



# The Crescent Express

 de Chardin TY Production

## Crescent Welcomes Prospective Students & Families

### Editors Note:

- \* This is the fifth edition of the Crescent Express, which is published by the Transition Years in Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. each week.
- \* Well done to all five classes who have worked hard to set some very high standards! The gauntlet has been laid down now for Arrupe after the Mid-term Break!
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On Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, including: the Mission primary school pupils from all over County Limerick were welcomed to the Open Night here in the school. The students were addressed by Principal and Secretary to the Board of Management, Mr. Nicky Cuddihy, Deputy Principal, Karin Fleming, and Director of Ethos, Dermot Cowhey.

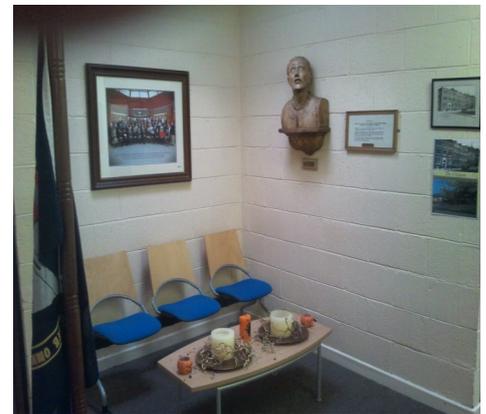
The speakers talked about a range of different topics

including: the Mission Statement, the school's profile and the resources the school has to offer. The choir was also on hand to sing on the night.

After the talk and singing were over, the prospective students and their families had the chance to explore the school, and were directed around by the Crescent prefects. The night was a huge

success with over 1,500 people attending and a lot of happy faces leaving the school at the end of the night!

By Stephen Hackett



The welcoming school reception area

## Crescent Junior Cert High Achievers

On the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Crescent students (from both Transition and Fifth Year) received their Junior Certificate results in the Central Area of the school.

There had been much anticipation circulating all that morning around the school!

After the students received their envelopes there was nothing but laughter, smiles, joy, pride...and many were engulfed with a feeling of relief!

The results were very impres-

sive and this event triggered much pride in students, teachers and parents, with the fantastic achievements not going without mention –being a topic for Assembly the following Friday morning.

Mr. Cuddihy said: "We were delighted with this year's Junior Cert results.

They were a credit to the hard work of students and teachers alike. It was good to see hard work being rewarded.

Far apart from the fact that more than 60% of all students got honours in more than 9 subjects, it is worth noting that every student scored at least one honour in an honours common paper.

We are proud of our students. We know that the only question that really counts in examinations is did the student get what they deserved for their hard work?

For some the reward for hard work was to secure passes in subjects that they had to struggle to achieve. For others success was measured in A's. Either way we are proud of you all. We hope you will choose well for fifth year and go on to achieve great things in the Leaving Cert."

Some of these hardworking students are now using their brains to create an outstanding and unique mini business, an activity which is part of the Business course in Transition Year.

By Bonnie Dowling



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# First Years So Far

“ All the activities were fun, especially the Gorge Walking! ”

It has been a hectic 2 months for the Crescent First Years, between settling in, finding their way around and being directed to the non-swimming pool beside the stairs!

Besides all of that, they have been involved in outdoor pursuits, sport blitzes and various other events. Read on to find out more...

## Petersburg:

The feedback from Petersburg was that it was a very successful trip, and for many it was the highlight of their year so far!

The First Years said that all the activities were really fun, especially Gorge Walking! They loved getting to know the people in their year and getting to do things together with their new and old friends!

## Hockey :

Last month first year girls from schools all around Limerick came to our school to compete in the First Year Hockey Blitz. There were hundreds of girls here in Crescent and Catholic Institute on that day. TY classes organised the whole day - stewarding and managing teams. All in all it was a very successful day with Crescent teams coming out on top in all three divisions. Well done girls!

## Study Skills:

This workshop focuses on helping students organise their learning, set goals and plan a study timetable.

It is interactive and the aim for the session is that the students and parents/ guardians will gain practical skills to assist in organising and planning study.

The workshop includes: 1. Motivation; 2. Organisation; 3. Time management; 4. Study timetables; and 5. Effective note taking. This workshop is run by our new guidance counselor, Ms. Ita Danaher, with some help from the TY students.

We spoke to a number of first years and they have said it has really been helpful because studying for tests is so different in secondary school than primary school.

## Soccer:

Last week the first year soccer blitz was held in crescent. Like the hockey blitz teams from all over Limerick came to play. It was again run by the TY classes, with Crescent again came out on top winning the final. Well done boys!

## Rugby:

First year boys rugby has kicked off to a very successful start. The boys have not lost a match yet. After the mid term the first year rugby blitz will be held and they are hoping to do as well as they hockey girls and soccer boys!

## After the Mid-Term Break:

### First Year Lunch Time Activities

After the Mid-Term break, lunch time activities will be starting up for all first years. These activities will include soccer, basketball and chess and will take place during the first years lunch break.

