



The Crescent Express



Hopkins TY Production

Compliments for Crescent from Secret Canteen Critic

It was another typical day on Wednesday, 18th of October. Parents dropped students to school on the way to work, and like always were caught in the rush of traffic.

However, those who tuned into RTE Radio 1 that morning would have been pleasantly surprised during "Today With Pat Kenny". At about quarter past ten, he introduced Marie-Louise O'Donnell, an Irish Broadcaster and politician.

This name may ring a bell with some Crescent students, as on Tuesday 17th October she went from table to table in the canteen asking students various questions!

Now we know why - she spent 15 minutes discussing the fine qualities of the Crescent College Canteen with Pat Kenny!!

The majority of Crescent pupils would no doubt take the canteen for granted, however the quality of the food, drink and the canteen itself were really put into perspective by Marie during the discussion.

In the majority of schools, canteens are only present so that students can bring food from home to eat in a large open area.

However, Crescent takes it a step further by actually making and selling healthy, reasonably priced food.

200 students are fed between 12:35 and 1:15 and another 200 are fed between 1:15 and 1:55.

The staff work tirelessly each day to fulfill the needs of the students. Yet, despite the fact that demand is so high for food in the canteen, the line runs quickly and students have plenty of time to eat before classes recommence.

When weather sees fit students may venture to the benches outside to enjoy their meals with friends.

It is now clear that we owe the Crescent College Canteen staff far more than we,

the students, have ever given them credit for.

Their continuous effort throughout the school year is surely tedious, yet how they do it every day with a smile on their faces will remain a mystery to us all.

And for all of this and more we, the students, thank them.

By Mark O'Toole and Philip Spillane

TY Parkinson's Project

For the past three weeks our class, Hopkins, have been filling in for Ogilvie in the Parkinson's Project.

Parkinson's Disease is a degenerative disorder, which becomes more severe over time.

Each week Crescent students work with people who have Parkinson's in a bid to reduce their symptoms.

There are usually two students partnering a person who has Parkinson's.

We could be helping show our partner how to send an email, how to book a flight or watch a video on the RTE Player.

Ogilvie will be returning to school next week from work experience and they will be continuing with the Parkinson's Project.

It is a brilliant project, and was a great experience for Hopkins – I really enjoyed being part of it!

By Kelly Hanley

Craic in Co. Clare!

On Monday 10th October Hopkins and De Chardin TY classes left Crescent at 8.30am for the Burren Activity Centre in Co. Clare.

Over the next two and a half days, both classes participated in a range of outdoor pursuits, including: hill walking, caving, orienteering, rock climbing etc, all done in the hail, rain, sun and snow!

Both classes felt the trip was a really worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

On the last night everyone gathered round for a sing-song which included both Sean's (O'Callaghan and Moloney) expressing their musical talents and kept us entertained for the evening!

A big thank you to all the teachers who accompanied us on the trip!

By Aoife McNamara

Green Team – Class Cleaning!!

De Chardin have continued the great work of the Green Team this week. The Green team is a Transition Year project which aims to keep the school clean and encourage students not to drop litter on the school grounds.

All six Transition Year classes have now participated in the project.

Due to the Burren trip, there was no Green Team last week and Mr.Cuddihy said that standards dropped, so obviously the Green Team are doing some great work!

Each student is assigned a designated area of the school to keep free of litter for their particular week. We would like to

congratulate De Chardin for their efforts as the school has been noticeably tidier since their return from the Burren!

We hope that all of the other classes will continue to keep up the standards when their turn for the Green Team comes around again.

By Stephen Sheehan and John McManus

This year Crescent were lucky to have four students represent them on the Munster U16 hockey team.

These students include the Munster captain Clodagh Moloney, TY, along with Nicole Power, Michelle Barrett and

Crescent Reps for Munster Hockey Team

and Megan Mawhinney, all 3rd year students.

The girls have shown much dedication over the past few months, training hard during the summer in all corners of Munster, and have been to Cork every weekend since 28th August.

This weekend the girls travel to Belfast to play in the Inter-Provincial competition. We wish the girls, and Munster, the best of luck this weekend!

By Jenni O'Malley

Hairspray: Upstyle...Sorry, Update!

In last week's edition of The Crescent Express, Niamh Cronin and Clodagh Moloney told us that the school musical this year would be Hairspray.

We are delighted to announce that Richie and Susan Ryan are returning this year as Director and Choreographer respectively, and this year they are joined by Rhoda Cleary as the new Musical Director.

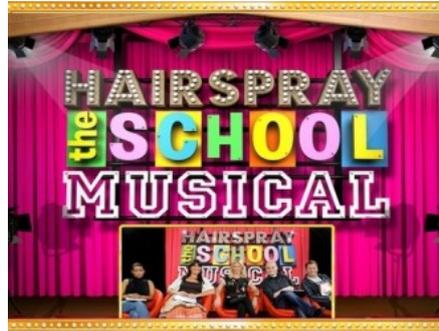
Since the last edition auditions and rehearsals have been in full swing.

