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Hopkins Class

Crescent Express Newsletter



School Captions for 2019/20

On Friday the 30th of August the new school captains and vice captains were elected by the teachers and the 6th year students in Crescent.

Sarah Barry and Barry Scott were elected this year's school captains while Grace Feighan and David Doyle were elected vice captains.

We're delighted to be represented by these students and are sure they will do Crescent proud!



Voting in the election for school captains



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Schools First Assembly



On Friday the 31st of August we had our first assembly of the school year. The assembly begun with the Principal Ms. Karen Fleming welcoming everyone back and wishing everyone the very best of luck with the upcoming academic year and welcoming the new first year group to Crescent College Comprehensive.

The first years go the privilege of sitting in front of the stage and the next time this get this privilege is when they are in sixth year at their finally assembly

The new school captains for the academic year of 2019-2020 were also announced to the school. The school captains are Barry Scott and Sarah Barry and the school vice-captains David Doyle and Grace Feighan

We had numerous players congratulated at assembly. Dean O' Grady and Darragh Casserly were congratulated for playing for Munster U18 in the interprovincial series over the summer. Joe Rickard was congratulated for playing for Munster U19 in the interprovincial series over the summer.

Sophie Clein and Leah Clery played for Ireland over the summer for hockey. Amy Connolly, Aoibheann Collins, Sarah Fitzgerald, Jodie Keane and Seodhna Dervan represented Munster U16 hockey in Belgium. Eimear Lane, Nicole Griffin and Sophie Clein represent Munster U18 in hockey over the summer also. This is a great achievement for all involved.

Sophie Moore represented Ireland in august in the European championship for Ireland U16 in Bulgaria. Congrats to Aoife Morrissey and all the Irish under 17 girls team on winning the 3 games series in the UK against Team Great Britain. Ireland won the series by two games to one.



Glencairn trip

Girls from Crescent spent two days in Glencairn in September with Ireland's only Contemplative Nuns.

Having attended Prayer 7 times a day including Vigils at 4.10am, the girls also went to work in the three businesses operating from Glencairn. They made Eucharistic Breads, worked in the Card Factory and planted seeds in the Garden which is part of the Monastery Farm. The experience was deeply prayer at times and had fun moments such as, rounding up a group of nuns who were arguing about who might be in the front of the photo while shouting 'Up Limerick' led by Sr. Kathleen, from Newcastle west.

The girls were led by Sr. Mairead who worked in the Central Bank in Dublin before joining the nuns as a late Vocation. Sr. Fiachra is the Resident Horticulturalist who also specialises in Eucharistic Bread making, disclosed that Brown hosts are not made with Brown Flour but are cooked in a hotter oven!



School mass on Friday 27th of September



We marked the Opening of the School Year with Mass on Sept 25th. Fr. Maher Celebrated Mass reminding us to see our gifts and talents. He began the mass by stating that he knew for a fact that God doesn't exist which was pretty shocking coming from a man of God, but went on to explain that those were not his words but those of a teenage girl in America who wanted to have a certain colour eyes and when she prayed for them but nothing changed she came to that conclusion. He went on to explain the meaning behind this, in that we should be happy with what we have and accept this .

6th year Prefects Council read the prayers

with a Special Word of Welcome from the School Captain. 6th years were Ministers of the Eucharist and we used hosts made by our own students while on retreat in Glencairn

Thanks to Fr Jim Maher, Grainne all the Religion teachers, the Captains and Vice Captains, the Choir and Orchestra, the teachers, the schools staff and all the students for taking part and making it a special time in our school's year

School choir and orchestra



Students attending our first school mass



“!My Fair Lady “School Show

Main Cast

My Fair Lady



Dylan Sweeney, Liam Keery, Luke Sweeney, Kallen MCarthy,
Maria Islam, Alya Connolly, Sally Smyth, Maeve Curtain, Rosemary Francis



The school show this year is called 'My Fair Lady'.

It is the tale of an unlikely relationship between a Cockney flower seller, Eliza Doolittle, and an upper-class Phonetics Professor, Henry Higgins.

Eliza believes Higgins can teach her to improve how she speaks so she can become a lady in a flower shop.

However, Higgins wagers a bet that he can pass her off as a Duchess at the Embassy Ball.

The show will take place on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th of November and the tickets cost €5 for students and €10 for adults.

