basis at lunchtime most days each week. The choir performed at the finals of Showchoir Ireland on November 4th winning best vocal group. The choir also performed at the official opening of the new extension.
- 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.

- Transition Year students have been busy since the start of the year:
 - TY Peer Mentors
 - TY First Year Homework Club
 - TY Red King Chess Workshop
 - TY Work Experience
 - TY STEM Odyssey Belfast
 - TY Maths Talk
 - TY Kayak Course
 - TY Gambling Talk
 - TY Talk from Castleblayney Regeneration Committee
 - TY Don't Pour Your Dreams Away Workshop
 - TY Interview & CV Workshop
 - TY Talk from Frank Diamond
 - TY Talk from Luke Whitehouse
 - TY Star Weaving Event in Iontas
 - TY Trip to the Christmas Markets
 - TY visit to St. Mary's
 - TY Forensic Fun Workshop
 - TY Microsoft Dreamspace

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 and are engaging in mentoring activities with First Year students.
- The Student Council meets on a regular basis.
- Transition Year students are assisting with peer mentoring activities for junior students.

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

- 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.
- Breakfast Club runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am – 8.45am.
- School staff completed defibrillator training on October 9th.
- Assemblies were held for all year groups on their return to school after the midterm break.
- All Second & Third Year students received Guidance classes the weeks beginning November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.
- The Guidance Department organised a number of talks for students for College Awareness Week.
- The Sixth Year Politics & Society organised a coffee morning in aid of the Red Cross.
- A number of activities were held in school for Stand Up Awareness Week, the week beginning November 13th.
- The Principal reported on the following areas:
 - Student Youth / Home School Liaison Officer
 - NCSE Check & Connect Programme

Discipline

- Council of Discipline meetings take place every Tuesday.

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.
- Ms. Mc Ardle has organised a monthly prayer meeting for staff.
- A number of Fifth & Sixth Year students received their Pope John Paul 1 Awards on November 13th.

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 3 classroom extension.
- Damien Mooney updated the Board of Management on developments relating to the heating system and replacement doors in 2 different areas of the school.
- A discussion took place on correspondence from Mercy North & CEIST in relation to the school acquiring additional land from Convent grounds.
- The Principal informed the Board of Management of ongoing issues with the lights on the astro turf pitch that need replacement.

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- None

Policy Review:

- None

Health & Safety

- None

Child Protection Issues

- The Principal informed the Board of Management of communication and / or referrals to TUSLA since the last Board of Management meeting The Board was satisfied that the relevant reporting procedures were followed.

Bullying Issues

- None

A.O.B.

- A meeting of the Parents Association was held on October 9th. The Parents Association organised a talk for parents & guardians on November 29th based on ‘ developing resilience in teenagers ’
- A meeting of the school Droichead Committee took place on October 17th.
- A Jersey Day was held in aid of the Zambia Immersion Project October 2024.
- Representatives from Monaghan County Council visited the school on November 10th to register 6th Year students for voting.
- Open Night for incoming students and their parents & guardians was held on October 26th. The Principal updated the Board of Management on developments relating to enrolment for September 2024.
- A staff meeting was held on November 13th.
- The official opening of the new extension took place on November 8th. Members of the Board of Management commented on the success of the event.

- Members of the Board of Management congratulated the following students on their sporting success outside of school:
 - Aine Smith (First Year) Athletics
 - Maisie Flanagan (First Year) Boxing
 - Megan Mc Kenna (First Year) Powerlifting
 - Valerija Belugina (Sixth Year) Gymnastics)
- 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

- 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