## Options

When the First Years get back from the Mid-Term break they will find out what option subjects they will be doing for their Junior Cert. They were on rotation from September to now and got to sample lots of new subjects, such as Home Economics, Woodwork and Metalwork.

By Lisa Kearney, Gillian O'Donnell and Sarah Woods

## The Eve of All Souls...

Halloween originates from the Celts. The Celts lived in Europe about 2000 years ago. They had a festival called Samhain and it marked the beginning of a new year.

It was celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, a day of magical happenings.

The Celts believed that they would be surrounded by spirits, ghosts, witches and fairies.

People dressed up so they would not be harmed by the spirits.

The festival is still celebrated today but on the 31<sup>st</sup> of Octo-



ber, All Hallows Eve or Halloween for short. On Halloween people gave food to the spirits.

Later they gave food to poor people. This is where Trick or Treating came from!

Here are some Irish Halloween traditions:

Barnbrack- The traditional Halloween cake in Ireland, which is a fruit bread. There were three objects hidden in the brack, a coin for a prosperous year, a rag for the opposite and a ring for romance or happiness.



Games like snap apple: an apple is suspended from a string, the children are blind folded and who ever can get a proper bite out of the apple is the winner.

Another game is to try and peel an apple in one go and then drop it on to the floor to reveal the initials of a future spouse.

### The story of Jack O' Lantern

Jack O' Lantern was an Irish black smith who cheated and tricked all of his friends. He even cheated the devil, so when Jack died he was refused entrance in to heaven and then the devil wouldn't let him in to hell so Jack was forced to wander the earth for the rest of eternity. So people leave lanterns out on Halloween night to keep the wandering spirits - like Jack - away!

Happy Halloween!

By Kate Nevin



## Ski Tour 2012

The ski & snowboard tour 2011 was a fantastic success. Indications from the group of 60 are that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience very much.

This year the ski/snowboard tour will be taking place from

the 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2012. They will be staying in the luxurious resort Prato Nevoso, Italy.

There are around 80 people going. This includes people in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth year.

The tour leaders are Sean O' Callaghan and Tony Trehy.

Everyone is extremely excited and can't wait for the trip to finally come in January.

They are hoping for lots of snow and cold weather. I'm sure that it will be a very en-

joyable and successful trip and we are looking forward to hearing about it when they return in January of the New Year.

By Emma Doran

## Turkey's 7.2 earthquake kills 523; many people still trapped.

ISTANBUL—a powerful 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Eastern Turkey on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, collapsing apartment buildings and cutting communications and power in the city of Van and its surroundings. By Monday midday, the Prime Ministry's office in Turkey put the death toll at 523 and the number of wounded at 1,300, however the number kept rising quickly and the full picture of the damage was still unclear. US scientists recorded over 100 aftershocks in Eastern Turkey within 10 hours of the quake, including one with a magnitude of 6.0. "There are no longer dam-



aged areas that have not been reached," Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atalay said, adding that the worst affected areas were the cities of Van and Ercis, as well as nearby villages. "Altogether 7,000 tents have been set up, 5,000 of them in Ercis," he told Sky News. According to the Prime Ministry's emergency agency, the earthquake destroyed or damaged 970 buildings in

the region, and over 2,300 search and rescue teams are working on the field. Turkey has sent out a cry of help for shelter and several countries have responded by supplying tents, prefabricated housing and containers. However it seems that these supplies are having a hard time getting to those who need them. Some blamed the ruling AK party for a

slow response and accused officials of handing aid to supporters, while others were told there were no tents left after standing in long queues. Others said profiteers were hoarding tents and reselling them.

"Everyone is getting sick and wet. We have been waiting in line for four days like this and still nothing. It gets to our turn and they say they have run out," said Fetih Zengin, 38, an estate agent whose house was badly damaged in Ercis, a town of 100,000 that was

hardest hit by Sunday's 7.2 magnitude quake.

Help is still slow to come to some parts of Turkey as the death toll continues to rise with no sign of stopping, and with winter quickly descending people are wondering whether or not they will survive the cold weather. "After 15 days, half of the people here will die, freeze to death," said Orhan Ogunc, a 37-year-old man in Guvencli, a village of some 200 homes deep in the hills between Ercis and the city of Van. His family have a Red Cross tent, but are sharing it with five other families.

By Conor Bourke and Dylan Carroll

## Jog On!

The Women's Mini-Marathon took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. The girls of Crescent's Transition Year continued on the tradition of taking part to raise much needed funds for St. Gabriel's School.

Warm ups began at two o'clock by the sports arena in UL. Live95fm was there to bring a fun atmosphere to the day. The race was 8km long. Some girls walked, some



jogged the distance and some ran. On average the day was finished for participants around five o'clock.

The amount raised is not yet known as the money is still

been collected from the students. We hope to know in assembly on Friday before we break for Mid-Term.

Altogether it was a very enjoyable day and we were delight-

ed that the weather remained in our favour.

By Rachel Keyes and Katie Reidy

## TY German Exchange



Seventeen of the transition year German class travelled to Munich from Dublin on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, on a foreign exchange program.

