

Holy Faith Parents' Association

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Message from the Parents' Association

The 2016-2017 school year has flown by yet again. The Parents Association held 3 fund-raising events: the Table Quiz in March, and the Book Fairs in May and November. The success of these events is down to a fantastic team of parents - who are always eager to help and extremely generous with their time and energy - as well as the generous support of the wider school community. Thanks to all who contributed in whatever way during the year - every little helps! The social evening for new parents was well attended in October and preparations for the Debs reception for the Class of 2017 are underway. We wish all the girls graduating this year every success in the years to come.

Parents have also been on hand to help out with various events run by the school: the TY show being a highlight, as well as mock interviews and the graduation ceremony in May. Overall our involvement with the school is a very fruitful one for all concerned, not least the girls themselves who are the ultimate beneficiaries of all our efforts.

Particular thanks, to all members of the committee who are saying goodbye, especially Ciara Bagnall, who has played a very active role over the past 7 years.

As with everything, there is room for improvement and to this end we are keen to widen the network of the PA. One goal of the committee is to engage the school community which will in turn lighten the load on all of us as individuals. If you are keen to help in any way during the year or have any suggestions for events - all are welcome, drop an email to paholyfaith@outlook.ie.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer break!

Julie Connelly

Chairperson



Upcoming Events

September 20th 7.30pm

Parents' Association AGM and Election of Parents' representatives to the Board of Management.

September 12

Parents' Association to host pre-Debs reception in school for 2017 Debutants.

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Student Achievements 2016/17

Congratulations to the following students from the class of 2016 who were awarded Entrance Scholarships: Sinead Murphy & Vivienne Owens (DCU) Dervalia Campion Kennedy, Roisin D'Art and Alice Dolan (Trinity College), Lucy Brown and Maeve Donnelly (UCD) and Emily Fay (NUI Maynooth)

DCU Business School's annual Junior Certificate Business Studies Award to top performers in Business Studies in Dublin: Chloe Wagner nominated to represent Holy Faith, Clontarf at a ceremony in DCU in January

Excellence Awards in Junior Certificate Business Studies: Áine Quigley represented all students who achieved an A grade in Junior Certificate Business Studies at a ceremony in Maynooth University in January.

German Language Scholarship – German Government – Chloe Wagner of Transition Year qualified for a scholarship on the basis of her excellent result in the Junior Certificate 2016.

All Ireland Language Olympiad (AILO): 26 students from TY and 5 from 2nd Year participated in the Language Olympiad assessment in February

ISTA Science table quiz: two teams competed In the Dublin final in Trinity College and won perpetual trophy. The team came 8th in All Ireland final in Trinity College

Creative Writing: Congratulations to Roisin Finnegan (TY) who has had had a second short story published in the Fighting Words supplement of the Irish Times.

Gael Linn Debates: Congratulations to Niamh Smyth, Ellen Davis and Niamh Corry reaching the semi-final of the Gael Linn debates in Dublin

Gaisce: Congratulations to the following 6th years who were presented with Silver Gaisce awards at ceremony in Trinity College on 27th October: Éile Breslin, Daisy Brown, Louise Curtin, Hannah Flynn, Emily Holmes, Cliona McMahon, Laoise McMahon, Sinead Quigley, Ailbhe Reid and Tara Storey.



Good Luck Exams

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

Sporting Achievement

Athletics : North Leinster Track & Field competition: Ava Corcoran (1st Year) silver medal in Steeple Chase, Nadine Deehan (2nd Year) Gold medal in long jump & silver in shot-putt, gold medal for relay team of Susie O'Flynn, Sarah Fagan, Ailish Murtagh & Aoibhinn McGoldrick in the 4 x 300m. Aoibhinn McGoldrick won Gold in 400m and Bronze in 800m, Susie O'Flynn won Silver in 800m and Ailis Murtagh won Bronze in 1,500m and Silver in 3,000m.

Athletics Leinster Schools Finals

Susie O'Flynn 800m Silver medallist, Ailish Murtagh 3,000m Bronze medallist, Good luck in All Ireland Finals in Tullamore

Badminton: The U16 team were Dublin semi-finalists. In the U14 competition, five teams progressed to the Dublin finals with one team winning Division 3 title and going on to finish second in the Leinster finals, A second team won the Division 4 title.

Basketball: the Senior Basketball team won Eastern Region U19 final and went on to win the [All Ireland U19 Cup 2017](#).

The U16 basketball team of 2016 had a very successful campaign in the [World Championships in Croatia](#) finishing 18th of 28 countries. There were notable wins against Chile and Belgium.

Camogie: The senior team won the Dublin Senior Schools' title and represented Leinster in the All-Ireland semi-finals.

Football: Congratulations to the [senior football team](#) on winning the Leinster Schools title in January. The team defeated St Louise's College Co Down in the All Ireland semi- final but lost to a very strong team from Presentation Secondary School, Thurles, in the All Ireland final in March

Congratulations to Niamh Hetherton and Roisin Troy who played for the Leinster Schools team in the school's interprovincial competition.

Taekwon-Do: congratulations to Rebecca Mooney (5th Year) retained her European title at the European Championships in Bulgaria in April

Tennis Leinster Champions 2017 Holy Faith has seven teams participating in Leinster Tennis Leagues this year with two winning teams:

Senior B Alison Byrne, Eleanor O'Regan, Ashling O'Byrne, Laura O'Hara, Karen O'Quigley, Niamh Corry

Minor B Leah Duffy, Ava Corcoran, Genevieve Kell, Emma Flynn, Eimear Mangan, Molly Doyle

Representing Ireland

Basketball – This summer

Good luck to the following who play for Ireland in European competitions this summer: U16-Niamh Kenny, U18-Bronagh Power Cassidy, Maeve O'Seaghda and U20-Mae Creane.

Water Polo: Congratulations to Robyn Joyce (TY) who competed with the U17 Irish team in the UK and Czech Republic and to Ellen Joyce (2nd) who was selected for U15 Irish Squad

Well done to all from Deirdre Gogarty, Principal