



ST JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL  
TERENURE



**NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2007**

**WELCOME BACK!**

We extend a big welcome back to everybody and a special welcome to all our new pupils and staff who have returned from career breaks and voluntary service overseas. Congratulations to Ms. Craine (nee Ms. Thornton) on her marriage to Jeremy. We wish them well!

Enclosed with this newsletter is the school calendar of closings for the coming year.

Extensive maintenance work was carried out in the school during the month of August when a warm water system was installed to the wash-basins and classroom sinks. Classrooms 14, 15 and 16 in the "new building" were also redecorated and new flooring put down in Room 14 and the corridor. Total works amounted to €90,000 approximately.

**Start of Year Mass:**

Mass to mark the opening of the school year will be held in St. Joseph's Church on **Thursday next 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m.** This is a very special liturgical ceremony for the school and we look forward to meeting you there.



### ***Election of our new Board of Management:***

Preparations are underway for the election of a new Board of Management for the school. Fr. McDonnell, Chairperson of the Board will convene a meeting at the close of the Parents'



Association Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September for the purpose of electing two parents (one father and one mother) to the Board. The new Board will hold office from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The Board of Management has a strategic, pivotal role in the governance of the school. It has a duty of care to the whole school community and a responsibility to ensure that the school is organised and managed in accordance with legislation. It is with this in mind that we express our thanks and gratitude to Ms. Anita Deegan, Mr. Leon Flanagan, Ms. Kay Sweeney, Mr. Gerard Whyte, Mr. Sean Kenny, Ms. Carmel Durkan, Mr. Matt Hume and Fr. McDonnell the outgoing members of the Board who have so efficiently and selflessly served the welfare of our school community.

### ***Registering prospective pupils for the school:***

If you have a child for Junior Infants next year (Sept. 2008) and has not been registered, it is important to contact the school immediately. Arrangements for Junior Infants for September 2008 will begin in January 2008.

### ***Parent/Teacher Meetings:***

Parent/teacher meetings will take place on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November. The school will close at normal time for infant classes (1.30 p.m.) and **2.15 p.m.** for all other classes.

### ***Sacraments:***

The boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will receive their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008** and the boys in 6<sup>th</sup> Class will be confirmed on Thursday **28<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

## Extra Curricular Activities

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Class After School Hurling:***

Mr. David Needham of Faughs Hurling Club will take the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class boys (Ms. Durkan and Mr. Reale) on Tuesdays after school beginning **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** up to and including 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Coaching will run from 2.40 p.m. to 3.30 each Tuesday. Mr. Needham will provide a hurley and helmet if your child does not have one.

### ***Swimming:***

Good news regarding the swimming. It will re-commence on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September in Terenure College. More details will follow next week. Thanks for your patience and co-operation and I look forward to see you in September 29<sup>th</sup>. ***E. Hallinan***

### ***2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class Football League:***

The football league will commence on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September in the VEC Grounds, Templeogue Road. The games will run on Thursdays up to and including 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### ***Senior & Junior Football Teams:***

Senior Teams: Training in Bushy Park will take place on Mondays with matches on Thursdays for the two senior teams.

Junior Football: Training in Bushy Park will take place on Mondays and Thursdays with matches on Tuesdays. Support and transport for away games would be much appreciated as always.

### ***Templeogue/Synge Street Gaelic Football Club:***

Football nursery/teams resume for all boys/girls age 6 upwards in Bushy Park on Saturday mornings at 10.30 a.m. For more details contact Aisling Farrelly 087 6647515 or [aisling.farrelly@games.gaa.ie](mailto:aisling.farrelly@games.gaa.ie)

### ***Faughs Hurling Club:***

Faughs Hurling Club (beside the Spawell) provide coaching and training from Junior Infants upwards. For more details contact David Needham at 086 3101034.

### ***Afternoon Classes:***

Details of the following afternoon classes will follow shortly:

French Classes for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes – Mr. O'Flynn

Spanish Classes for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes – Mr. Ring

Recorder – Ms. O'Riordan

Keyboard – Ms. Maher

Chess – Mr. Meehan

Keyboard/Guitar/Voice Training – Mr. Holt (Sat) 087-6267477

Art and Craft – Ms. Craine & Ms. Larmer: Art classes will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays commencing Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Ms. Larmer will take 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and Ms. Craine will take classes 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. Notes will be distributed on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September and all applications should be received by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

## ***Important School Procedures***

### ***School Insurance:***

The Board of Management is concerned in relation to its duty of care to the large number of pupils who come into the school premises before the official starting time of 8.50 a.m. The school insurance applies to pupils within school hours and during teacher supervised activities outside of school hours. The Board cannot accept responsibility for pupils arriving before 8.50 a.m. A similar situation arises in relation to caring for pupils after school hours. The Board does not accept responsibility for pupils who await collection after 2.30 p.m.

