

Coláiste Phobal Naomh Áine Saint Anne's Community College

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope your son/daughter has settled well in to the new school year. I wish to bring the following to your attention.

St Anne's **Open Evening** for parents and prospective students is on Thursday November 9th. View the facilities 6 to 7.30pm, Principal's address 7.30pm.

There will be **no school** for students on **Monday November 27th** as there will be in-service for staff on the New Junior Cycle Programme. This training is organised for all schools at national level.

Parent Teacher Meetings

5th Year: Tuesday November 21st, 4.15 – 6.45pm, (classes finish at 3.35pm)

3rd Year: Monday December 11th, 4.15 – 6.45pm, (classes finish at 3.35pm)

1st Year: Thursday January 18th, 4.15 – 6.45pm, (classes finish at 3.35pm)

2nd Year: Wednesday January 24th, 4.15 – 6.45pm, (classes finish at 3.35pm)

4th Year: Monday January 29th, 4.15 – 6.45pm, (classes finish at 3.35pm)

If it is necessary to change any of the above we will inform you by text.

Mr Murray's TYs are hosting a **Tea Dance** at the school on Thursday November 16th at 7.30pm. Live music, complimentary tea, coffee, sandwiches and buns. Tickets €5, available from the school.

St Anne's biennial **Career's Fair** is on Thursday November 23rd. Students from 3rd Year to Leaving Cert will attend. Ms Daly & Ms Starr would be very grateful for volunteers willing to meet our students informally on the day to speak about their careers. Whatever time you could give would be appreciated. Email fiona.daly@lcetb.ie

St Anne's **Christmas Concert and Craft Fair** will take place on Tuesday December 5th. Many thanks to Ms Fiona Ryan and the Business Department.

Two TY students, Ellen Frahill & Ella Murphy are organising a **Fashion Show** in conjunction with the Hilary Thompson Model Agency. The venue is The Lakeside Hotel, the date, Thursday November 30th. Tickets are available locally and from the school, adults €15, students €10. Proceeds towards revamping our existing building in anticipation of our exciting new extension which is under construction. Your support would be much appreciated.

Ms Maree Murphy and her team have been holding auditions for parts in our latest musical **"We Will Rock You"**. It will take place on March 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th.

Mock Exams, 5th & 3rd Year Students

The mock exams are a significant part of your child's preparation for the state exams. The exams will take place prior to the February midterm break. The fee is €60. Please pay online through the Way2Pay system. For your convenience the fee may be paid in instalments. A receipt is issued to your phone on payment. If you have any issue with the Way2Pay system please contact Sharon at the office. Thank you if you have already paid the mock exam fee.

Extension: The contractors Glenman construction came on site as soon as the state exams ended. All is going according to plan. Two of the four basketball courts have been handed over. The pitch has been realigned, the nets behind the goal posts are up. Some levelling and reseeding has to be done. The floors have been poured and power floated. The extension includes 8 General Classrooms, a 4th Science Laboratory, a 2nd Home Economics Room, a 2nd Engineering Room, a 2nd Computer Room, a Dining Area, Toilets, Staff Room, Offices, Project Store and a full size PE Hall.

School Uniform

- All students are expected to be in full uniform each day and are expected to have a change of uniform.
- The school jacket is compulsory for all students.
- Plain brown, black or navy shoes are to be worn. Boots/ Converse and similar types of footwear are not acceptable.
- Girls must wear a navy ankle length skirt or navy straight legged (not skinny) pants. Navy jeans/cords/leggings or hipsters are not acceptable.
- Girls must wear navy socks or tights, grey socks for boys.

Thank you most sincerely for your cooperation regarding school uniform.

Communication with Parents

Good communication between school and home is essential. Please assist us with the following-

- Please sign student journals every week. Students must write all homework in their journals. The journal is an extremely important method of communication between home and school and must be kept in good order.
- Should you need to meet the Principal, Deputy Principal or another staff member, please contact the school in advance for an appointment to ensure you will be accommodated on arrival.
- Please ensure if there is any change in your contact details (address or phone numbers) that you inform the school in writing.

Punctuality

Students need to be in school by 8.55am at the latest in order to be organised for class at 9am.

School Attendance / Absence from School

- Students are expected to attend school each school day for the entire day unless there is a very genuine reason for not doing so.
- Students leaving school early, coming in late or returning after an absence must present an explanatory note from their parent/guardian at the office. Please use the appropriate slip at the back of the journal.

Student Property

PLEASE, PLEASE ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on all clothing, books and other property brought to school. A significant number of pupils have not done this. Please get students to leave expensive items such as iPhones, iPods and designer gear at home. Lockers should be fitted with a good quality lock and not left unlocked.

Child Protection- Reminder

Every organisation that is providing services for children is obliged to identify a designated liaison person to act as a liaison with outside agencies and as a resource person to any staff member who has child protection concerns. At St. Anne's the **Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms Aideen Walsh** (Principal) and the **Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is Ms Mary Fitzgerald** (Deputy Principal).

Traffic Congestion – School Gate and Environs

When dropping off or collecting your son(s)/ daughter(s) please do so away from the school gate and environs as traffic congestion is an issue for all trying to enter/ exit the school area and for local residents also. Your cooperation would be much appreciated. It is expected that there will be a significant improvement in this regard with the building of the new extension.

Irish Times School League Table: Last year St Anne's came in at 176 out of the top 400 schools, our previous ranking was 253. This year we are ranked at 115.

Finally, thank you so much for your support and cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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