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We're back! Did you notice we were gone?

Senior Cup Rugby News



On 28 of January, Crescent College Senior rugby team set out to play CBC in Tom Clifford Park in the first round of the Senior Cup 2015, that ended in a dramatic 10-0 win for Crescent. The game was played in very dreadful conditions and some spectators say "At times we couldn't even see the players" with the hail stones flying down". Twelve minutes into the game Gary O' Sullivan ran in Crescent's first try from a line out putting us 5-0 up. Shortly after Captain Caolan Moloney ran in another try for Crescent also from a well worked line out from Crescent. Despite CBC coming out strongly in the second half they never came near scoring. Crescent will now go on to face Glenstal Abbey in the Senior Cup Quarter Final.



Senior Cup Rugby Team: Glenn Dickenson, Evan Moloney, Billy O'Hora, Andrew Harrison, Daniel Hurey, Dylan Sheehan, Jack Lyons, Niall Mulcahy, Caolan Moloney, Sean Hennessy, Andrew Reeves, Sean Naughton, Gary O' Sullivan, Peter Hickey, Sean Fitzgerald
Reps: Jack Henchy, Sean Scanlon Garry, Geoffrey Coyne, John Blake, Ian Clein, Matthew Hanley, Alex McKilican, Anson Thai.



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Junior Cup Rugby

Crescent took on Glenstal Abbey on 4 February at Garryowen for the first the match of the season. The match ended in 25-11 victory for Crescent against Glenstal. Crescent managed to score three tries in the end. The opening score late in the first half by prop David Nevin. Glenstal hit back when winger Leon Broderick ended the half with try.

Two penalties by fly-half Ben Healy put Glenstal in the lead but an outstanding try by man of the match John Hurley. Another brilliant try by Tommy O'Hora in the 55th minute and a conversion from John Hurley won the match for Crescent. The mighty Comp will go on to play chooga Rockwell College in the quarter final tie later this month. Thanks to all the people who showed up to support the team.

Junior Cup Rugby Team; Cian Cusack, Neville O' Sullivan, John Hurley, Tommy O'Hora, Conor Philips, Michael Fenton, Aaron, David Nevin, Eoin O'Halloran, Connor Dennehey, Finatain Coleman, Peter King, Karl Maloney, Jack Hennessy, Daniel Feasey, Conor Fitzgerald, Ben Leahy, Dylan Shaw-Kelly, Sean Burton, Sheehan Faloan, Kevin LeGear, Hugh Kirby, Mark Hickey.



Support Your Team this Cup Season!

Crescents senior cup rugby team take to the field on the 11th February against Glenstal in the quarter final in Thomand Park tickets are on sale now!!!!And the juniors take to the pitch against Rockwell, so if you're a student in the school you are obliged to go, wear school colours and to be the biggest and best ultra you can be. There will be a chant assembly coming up soon .

Soccer notice



On the 26th of January, crescent senior girls took part in the Munster schoolgirl's soccer final. Tip off was at 11.30 in Thurles, against Presentation Thurles. Crescent was up against a very skilled and experienced team with excellent strikers. Therefore, the girls were very unlucky and suffered a 4-0 defeat. Crescents goalkeeper Laura Scanlon made some excellent saves throughout the game and Shannon Parbat's skill and speed contributed to the games excitement, Crescent had many shots on goal, but found it difficult to score due to presentation's exceptional goalkeeper. Crescents coach Eileen O' Brien's motivation throughout the match is what kept the girls going. However they are still in with a chance of winning the league title, with their next match fixed to be played on Thursday the 29th of January. Best of luck to the girls!

Up and coming hockey fixtures

The 1st year A squad played their first round of the cup on Tuesday the 27th of January beating Laurel Hill 11-3.

- The junior A girls are due to play Ursuline's on Wednesday the 28th in the Junior cup Munster final at 1:00.
- The senior A girls played crescents own senior B team in the quarter final of the senior cup with a senior A victory.
- The senior A's are due to play the semi-final of the cup.
- Both the senior A and junior A squads are on top of their leagues with 2 matches left to play.



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1st year Science Project Awards

Well done to all the first years who took part in the first year science project awards. There were a wide variety of projects entered into the competition for Mr John Kennedy to judge it must have been very hard for him to judge. Congratulations to this year's winner, Niamh O' Connor for her project "To Investigate the pH of Household Liquids" and all the runners up;



Siofra Gleeson, Kate O' Farelly, Tony O' Sullivan, Laura Stapleton, Shannon Delaney, Josh Skehan Fitzgerald, Oran Curran Coleman, Lauren Walsh, Odhran O'Dwyer, Eaghan Mann Cantillon, Eve Dervan, James O'Donnell, Robyn Leahy, Robert Leahy, Ava Johnston, Joe LeGear, Adam Godfrey, Raisin Hawkins, Aaron Kelly, Darragh Stakelum,

Thank you to the first year science teachers for organising this event we hope to see them all in the BT Young Scientist next year.

