

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION IS TO BUILD A COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR DAUGHTERS



Hello everyone, welcome to our Spring term newsletter. We've been working on a new format for our newsletters. We would like to have regular columns going forward and to have input and information from the Department of Education, the National Parents Council Post Primary (NPCPP), the Board of Management, teachers, past pupils, parents and students.

In this edition we have photos from our very successful Table Quiz fundraiser in Clontarf Castle on March 10th. I would like to thank most sincerely the parents who volunteered their time and talents to put this event together and deliver a fun night out for all who came along.

The Parents' Association purchased two SumUp machines recently to facilitate card payments at our events. These were used successfully at the Table Quiz.

We had a most enjoyable evening in Clontarf Castle on Sunday March 27th with the parents and students of the Class of 2021 at their Pre-Debs reception. The girls, their partners and parents enjoyed a glass of prosecco and the chance to come together to celebrate this milestone in their lives. Our photographer caught some great photos of the guests throughout the evening which we hope to share on the School App soon.

We hope you will enjoy our new look newsletter. Please get in touch if you'd like to be involved in gathering information and writing articles for future editions. Happy Easter to all.

Máire Ní Chléirigh, Chairperson



Class of 2020/2021 Pre-Debs reception in Clontarf Castle

**CLASS OF
2022**

The Class of 2022 will have their graduation ceremony on Friday May 20th at 2pm. The Parents' Association assists with refreshments after the event in the School Hall. If you would like to help out please email us at paholyfaithclontarf@outlook.ie

THE BIG PICTURE

In this column we hope to share information about what the Department of Education is doing and how it will affect the school and our children's education.

We plan to become affiliated to the National Parents Council Post Primary from next September. The NPCPP is the umbrella group for Parents' Associations in the post primary section of the Irish Education System. It has the same rights to consultation with the Department of Education as school management bodies and teachers unions. You can learn more about its mission and activities on the website <https://npcpp.ie>



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

STUDENT COUNCIL

It's great to have an active Student Council in the school. It's one of the ways the school seeks to develop leadership skills and give our daughters a well rounded education for life. The Council is made up of two student representatives from each year group. There are 7 sixth year students on the Council, namely the Head Girl and six Prefects. Elections to the Student Council are held each year in September. Meetings take place during class times, whenever required. Items on the agenda recently included a Blue and Yellow Dress-Up day to raise funds for Ukraine which will be held on April 8th, a review of the results of the recent Wellbeing Survey, a design for a uniform tracksuit bottom, a request to the Board of Management for the addition of leggings as an option for the PE uniform, the provision of free period products in the bathrooms, and the clash of LC Applied Maths classes with SPHE classes where sex education is provided.

TABLE QUIZ 2022



TQ22 winning team 'Jennifer Rothwell' (Conor McGowan, Clodagh McGowan, Ciarán Treacy, Orla Treacy and Julian Richie.) displaying their trophies donated by Comerford and Brady, wines from O'Briens and Kelly's Off Licence and pizza vouchers from Sandbar.



Runner's Up Team 'Grainger's Pebble Beach' (Caoimhe Finnegan, Seamus Finnegan, Rita Keane, Brian Cunningham, Ciarán Finnegan and Delphine Fee.)This crack team won the last two table quizzes and hope to be back next year to take back their crown ! Thanks to The Butlers Pantry who donated vouchers as prizes for the team



Thanks to all the businesses who supported our Table Quiz by sponsoring a round, naming a table or donating a spot prize. Our MC Stuart Davidson reminded guests throughout the night to show our thanks to our sponsors by doing business with them throughout the year.