First year open night experiments



Golf Classic

J.P.McManus Golf Classic took place on September 13th in Limerick Golf Club.

Congratulations to Willie Harty who won the CCC Golf Classic.

Also congratulations to Mary Conlon who came second. Mary also qualified for the J.P.McManus prequalifier for the pro am.



It was a brilliant day everyone enjoyed it. A big thanks to Pat and Chris for helping to organise this great day.



TY Dingle Trip 2019

Last week, on the 16th of September the first two transition year classes made their way to Dingle. De Chardin and Arrupe set off last Monday morning on a three and half hour journey to the Dingle peninsula. Upon arriving at their Bean An Ti, the group set off on a 20 kilometre walk around Ballyferriter and visited The Blasket Centre where they watched a short video on the history of the island. Luckily the group had fantastic weather that enhanced the outstanding panoramic view.

After the walk, we made our way to our host houses and freshened up before setting off to go to the Ceili. At the Ceili we learned new Irish dances and had a competition at the end where we showcased our new moves. We returned home after the Ceili in the dark with our torches. Due to the little light pollution, we could see clearly the many bright stars in the sky. We were exhausted after our long day and went to bed early that night.

Next morning we got up early and packed our bags (and lunches) to set off for another day's walking. After a short walk we came to a woodworking workshop where we made jewellery and learned new skills. After that, we walked to the shop and fuelled up for a short walk to the beach where we stopped for an hour.

At the beach, we ate our snacks and lunches, played football and hurling, and some people even went into the water for a swim. It was a beautiful day for a swim and we were all reluctant to leave.

We left the beach and took a short bus ride into Dingle town where we visited the Aquarium. We saw sharks, sea turtles, penguins, butterflies and we even got to hold starfish! After that we then had an hour of free time to get lunch and explore Dingle before we set off on a boat trip to see Fungi the Dolphin.

We returned from the boat trip exhausted and got straight on the bus and set off for home. We arrived back in the school around seven o'clock that evening. Overall it was an immensely enjoyable trip and we all have great memories from it.

Thank you very much to all of the teachers, staff and helpers who took the time out and organised the trip. We greatly appreciate their input.





Petersburg Adventures

We arrived at school at 8:50. Everyone was jumping with excitement. We got on the bus and headed for Petersburg. We stopped at Supermac's on the way. When everyone was finished we got back on the bus. When we were driving in the gates we were relieved to get there it had taken 3 and a half hours.

We got our rooms straight away and got ready for our activity. My first activity was hill walking. It was extremely muddy and we had to walk in the lake. When we got back to the centre we met up with our roommates and got ready for dinner. That night we went for a walk in the forest. It was very dark but we had torches.

The next morning, we got up had breakfast and got ready for our activity. We did gorge walking and we got a bus there. We started walking up the gorge and sliding down waterfalls and jumping into the gorge. It was so fun. We got back and I got ready for ab sailing. We went into the forest and ab sailed down about 40 feet and then we went into a cave. That night we had a quiz and then it was time for bed.

It was our last day, we had one more activity each, mine was kayaking. We walked to the lake. Then we picked our kayaks and went into the lake. It was great fun. When we got back we got ready to go home. The buses were ready so we got on and headed home.

By: Anna Campbell.





Bottle Caps

Bottle caps are often so small that it's easy to overlook the impact they have on the environment. If you drop one on the ground at the park or the beach, you may think it's not a big deal, but many sources will make you rethink that.

"In the summer of 2016, The North Sea Foundation and more than 2,000 volunteers picked up as many bottle caps as they could find along the entire Dutch North Sea coast."

"Plastic caps are among the top five most commonly found items of litter on beaches worldwide."

"5 billion plastic caps from bottles are released to the environment every year in California alone, and bottle caps are the third most common item picked up during California's annual Coastal Clean-up Day. Plastic caps litter streets, parks, inland waterways, beaches, and oceans, and harm wildlife who mistake them for food."

"Over the last 30 years, more than 20 million bottle caps and lids were found during beach cleaning activities around the world. Currently, it is unknown how many bottle caps actually enter our oceans and wash up on shore."

To raise awareness of this, we are doing an art project using bottle caps, so they do not end up in the ocean as plastic waste. For this, we need your help. We are encouraging students and staff of Crescent College to collect bottle caps at home. There are two designated areas in the school where that you can donate your bottle caps. There is one yellow bin in the central area, and there is another bin in the shop corridor. We will accept all kinds of plastic bottle caps; from water bottle caps, milk carton caps, sports caps etc.