A premium of €6.00 for personal accident insurance has been included in the school expenses which should be paid directly to the class

teacher. We would appreciate if these expenses could be paid as soon as possible.

**Operative Time:** 24 HOUR COVER i.e. while participating in school related activities, including travel to and from such activities and also in the course of social and leisure activities outside school hours, to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008.

Schedule of Benefit:

1. Death by accident	€10,000
2. Permanent total loss of sight of one eye or one limb.	€100,000
3. Permanent total loss of both eyes or both limbs or permanent total disablement.	€150,000
4. Total or irrecoverable loss of hearing in one ear.	€10,500
5. Total or irrecoverable loss of hearing in both ears.	€75,000
6. Medical and/or dental expenses not recoverable from any other source.	€10,000

The insurance shall not apply in respect of any claim arising out of a pre-existing physical defect, infirmity or medical condition. There are other excluded activities in relation to intoxication and pupils' employment other than school work experience programmes.

***Traffic Arrangements:***

Parents are requested to note the importance of observing the following traffic arrangements:

- (i) Parents are requested not to drive to the school building entrance i.e. the area inside the yellow barrier and between the church and school buildings.
- (ii) The Church gates at the Rathfarnham Road entrance are closed from 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. (with the exception of wet mornings when children are not out in the yard).
- (iii) The gates at the church railings are permanently closed.
- (iv) ***Collecting children at 1.30 p.m.***  
Cars are not allowed into the main churchyard at 1.30 p.m. The car-park from Terenure Road East is open from 1.00 p.m. each day and should be used.

(v) ***Collecting children at 2.30 p.m.***

The gates at Beechlawn Way are open at 2.20 p.m. Access to main church yard will be from Beechlawn Way only. ***Traffic may only enter or leave the main church yard from Beechlawn Way. Parents are requested to be particularly vigilant at these times and not to drive in a manner which will put the children at risk.***

***School Attendance and the Education Welfare Act 2000:***

The Education Welfare Act 2000 became law in July 2002. The Act contains a number of provisions that impact directly on parents and the school. Parents are advised of the following requirements regarding school attendance. Section 21 of the Act obliges the Principal of the school to maintain a record of:

- (i) all pupil absence for each school year and
- (ii) the reasons for each absence

The school Principal is also obliged to notify the school's Education Welfare Officer when a pupil is absent for twenty or more school days and when a pupil is not attending school regularly. In order to implement these requirements the Board of Management has decided that when a pupil returns to school following absence, the class teacher should be informed in writing of the reasons for the absence. The school is obliged to keep the written records which may be inspected by the school's Education Welfare Officer.

***Mobile Phones:*** Children with mobile phones must have them switched off during school hours. Mobile phones with photographic or recording capability may not be used in any way which will offend the privacy of any school individual and/or be damaging to the reputation of the school.

***Dogs:*** Parents are advised that dogs should not be taken into the school premises. It is not our intention to be unfriendly to our canine friends but

the Board of Management is concerned that an accident could arise if a dog became upset or stressed for any reason while in the school or classroom.

**Scooters/Skateboards:** Scooters and skateboards are not allowed in the school.

**School Website** [www.stjosephsterenure.ie](http://www.stjosephsterenure.ie)

Our school website contains information for parents, examples of children's work, details of school activities, achievements and much more. In the coming months we will be including many of our school policies. Keep in touch with the various activities within our school by browsing the site periodically.

As required by the NCTE (National Centre for Technology in Education) we are requesting all boys from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class and their parents to sign our Internet Acceptable Use Policy. Only pupils who return the form signed will be allowed to access the Internet in St. Joseph's.

**School Lunches:** In providing lunch for your children we urge you to consider its nutritional value. The development of good food habits in a child will help to eliminate weight and health problems in later life. It is requested that you do not include sweets, biscuits, chocolate or fizzy drinks in their lunch packs. CHEWING GUM AND CRISPS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE SCHOOL.

Suggestions for school lunches:

Day	Morning Break	Lunch Break
Monday	Easy Peel Orange/ Cheese Slice	Milk/Ham Sandwich/ Apple
Tuesday	Raisin Box/Yogurt	Water/Chicken Sandwich/Banana
Wed	Apple/Rice Cake	Milk/Egg Salad Sandwich/Pear
Thursday	Cheese Slice/Raisin Box	Water/Cheese Sandwich/Apple
Friday	Milk/Bran Muffin	Fruit Bag/Cheese Slice

Milk is available on a daily basis for the children free of charge at the school.

