



## Crescent Express

# ALL SHOOK UP

### CAST

Natalie Haller (lead female) - **Niamh Roche**

Chad (lead male)- **Jake Fehily**

Jim Haller - **Fiachra Ryan**

Sylvia - **Emily Collins**

Lorraine - **Gillian Ryan**

Dennis - **Hugh Fitzgibbon**

Miss Sandra - **Catherine Earlie**

Mayor Matilda Hyde - **Kate Stapleton**

Dean Hyde - **Liam Fleming**

Sheriff Earl - **Maurice Cusack**

Various townspeople

### CREW

Tony Cusack - **Director**

Ben Hartnett

Ellen O'Hora - **Producers**

Orlagh Flanagan

Lisa Hogan

Carol Cusack - **Choreographers**

Emma O'Reilly

Somewhere in Midwestern America in the 1950's, **Chad**, a hip-shaking, guitar-playing roustabout is being released from prison.

In a nearby dreary little town, **Natalie**, a young mechanic, is dreaming of love and adventure. She yearns for her one true love to take her away, but she doesn't realize that her best friend Dennis has a secret crush on her. Sitting in the local honky tonk bar, which is run by **Sylvia**, the whole town sings the blues. Natalie's widowed father **Jim** enters and joins in, until they're interrupted by the roar of Chad's mo-

torcycle, and he is in need of a mechanic. He's introduced to Natalie, who is instantly smitten and promises to fix his bike.

Chad inquires about excitement in the town, and soon discovers the Mamie Eisenhower Decency Act, outlawing

"Loud music, public necking, and tight pants." Chad then

seeks to incite some rebelliousness in the citizens, which is when things start to get really interesting!





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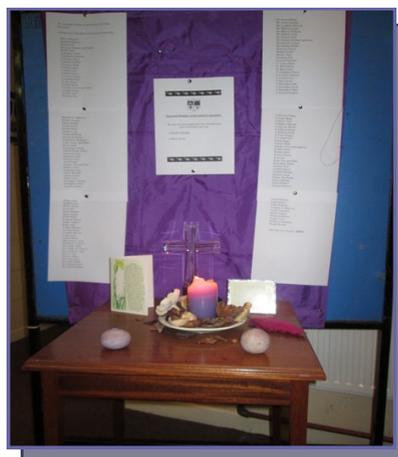
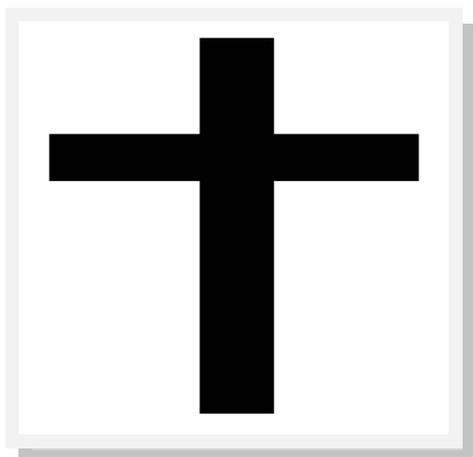
# TY TOUCH RUGBY

Andy Brace and Fiachra O'Loughlin from the Munster Rugby Branch visited our school last week to teach Transition Year students touch/leprechaun rugby. They shared their knowledge on a variety of activities that would be taught by the TY's to 1st year P.E classes. This included warm-ups like stuck in the mud, dodgeball and rats and rabbits. The session ended with the transition year students themselves taking part in a game of leprechaun rugby. Each student was then given a certificate for taking part in this course. The training of the 1st year P.E classes then commenced on the 18th of November and will continue for several weeks. Once these training sessions have come to an end there will be a blitz taking place between the 1st year P.E classes here in Crescent. If this is successful the TY students will then hopefully move on to teach the students of 3rd and 4th class in St. Pauls primary school.

# MASS FOR THE DECEASED

On November 17th, our annual Mass for deceased past pupils and staff of Crescent took place, with almost 200 hundred people attending to remember those who have passed away. The atmosphere of the mass was uplifted by the beautiful music of the choir and orchestra who have really perfected Ad Majoram De Gloriam by Matthew Ferraro. Fr. Maher S.J. assured us that death is part of life but reassures us that God has the last word in the face of death, that our loved ones are in safer hands than ours, and that the ties of love and affection that knit us together in this life do not unravel with death. We remembered especially Shellie Murtagh and Barry Quinn who both have passed away since our Mass last year.