Talent Show



The CCC Talent Show will take place on the 6th March this year; we are currently looking for entrants from all years. All students who wish to take part may fill out an application form (available from the office) and hand it in by this Friday 6th February. Preparations are already underway and we are all looking forward to the show this year. As the huge success of the school show 'Oliver' proved, we have an abundance of talent in this school and we are excited to share it with you all again.

Homework Club



Every Tuesday a group of Transition year students go to Our Lady of Lourdes primary school they leave the school at 2 o'clock and walk to Our Lady of Lourdes where they help the students with their homework for one hour. It's a great learning experience for both the Transition year students and the students of Our Lady of Lourdes primary school. This gives the Transition year students a chance to work with younger students and also helps them develop great skills for the future. It also benefits the primary school students by giving them extra help and support in an important time in their education. We would like to thank all the people involved in setting up and running of the homework club especially Ann Guinee for her hard work.

Oliver DVD's For Sale



Didn't get to see the show?

Well the Oliver Show DVD's can now be ordered for €5. The DVD is divided into two parts, part 1 for the first half of the show and part 2 for the second half. This DVD was designed and created by students in the school by editing, filming and designing the cover for it. We are very proud of the final work and hope you will enjoy reliving the experience and atmosphere of Oliver.

If you're interested to order the DVD speak to Sam Sorensen.

Róisín Upton



Crescent College is proud to congratulate past pupil Róisín Upton on making outstanding sporting history by winning a second successive US national hockey championship with the University of Connecticut.

In 2007 when Róisín was in first year she went to Australia with the school hockey team, her potential was spotted immediately and she went on to become a key player on the team throughout her six years here. She won a minor cup medal, two junior cup medals and two senior cup medals as well as a bronze medal in the Kate Russell competition.

When Róisín was doing her Leaving Cert here at Crescent Limerick in 2012, she discovered that her mother had been in touch with schools in America to try and get her a field hockey scholarship. Head coach at UConn Nancy Stevens took a big interest in her potential. After a few calls from assistant coach Paul Caddy, the big move was made.



In 2014 Róisín succeeded in an impressive number of achievements, she started in all 23 games with UCONN Huskies, she was named as the Mid-east region player of the year and she earned a spot on the All-Mideast region first's team.

On the 21st of September 2014 she scored the games winning goal in UCONN's 2-1 victory over Lafayette, also contributing to the win with an assist. Róisín played sweeper for the Huskies who defeated Syracuse University from upstate New York by 1-0 in the national title game, Syracuse were led by Emma Russell from Dublin. Facing the final courageously Róisín and teammates knew it was going to be a tense game as they had "a target on our backs because of winning last year".

Since Róisín has played with the University of Connecticut she has contributed immensely to the college. Not only being champions of the US in 2013 after a long 28 year wait and for the third time in history but winning back to back again in 2014 was remarkable.

She was awarded 2014 Big East Defensive Player of the Year and was considered the Big East Tournaments Most Outstanding Player. Not only this but also playing with NCAA All-Tournament Team and first Team All-America.

Since joining the University of Connecticut, studying a degree in psychology, the prior Catholic Institute and Crescent College player has seen her hockey career excel.





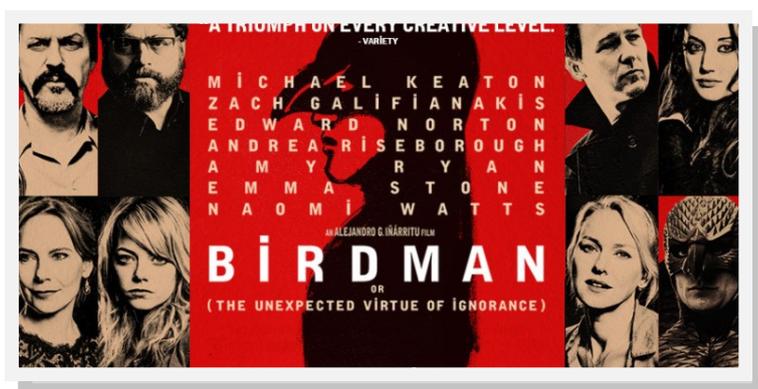
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Oscar Nominations 2015