They are staying for a week and they will return home to Ireland this following Sunday.

Each of them were paired up with a student from the host school, Josef Hoffmiller Gymna-

sium, two weeks ago. These students will travel to Ireland in April and stay with the family of their partner.

The trip has been well organised by Ms. Niamh Corbett, who was the form tutor of the German class for the last three years.

The class have great plans for the week, which include a tour of Munich and the possibility of going to a Bundesliga match.

The main purpose of the trip for the class is obviously to improve their German and to learn more about German culture.

The class also had to do a project on the Irish culture, to present to the German class.

From what we have heard, the class are having a great time in Germany and we will all look forward to them arriving home and hearing their stories.

By: Brian Kelleher and  
Cian Reale.

## You've Got a Friend in Me

Last Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, de Chardin TY class went into town to fundraise for the Samaritans.

The Samaritans was founded in 1953 by a young vicar called Chad Varah. The Samaritans is a confidential emotional support service for anyone in the UK and Ireland. The service is available 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including



those which may lead to suicide.

Two speakers from the Samaritans came in to talk to us on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. They told us why the Samaritans are there and how they have helped in the past. They told us the very sad story of a nine year old who took

her own life. From hearing this, we were motivated to help.

We had an early start at quarter past nine; the day itself was very cold. We arrived back at the Samaritans Office at three o'clock with all students accounted for! The day was very rewarding as we raised one thousand five hundred and forty eight euro. All in all it was a great day and we were very happy to help such a good cause.

If you ever feel down and need someone to talk the Samaritans are always there to listen at 1850 60 90 90.

By Katie Reidy and Rachel Keyes

## Sports Round-Up!

### McCarthy Cup Rugby—Crescent v Glenstal

The game started at lightning pace when Glenstal were awarded a penalty which was converted by their out-half.

Not a good start for Crescent, 3-0 down and only a few minutes into the match. Crescent hit back quickly after a scrappy lineout, a back-line move put Billy O' Hora through the centre, around the Glenstal full-back and over the line to score Crescent's first try of the day. 7-3 to Crescent.

Glenstal were next on the score-board with a try under the posts leaving the out-half with a simple conversion. 10-7 to Glenstal.

Indiscipline from Glenstal led to a penalty, which was converted by Cian Clifford to level the match at 10-10.

After some continuous phases and some good recycling of the ball, Crescent got an overlap out wide and Billy O' Hora went over for his second try of the day.

This was not to be the final score of the first half because just before the whistle Glenstal were awarded a penalty.

The ball managed to creep over the bar after hitting the post. The score at halftime was 17-13 to Crescent.

Although the second half didn't have as much scoring, it was still an entertaining match.

Calvin Nash nearly went over for his team's third try after making a good break, he chipped the ball over the top but was taken out. Escape for Glenstal.

After a kick down field by Cian Clifford which was turned over by Crescent, the scrum-half Jack Lyons passed the ball down the blindside to their danger-man Billy O' Hora, who made a huge hand off on his opposite number

to go over for his third try - an amazing hat-trick of tries.

Crescent came close to scoring twice more when they were held up after one of their players went over the line. Number 8 Connor Slatery was also held up after picking off the base of a scrum. The match finished up 24-13 in favour of Crescent. Another McCarthy cup win - the Crescent campaign marches on!

By Leo Morrison and Stephen Hackett



### Soccer Update: Crescent v CBS Limerick



Last Tuesday evening, Crescent hosted CBS, Limerick in their third U-17 warm up game of the season.

Before the match the home team were very relaxed and it showed as soon as they went out onto the pitch.

The two teams set out

with attacking formations and both CBS and Crescent started the match with two people up front.

Crescent started brightly with the main percentage of possession. CBS however gradually made their way back into the game.

It was 0-0 at half time and the Crescent coaches were happy

with both the performances and the clean sheet, however the clean sheet did not last long!

The first shot of the second half was a powerful strike into the top corner, which whistled passed Shane Eades in the Crescent goal.

The Crescent players however did not drop their heads, the comeback was led by Crescent

captain Johnny Keane, who also played in goals for a short spell during the match. Alan Crean earned Crescent a free kick just outside the 18 yard box which Keane finished nicely to make the score 1-1 going into the last five minutes.

The game finished a 1-1 draw with both sides happy to get a point.

By Adam McElhinney and William Leonard



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## Faoi dheireadh..... Seó Puipéid na Nollaig

Our class, de Chardin, have begun our preparations for a Christmas puppet show that we will be performing for children from the Gael Cholaiste primary school.



We are building a stage in the Woodwork room and will be decorating it and putting it in place in the Library where the performances will take

## Oíche Shamhna Shona Daoibh!!



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place.

There will be three different performances by three groups of students from de Chardin class.

There are 15 puppets in total ranging from Lisín, the good girl, to Branco the Vampire.

The show will take place in the school library 15th of December and will be supervised by our Irish teacher Ms. Tríona Butler.

By Joe Hourigan and Eoin O'Shea

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