We are thankful to the Parents Social and Cultural Committee who provided welcome refreshments and an opportunity for old friends of the school to share their stories.





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# WHAT'S ON THE TELLY?

Is it just me, or has anybody else noticed what is going on in the world of television? Like all technology television sets have gotten slimmer, easier to use and more interactive. Unlike developments in other fields they have also grown substantially. When I was a little girl, the television I watched was very different to what I watch today; sitting down to Bear in the Big Blue House, I looked at a television set which was big (not the screen!), big as in bulky with a protruding front and large CRM on the back. Watching television in my granny's house was a whole different story. The set was like mine, quiet large, but the remote control was attached to the set. At least I can look back at smile at having the luxury using the remote while relaxing on the couch! This whole television thought came to me while I was waiting at home for a delivery of a new 40 inch smart television, before the function of a television was to watch a programme and change channel when required; nowadays a television can come in high definition or with a 3D picture. New smart televisions can link to the internet and facilitate a viewer to stream their favourite television live. As technology progresses rapidly television functions will keep changing and prices will keep peaking and fall. For me looking at this new smart television, I must ask myself one thing – Who told my parents this is a good idea?

A smart television and a house without the internet, I think the salesman pulled a quickie!!



## BASKETBALL BRILLIANCE

Congratulations to our U16 girls on a great quarter-final All Ireland A Cup win, beating Sliabh Luachra Rathmore by **42 -28**. We are now in the All Ireland Under 16A Cup semi-final. This will be played on the first Wednesday or Thursday after our Christmas break - in a neutral venue. This team has had tremendous success since they began in school. They won the All Ireland C league in 1st Year and the All Ireland B league in 2nd year. The girls hard work and dedication has led to this success, so congratulations are definitely in order.





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# CAMPION CSPE ACTION PROJECT

## VISIT TO PORTLAOISE PRISON

On Wednesday 9th of October, our class went to the Midlands prison, Portlaoise for our CSPE Action Project. We were given a tour of the prison by Warden Delaney. On our visit, we learned a lot of interesting facts about the prison and the life of prisoners. The prison was built ten years ago and is the largest prison in Ireland. There are 815 prisoners currently in the prison and there are also over 300 members of staff. The prison has good living conditions but the lack of freedom takes its toll on prisoners. Maximum visiting time is two hours and you are only allowed two visits per week. The food in the prison is higher rated than some four star restaurants in the surrounding area! Our trip was a very enlightening experience and it made us realise the implications of going to prison.





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# SOCCER IN GERMANY

Soccer is the most important sport in Germany. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday is match time and over 6 Million people are watching the Bundesliga. They're cheering for their favourite soccer team like Werder Bremen and Schalke 04. I think the most famous Teams are FC Bayern München and Borussia Dortmund because they have the best players and they play the best quality football. Maybe you have heard the names Bastian Schweinsteiger (München), Thomas Müller (München) and Mario Götze (Dortmund). By the way in May 2013 a study was conducted by the British Brand Finance Institute and they found out that Bayern München is the most valuable football club in the world with a value of 669 million euros. In the 2012/13 season the Champions League, German Cup and DFB-Pokal and they have a new trainer called Josep Guardiola. He is one of the best managers in the world, having previously managed Barcelona FC.

In Germany, even if you don't like soccer, you know the rules and the best players names. You are proud that Germany is so successful in international Soccer. Germany have won the World Cup three times in 1954, 1974 and 1990. At the last two World Cups they got the third prize. Nevertheless the world cups in soccer are always big events and you meet with friends or you visit public places to watch the match. Only a few days ago, they won the match against England 1:0 in the Wimbledon stadium. Soccer is definitely a sport that all Germans can be proud of.



# EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Last month with the help of student teacher Kayleigh Maher six of the more daring riders among us formed their own equestrian club, 'CCC Jockeys'. The jockeys have now had two visits to Clonshire Equestrian Centre in Adare where they seriously impressed staff with their knowledge and skills. Below, Dale Hannon and Alan O'Donnell explain the name and tell us something about the club:

We picked the name CCC Jockeys because we are representing our school and because this name says something about our talents and our hopes to maybe have a career working with horses. We are all more used to riding bareback but at the centre we are learning how to ride with saddles, stirrups, reins and all the proper equipment. We are trying to get funds to get our own riding clothes and equipment and we hope to have a fundraiser in the school soon. We would like to say thank you to Mr Cuddihy and to Kayleigh and Mr Gavin for taking time and effort to set this club up for us. We hope to continue our lessons right through to the end of the school year and to represent Crescent Comp at some equestrian events in the future.

Alan O'Donnell, Craig Corbett, Dale Hannon, Dylan Hannon, Tony O'Donnell and Shane O'Donnell.



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# Sports News

The winner of the 3 Ireland rugby international tickets was Gerard Dee. There was a sellers prize of two tickets to Munster v Perpignan in Thomond Park, who were won by Adam Keogh, second year, and Fionn McGibney, sixth year.

Although the raffle wasn't a huge success, John is hoping the Christmas Sports Dinner will work out as planned. The annual dinner takes place in the Strand Hotel on Saturday the 30th of November. Tickets cost €60 and everyone associated with the school is invited to raise vital funds for our sports department.




**Crescent College Comprehensive s.j.**  
**ANNUAL**  
**SPORTS DINNER**  
 SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2013  
 AT 7.30PM  
 IN THE LIMERICK STRAND HOTEL  
 For Tickets contact: **JOHN McDoNNELL** 087 9125807  
 or Email: [crescentcollegesports@gmail.com](mailto:crescentcollegesports@gmail.com)



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On Wednesday 20th of November, Henry Shefflin visited Crescent. He is working with Bank of Ireland and is trying to work with Transition years to set up an in-house banking system. Henry said he will return in the new year to have a training session with the hurlers.





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# DECHARDIN MINI BUSINESSES

De Chardin class have several different mini businesses. All which will be hopefully very successful. Some of these mini businesses are as follows:

- Dayna Slattery and Evelyn Curtin are doing iPhone covers which also charge your phone.
- Ernan Hession , Michael Mullins , Glenn Coady and Cian O'Sullivan are doing a FIFA tournament.
- Aisling Roche, Eva Khalife and Heather Fitzgerald are being Santa's little helpers which involves sending Santa letters to young children.
- Kate McManus and Pippa McDonagh are making Christmas decorations.
- Tom Fraser is giving guitar lessons to primary school children.
- Orfhlaith Cowhey and Ellen O'Hora came up with the idea 'Dress It Up' which involves some home alteration ideas.



These are a few examples of ideas De Chardin class have come up with and should all be available soon. More details on these products will be advertised soon.

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Prior to the Mid-Term break in October, the Student Council met to discuss some of the problems the students felt were in need of fixing. For example, over the break, the boy's dressing rooms were powerhosed down to leave new refreshed and cleansed rooms. At present they are in discussions in relation to improvements in the canteen area such as pricing and also introducing a microwave.

Other improvements that have taken place during the Mid-Term, outside of the Student Council, include new flooring in the Junior Corridor, new carpets in some classrooms and general maintenance in some areas of the school.

Look out for changes in the next couple of weeks, as the festive season kicks in! The schools image changes as Christmas approaches, with a festive and jolly atmosphere around the school.



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### For all book worms:

A 1<sup>st</sup> Year Book Club is being held during  
lunchtime on Monday afternoons in Room 2.  
Everyone is welcome!



Don't forget to sponsor  
all third years who are  
participating in the Con-  
cern 24 hour fast.

## De Chardin Class TY

Glenn Coady

Ernan Hession

Mike Mullins

David Condon

Calvin Hickey

Cormac O'Byrne

Orfhlaith Cowhey

Eva Khalife

Ellen O'Hora

Evelyn Curtin

Dylan McCoy

Cian O'Sullivan

Neil Daly

Ross McGrann

Aisling Roche

Heather Fitzgerald

Pippa McDonogh

Anthony Shaw

Tom Fraser

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Dayna Slattery

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