

Holy Faith Parents' Association

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Message from the Parents' Association

We have come to the end of the academic year 2014/2015 and we look forward to an enjoyable break over the summer holidays.

It has been a very active year for the Parents' Association. Thanks to your generosity we have raised a considerable amount of money. The money raised will directly benefit all the pupils in the school, help improve their education and thereby enhance their school experience. Ms. Gogarty presented the Parents' Association with her "Wish List" of things that she required for the school. From this "Wish List" the Parents' Association paid for the following items: Study Skills Course for 1st and 5th year Pupils, Digital Projectors, Home Economics Equipment, Science Equipment and Sports Equipment totalling €10,262.

As you know the Parents' Association is the group responsible for liaising with the school principal and staff and for organising special social events throughout the school year. The Parents' Association represents all parents and relies heavily on the support of as many parents as possible to run its events successfully. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported us in any way during the year.

Should any parent wish to help out at any event during the year you can either come along to our AGM in September or simply contact us by Email above. We would welcome any new members.

Upcoming Events

September 11

Parents Association to host pre-Debs reception in school for 2015 Debutants.

September 17

Parents' Association AGM

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Student Achievements

The girls are involved in a wide range of activities; here are some of the achievements from this school year.

Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Congratulations to the six 6th Year students took part in the Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes, in September 2014 and we wish the four students travelling to Lourdes next September an equally rewarding experience.

Classical Studies Teachers Association Annual Speech Competition

Congratulations to Ellen Collins and Roisin Finnegan of second year who came 1st and 2nd in Junior Competition held in Trinity College in March.

Mental Health Initiative

The school received an Amber flag for the work being done on promoting positive mental health in the school. Congratulations to Aisling Carberry, Áine Corry, Áine Marsh and Amy Russell who spearheaded the initiative.

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Congratulations to Class 1.1 on raising over €1,000 for the appeal through its Dunk a teacher event.

Well done to all from Deirdre Gogarty, Principal



Good Luck

The Parents' Association would like to wish all of the Leaving and Junior Cert students every success in their exams.

PA Events during the Year

Pre-DEBS reception in School

1st Year Parent's evening

Mock Interviews

November Book Fair

Table Quiz at Clontarf Castle

Helping at TY show,
Graduations and Parent
teacher meetings.

TY Show OLIVER 2015

By Ellen Doyle 4th Year.

The TY show is always one of the hi-lights of 4th year. This was no exception, here is one student's account ...

Rehearsals were hectic. Although we had great craic fumbling and mastering dance routines and learning lines and lyrics, there was a good bit of time pressure lurking behind the scenes, and we were determined to give the audience a show to remember. Eventually, we all joined ranks, and the pieces of our production started to come together. The children performed for the adults' chorus and vice versa, the leads acted their scenes, and finally it seemed that we would reach the end with something to be proud of.

Various crews worked day and late afternoon on set design, corridor decoration and making sure everyone had costumes, closely observed by our one and only stage manager, Sophie Furlong Tighe. By the time our week of shows came around, everyone was full to the brim with nervous excitement. Despite some last minute auditions and the addition of the dreaded plastic rainbow bowls to "Food Glorious Food", we were eager to get cracking.

Before our performance, Jimmy brought us together for voice warm ups, and an intense concentration exercise, which made everyone pumped to get on stage when we aced it. It was a smashing experience. We ran like clockwork from one scene to the next and sorted out any slip-ups as a unit. Performing what we'd spent so long working on in front of a live audience, with colourful costumes and set and surrounded by people who had inevitably become our friends, was a sensational feeling, and we did our best to let the audience catch a glimpse of that.

Stage crew, dancers, singers, actors – we all worked our hardest to show our viewers what we had, and it was the closest our year group had ever been. From welcoming Oliver to Fagin's Den to carrying Bill and Nancy's bodies off stage, we worked properly as a team for the first time, and when it came to the final bow we were thrilled by how far we'd come and dying for an encore..



Immersion Project to Third World Country

Currently assessing interest for a proposed "Immersion Project to a third world country". If interested in your daughter becoming involved in such a project, please contact Mary Hoy (087 9420823) to discuss further.

Student Sporting Achievements

Athletics

Congratulations to the junior relay team on winning the Leinster Schools title in May.

Badminton

1st year badminton team won Leinster School's Division 3 title. 2nd year team were finalists in Leinster Division A competition. A number of teams won divisional Dublin titles.

Basketball

Congratulations to the senior, 2nd year and 1st year teams who qualified for the All Ireland finals. **Good luck to Mae Creane** who has been selected for the U16 Irish Women's Basketball team and will play in the European Finals in Macedonia in August.

Camogie

Congratulations to the senior team on winning the Senior Schools' Shield 2015. This follows the junior team's success last year.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the intermediate team that won the North Leinster Championships in January in very tough conditions.

Hockey

Well done to the senior and junior teams on reaching the Dublin Northside league finals.

Tennis

Congratulations to all teams on what was a very successful season. Three Leinster titles won by the junior B, minor B and minor C teams, with minor A team also making it to finals day.

Water Polo

Two teams competed in Dublin Schools' competition for the first time this year. There was huge interest in the team trials and it's hoped to build upon the interest shown.

Well done to all from Deirdre Gogarty, Principal



Thanks to all of our contributors and looking forward to another successful year in 2015/2016.