We appreciate your help to contributing to our project to raise awareness.

Sources:

www.projectaware.org

www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org

sustainability.weill.cornell.edu



Sixth years enjoying the sun while on retreat in Castletown.



Esker retreat



Limerick's Rose of Tralee

About Sinead Flanagan



Sinead Flanagan is a past pupil of Crescent she is 27 years old. She grew up in Mungret and now lives in Adare, Co Limerick. She was both honoured and delighted to represent the Treaty County.

After qualifying as a physiotherapist at University of Limerick, She studied Medicine in University College Cork and graduated in 2018. She thoroughly enjoyed college life but after eight years it was definitely time to enter the workforce! She is currently working as a junior doctor in Cork.

On the 23rd of September Sinead Flanagan came to Crescent for an assembly and was telling us about her experiences here at Crescent. She described her highlights here at Crescent and told us what she did to become The Rose of Tralee. She explained to us how she applied for The Rose of Tralee and why she signed up for it. She is an inspiration to all us here at Crescent.





Climate Change March

Over a thousand protesters took to the streets of Limerick city on Friday afternoon, 20th of September in support of the global climate strike happening across the world. The international movement, known as School Strike for Climate or Fridays for Future, was founded by 16 year old activist Greta Thunberg, to make world leaders finally wake up to the devastating impact we are having on the planet, and take charge in tackling climate change. Thunberg will march every Friday, alongside millions of others right beside her and others in more than 70 other countries, protesting for climate change and the action of leaders.



On the 23rd of September Greta Thunberg gave a very powerful, heartfelt and moving speech directed towards world leaders at the UN:

"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school, on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you? You have stolen my dreams, and my childhood, with your empty words. And yet I'm one of the lucky ones.

People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money, and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you?

For more than 30 years, the science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away, and come here saying that you're doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed are still nowhere in sight? You say you hear us and that you understand the urgency. But no matter how sad and angry I am, I do not want to believe that. Because if you really understood the situation and still kept on failing to act, then you would be evil. And that I refuse to believe."

Loyola CSPE Group outing to Fota Wildlife Park



Loyola go to Fota

On Monday 30th September, we the class of Loyola, set off bright and early to Fota Wildlife in Cork, as part of our CSPE project. Although a yellow rain warning was forecasted, we braved the elements and had a most enjoyable day. Some of the many animals which we saw that day included giraffes, rhinos, cheetahs, sloths, kangaroos and European bison, to name but a few. At Fota, we had a very informative tour guide, Jess, to show us the amazing features of this zoo and answer all of our questions.

After getting drenched at Fota, we headed for Mahon point shopping centre. We had something nice and hot to eat there, a browse around the shops and a fresh change of clothes. We were ready to return to Limerick that evening after an eventful and memorable day.

Thanks to Miss Leahy, Miss Lynch and Miss Moriarty for accompanying us on the day. Thanks to our peers who worked hard to organise the trip and thanks to the teachers and staff for enabling us to go.





Dublin zoo CSPE trip with Lainez and Lewis classes

By Ria Stenson, Eadaoin Rowsome and Erin Hanrahan

The zoo is a unique work environment with over 400 animals separated over 28 hectares and almost 1 million visitors a year to look after. The task of running Dublin Zoo can be complex and challenging.

Dublin Zoo employs people with many different skills ranging from animal care management to teaching, security, commercial and visitor services.

On Monday 4th of August 2018, President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins and the President of the Zoological Society of Ireland, Michelle Daly and the director of Dublin Zoo Leo Oosterweghel led proceedings at the launch of the new Discovery and Learning Centre in Dublin Zoo. The 3 million euro Discovery and Learning Centre at Dublin Zoo is Ireland's newest state of the art environmental education experience in biodiversity wildlife conservation ecology and zoology. The facility is open to students, schools and colleges throughout Ireland. On the day of the trip, 24th September, we were allowed to roam around the zoo for an hour. We were able to see the monkeys, the wolves, the lions and many more animals. When our hour was up we went to a center in the zoo and met Kelly, the zoo teacher. We did different activities such as talking about sustainability and learning about the environment. We had to discuss which things were worse for the environment such as cows, plastic or the burning of a rain forest.