Jennifer Rothwell (centre) with Coleen Savage and Louise McKenna who successfully bid in our Silent Auction for two silk scarves donated by Jennifer



MC Stuart Davidson who kept us on our toes all night with Julie Way and Jill Pitcher who did great work inputting the scores



Illustrator and Children's Author Úna Woods with the limited edition print and autographed books which she donated to the Parents' Association for the Table Quiz. Thanks to Able Office Systems whose bid for them in the Silent Auction was successful



Thanks to everyone who helped us to raise over €11,000 at our annual table quiz. This is a team effort and together we can do great things. The success of the raffle and Silent Auction means we can donate €1602.50 to UNICEF Ireland's Ukraine Appeal. In addition our new card payment provider SumUp has offered to match a €1000 donation we were able to make to the Irish Red Cross Emergency Ukraine Appeal. Well done and huge thanks to all who worked so hard preparing for the Table Quiz in the weeks leading up to the event, and to all who came along on the night to help out and to enjoy the fun

CAREER FOCUS

For this column we'd like to introduce some short interviews with past pupils which we hope will help senior cycle students who are thinking about their subject choices, college options and career paths. We have a wealth of experience out there among the past pupils of the school which we believe will be of assistance to parents and students alike. We hope to bring you interviews from across a wide range of colleges and career areas, from the diverse group of artists, scientists, engineers, business people, healthcare workers, teachers and more, who make up the Holy Faith Clontarf alumni. If you'd like to share your college story or career adventures to help out our senior cycle students please get in touch at paholyfaithclontarf@outlook.ie.

TRANSITION YEAR SHOW



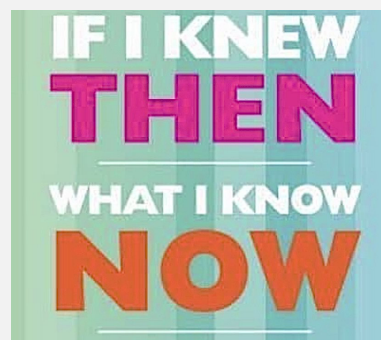
TUESDAY APRIL 5TH - FRIDAY APRIL 8TH

The Parents' Association will run a tuck shop selling sweets and drinks to the cast and guests each night at the TY Show. The tuck shop will be open before the show and during the interval. We will also be selling tickets for a raffle each night. Please remember to bring cash as we have limited facilities to accept card payments. There will be a party for the TY girls after the final show on Friday April 8th. The school will provide pizza and the Parents' Association will help out with hosting and supervision. Thank you in advance to the parents and students who have volunteered to help out each night of the show with the tuck shop and raffle.

PARENT TO PARENT

This column will be an opportunity for parents and students to share what you have learned on the journey from first year to sixth year. We invite you to put your thinking caps on, talk about the different challenges that arose during each year of secondary school and pass on your top tips and advice to the students and parents who will meet them next year. We'll focus on one or two year groups in each of the four newsletters across the school year.

For the Summer 2022 newsletter we'd love to hear from this year's TY parents and students. Have you any advice for the parents and students who will be in TY next year? What were the challenges you met? What might you do differently if you knew last September what you know now about the many elements of the TY adventure? If you're heading into TY next year what would you like to hear about from the TY Pros who've gone before you? Drop us a line via email or text your questions, tips and words of wisdom to your class reps to pass on to us



PARENTS' SOCIAL EVENINGS



This event is normally scheduled for September each year for the parents of the new intake of first years. We haven't been able to host the event in the school since September 2019. There will be a presentation to explain the activities of the Parents' Association and tea & coffee will be served. The First Year parents are invited to join us on Thursday May 5th and the Second Year parents are invited to come along on Thursday April 28th. It would be great if parents from the other year groups would volunteer to help with the refreshments. The events will run from 8pm to 9.30pm on each date.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 28th: 2nd yr parents evening
May 4th : PA Meeting 8pm
May 5th: 1st yr parents evening
May 20th : 6th yr Graduation

PA MEMBERS 2022

Chair: Máire Ní Chléirigh
Vice Chair: Kara Cullen
Secretary: Trish Birch
Treasurer: Clarissa Bryans
Communications: Jennifer Rothwell

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All parents and guardians are automatically members of the Parents' Association and very welcome to attend all PA meetings