The nominations for the 2015 Academy Awards have been announced. The ceremony will be held on February 22nd. *Grand Budapest Hotel* and *Birdman* both have picked up the most nods with 9 each. The nominations for Best Picture include *American Sniper*, *Birdman*, *Grand Budapest Hotel*, *The Imitation Game*, *The Theory of Everything*, *Selma*, *Boyhood* and *Whiplash*. *Boyhood* and *Birdman* both look more likely to win the Oscar than the others. Both films have been met with mostly positive reviews, and have been called the best films of the year. I wouldn't bet against *Whiplash* either though. The nominations for Best Actor in a Leading Role include Steve Carrel, Bradley Cooper, Benedict Cumberbatch, Michael Keaton and Eddie Redmayne. On a side note, the two of us writing this believe that Jake Gyllenhaal was snubbed of a deserved nomination in this category for his stunning portrayal of the perfect sociopath, Lou Bloom, in *Nightcrawler*. However there were many fantastic performances and unfortunately he didn't get a nod. Michael Keaton looks likely to take this award for his fantastic performance as Riggan Thompson in *Birdman*. He picked up the Golden Globe for this and will be looking to add the Academy Award onto that. The nominations for Best Actress in a Leading Role include Marion Cotillard, Felicity Jones, Julianne Moore, Rosamund Pikes and Reese Witherspoon.

Julianne Moore leads the running in who looks likely to win in this category for her performance in *Still Alice*. She'll be looking to take the award to put alongside her Golden Globe for the same performance.



By Darragh O'Flanagan and Connor O'Brien



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Ski Tour

On Wednesday the 31st of December 114 of us including Jo ann's daughter Emily and Sean's two kids, Rory and Seamus, set off on 2 busses to Dublin airport for our 2 and a half hour flight to Milan. We then had a three hour bus journey to the ski resort, Cesana.

On the Thursday morning everyone headed to the chairlift eager to hit the slopes. Once we got to the top everyone split into the groups we were given the night before. Everyone had lessons morning and afternoon for the first three days and got on well.

On the fourth and fifth days we visited Sestriere. There were 5 people per group, one leader, one trailer and 3 beginners. Some of the night time activities were ice skating, Table quiz and swimming.

On the last day we visited Sousse Doux. Everyone was allowed to ski off on their own. We then headed back to the hotel to give back all the ski stuff. We then had a big sing song with everyone until 4 in the morning. We then boarded the bus and headed back to Milan airport for our flight. We arrived back in Dublin that afternoon and made the last part of our journey back to Limerick.

Thank you to all the teachers and helpers who travelled and made the trip the success it was.



By Aoibhe Murtagh and Ciara McCarthy

ANOIS 2015

Anois is a leadership programme run by the Limerick dioceses for young teenagers. Fr. Chris O'Donnell and Aoife Walsh are in charge of the programme which is based in St. Patricks College. This was the first year they ran it for the course of three weeks with different groups each week. The 17 students of Crescent College Comprehensive were divided into two groups. The first eight on the second week the other nine on the third week. The other schools that participated were Gael Colaiste, Scoil Carmel , Doon , Askeaton, St Clements, Castletroy College, Ard scoil Ris , Laurel Hill Colaiste and Laurel Hill English.

The programme began for each group on the Sunday evening with introductions, icebreakers and games. The days started early with a wake up call at 8 o'clock every morning. We began every morning with a short walk then breakfast. Our workshop on Monday was based on listening and communication. Breaks were taken often including supper, dinner and tea. The night entertainment was a fun interactive table quiz. The night finished at 11:30 every night. Tuesday meeting skills workshop ,decision making exercises and learned about committee roles and responsibilities. Anois idol was the night time entertainment. Where the students had to dress up in costumes ,the lyrics of a well known song were altered and we made up a dance with it altogether this made a very amusing entertainment. Wednesday consisted of teamwork exercises called a series of unfortunate events then the Anois Olympics. The night was talent show/singsong which finished at 2 o'clock. Thursday was the closing ceremony and we got the bus home at 2:30 and we were all sad to be leaving a very enjoyable experience.

Fundraising at Crescent College

We would like to thank all those who took part in fundraising events before Christmas. These included the Transition Year group who did the fun run for St. Gabriel's, the Transition Year group who fundraised for phoneless for Childline Appeal, the 6th years who held a sleep out in the school on December the 18th and raised over 1600 for St. Vincent de Paul, and any other students who fundraised from Crescent.

We would also like to thank the students' parents and staff who helped out with the Christmas Appeal for the Jesuit Refugee Centre in Co. Clare, with the money collected and the proceeds from 'Oliver' tuck shop.

The refugee gifts were delivered Christmas week, these included 10 pairs of pyjamas for children, 100 pairs of pyjamas for women and over 100 gift sets for men and all the gifts were greatly appreciated. We know their gifts made a big difference to their Christmas, so thanks again to all concerned for a very worthy cause.



Ty Christmas Dinner 2014



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Thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter and especially to Kim, Sarah, Ciara, Ciara, Kimberly, and Ben who worked very hard to produce this edition. THANKS!!!! 2015