We learned that at least 30 football fields of rain forest are being burned down every minute. We also learned that you can recycle a mobile phone when you get a new one. It can be fixed up instead of trying to obtain new metals to make completely new phones.

After 30 minutes of talking and trying to decide on ways that you can help animals and the environment, Kelly brought us out to see the elephants where she told us that if a human went into their habitat the elephants can release a gas from stress that could kill them within 18 hours. We also found out that Dublin Zoo sent their male elephant to England to help repopulate the elephants in zoos there. Kelly also told us that elephants need pedicures!

We went on to see the orangutans where there was one male orangutan and he had the biggest amount of hair! Kelly told us that the tall grass in the exhibit was to allow the orangutans to hide when they were annoyed. They also have synthetic trees where they hide food for games where the orangutans have to climb up and get the food as part of a puzzle.





First Year Hockey Blitz

The first year hockey blitz took place on the 2nd of October. it was a great day for everyone. Many schools came to play on the crescent and Catholic Institute pitches. Thanks to Hopkins class for helping and also the transition year hockey girls who help coach the first years alongside Sean. Each team played 4 matches. We had teams from Laurel Hill Colaiste, Laurel Hill Secondary, Ursuline Thurles, Mungret College, Villiers, Gaelcholaiste, Rockwell and Crescent. Crescent came first in the first division and the second division.





Fine win for our Senior Team Crescent v Munchins 24-7



Crescent took the spoils against old rivals St Munchins College in their opening game with tree tries to one to come away from Dooradoyle with a victory which at times was hard earned.

They now go on to try to get back to back wins when they play Glenstal Abby on Wednesday in Glenstal.

We wish them well and hope they will continue their run of good luck in the competition.

St Munchins will try to get their first win with against Christian Brothers Cork

Clayton hotels Munster schools senior cup

Crescent Staff explore our Jesuit Ethos



Characteristics of Jesuit education

Finding God in all things

Caring for the individual – Cura Personalis

Growing towards Freedom and Responsibility

Christ is the Model for Human life

A Faith that Does Justice

In Service Of The Church

Striving For Excellence

Working as a Community

Adaptable and Open to Growth

On Thursday October 10th Crescent College held its Ethos Day in the school to explore various aspects of the Jesuit Ethos teachers took part in a variety of workshops during the day and enjoyed the interaction with people such as Fr Peter Mc Verry, Ciara Beuster, Khalid Gafour and Sr Helen Culhane.

Thanks to everybody who made this day a special occasion of dialogue and reflection.

Thanks especially to Grainne Delaney Chaplin.



Emma Chawke, Lee Nicholas and Imam Khalid Gafour in dialogue about Islam on Ethos day.



Sr. Helen Culhane, from the Children's Grief Centre with Joe Barrett and Niamh Corbett at Crescent Ethos day.



Peter Mc Verry S.J. and John Gavin
in discourse about the challenge of
homelessness at Crescent Ethos day.



Diarmuid Mullins, Grainne Delaney and Brendan Lunn join Paddy Greene S.J. in an exploration of dreams at Crescent Ethos day.

Mini Marathon in University of Limerick



On the 29th of September the Transition Year girls took part in the Mini Marathon in University of Limerick. They altogether raised €2,500 for St. Gabriel's School and Centre. Their current project is the Respite Centre in Mungret.

Crescent is 10 years in partnership with St. Gabriel's.

All TY girls visited the Centre prior to the event to learn about the work of St. Gabriel's.

We would like to thank all the students who took part in this worthwhile event and thanks to the teachers who organised it.



TY Students who took part in the recent Women's Mini Marathon event in UL

In the Respite House there are six bedrooms for the children to stay overnight in. Equipment include postural chairs; overhead hoists; shower trolley; built in furniture, a den, a playroom and a family room. Each bedroom will be fitted out with beds, special equipment and oxygen which will come to a cost of €10,000. Healthcare, staff and medical supplies will also be needed. The fundraising is essential to keep this establishment providing services.

‘This will be an absolute game changer for a lot of families’

The amount of money raised by the Transition Year girls is already €2500 and rising. A big thanks to all the girls who took part in the race and all the sponsorship money raised.

You can donate to St. Gabriel's on their GoFundMe page



Congratulations to Jodie, the first wheelchair user to cross the line in the Womens Mini Marathon



St Gabriel's Respite Centre Mungret