Already people can be heard humming the catchy tunes of Hairspray in the corridors.

Many hopefuls have been singing and dancing in the central area during class. Before auditions girls have even been found dancing in the bathrooms!

First, Second and Third year auditions took place on Wednesday 19th October and there is now a strong cast of approximately thirty students from these years.

Auditions are ongoing for Transition Year students, with the Production Team hoping to



have a cast list up by next Monday 24th.

Backstage crew, hair and makeup artists and a set design team will be appointed closer to the show dates. The stage crew will be put together over the coming weeks.

The number of people involved in the show is already running at over 150 people, not including those doing set design, construction, backstage work and make-up. The number of cast members will be cut to 128 for the final production.

Hairspray will run from the 8th - 11th of December, with tickets on sale closer to the time.

For any questions, ask on the Facebook page, "Crescent Comp School Show 2011" (must be added by a member of the production team) or contact the 4th year production managers, Chris Young (Meyer), Kate Stapleton (Hopkins) or Jessica Lyddy (Fielde).

By Aoife O' Sullivan and Kate Stapleton

Bowen Shield—Crescent Crack it in the Final 10!

Last Wednesday the CCC Bowen Shield team met a hungry CBC opposition at home. The first half was full of mistakes from both sides but CBC had the upper hand.

Crescent looked dangerous at times with ball in hand, but it was clear that CBC had done their homework and Crescent seemed a rattled team, with unusual mistakes coming from key players on the field.

It was going to be a tight contest until the end with a half-time score of 0-0.

We know how the saying goes but this was clearly was a game of two halves and a completely different Crescent team showed up after the break.

The Crescent pack were more aggressive and intense.

Both teams exchanged penalties and the sides were level at 3 points a piece going into the final 9 minutes of the match.

At this point Cillian Rea scored a fantastic try in the corner, after great hands from the backs.

Crescent had got their rewards and there was a feeling that there was more to come.

Two minutes later centre JJ O'Neill burst over the line for another try and all hope CBC seemed to have of a comeback had faded.

Crescent finished with a flourish as William Leonard crossed the line in the last minute to end a great attacking move.

The team were annoyed with their poor first half performance in this game, however this Crescent side are still unbeaten in the Bowen Shield and are progressing well through the competition.

Tries: Cillian Rea
JJ O'Neill
William Leonard

Pens: Greg O'Shea

By Jack Hogan and JJ O'Neill



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First Year Rugby Round-Up

Our first year rugby team started training recently and there has been a huge response with in excess of 30 players tagging out on a regular basis.

So far the team has undergone mainly basic training, but the skill and commitment is clearly visible. Huge improvements have been made in the opening month and a great team is currently in the making - proven recently with their victories in recent games against the likes of St. Clements College.

Their biggest challenge so far will come next week when they face Limerick rivals Castletroy College, and no doubt Crescent will be looking to make a name for themselves in this match!

Unfortunately there are no league or competitive games for the first year rugby team, but they will have many friendly matches to look forward to throughout the year. It's early days yet but I'm sure we can expect some big days out in future Junior and Senior cups with this team - no pressure lads!

By Rory Noone and Adam Coleman.

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Fast Friends Feedback...

By Cathal McHugh:

This year the 4th year Hopkins class were invited to be a part of the Fast Friends programme.

This programme is where children from 16 to 18 years of age, with mental and physical disabilities, come to our school once a week for about an hour.

We do all kinds of different activities with them such as art, sports or games in the Central Area. The idea of this programme is to make new friends, and for most students, to be involved in a whole new experience.

I must admit that at the start of this programme I was nervous (we all were!) but after the second week it became one of the highlights of our week, and now we can't wait until the next time they come!

I think I speak for all when I say it is one of the highlights of transition year so far and I would encourage anyone in the future who has an opportunity to be part of Fast Friends to do so!

Got a story for The Crescent Express?

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By Cliodhna Horan:

Our class, Hopkins, are participating in a program called Fast Friends. This program has been run in the school for around eighteen years. The program pairs the people from our class with students from St. Vincent's school for people with disabilities. The school is situated in Lisnagry in Limerick. The age group ranges from 10-18.

The students have been visiting us in the school for the past few weeks. With the older fast friends we do arts and crafts with them, and play uni-hoc. As for the younger fast friends we play with a jigsaws and their favourite activity, playing with the multi-coloured parachute. It is quite difficult but is worthwhile to see how much fun they have there.

One of the older fast friends Alan, was part of the Summer Special Olympics 2011 that was hosted in Greece, he tell us that he enjoyed it a lot was a worthwhile experience.