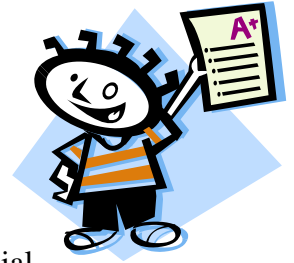




ST JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL  
TERENURE

SEPTEMBER 2012



**WELCOME BACK!** We extend a big welcome back to everybody and a special welcome to all our new pupils. Enclosed with this newsletter is the school calendar of closings for the coming year.

**Sacraments:** The school will celebrate a special mass to mark the new school year on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** in St. Joseph's Church at **1.40 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.

**Holy Communion:** The boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will receive their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. The diocese has not yet given us a date for Confirmation.

**Toy Sunday Mass** will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December. More details will follow.

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class Football League:** The football league will commence **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September** in the VEC Grounds. Please collect children from the grounds at 3.45 p.m.

**Parents' Association:** The Annual General Meeting of the Parents' Association will take place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**.



**School Photographs:** Ms. Jacqui Townsend will visit the school to photograph the Junior & Senior Infants on **10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Comenius:** We are happy to announce that St. Joseph's application for Comenius Project has been accepted. We are joined in the project with our friends in Sant Ignasi School in Barcelona and a school in Italy, Norway, France and Poland. The theme of the project is "Window on Europe - Learning to Learn." The project will continue for a period of two years and will entail pupils exchanging emails, comparing customs, and practices in each country. There will be a dedicated website for the project with exemplars of the work done and the various activities shared between the various schools. We hope to be hosting many of our partners in St. Joseph's over the two years and we also plan to travel, with some pupils from St. Joseph's to the partner schools.

The project is funded by Comenius which is part of the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme and Leargas the National body in Ireland.

**Text Alert and email facilities:** We would like to remind you to complete the on-line form with mobile and email addresses. See school website [www.stjosephsterenure.ie](http://www.stjosephsterenure.ie)

**Extra Curricular Classes:** All after school classes will commence on the week beginning **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September** with the exception of Spanish Class which will begin on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Notes will follow from individual teachers.

**Junior Football teams** will train on Mondays and Thursdays in Bushy Park and matches will take place on Tuesdays.

**Senior Football teams:** The school senior football (Under 13) season runs through September and October with semi-finals and finals in November. Training will take place on Mondays in Bushy Park from 3-4pm weather permitting. Matches will be played on Thursdays. We hope to field two teams and all boys are welcome along even those with little previous experience. **Parents should note that boys (both junior and senior teams) are not supervised by a teacher on the way to Bushy Park and should be collected at 4.00 p.m.**



**Our Boys in Blue:** Hard luck to our past pupils Denis Bastick (class of 1993) and Eoghan O’Gara (1998) who played in the All Ireland semi-final for Dublin against Mayo. Well done to Chris Bennett (hurling), Brendan Bentley and Niall O Sullivan (football) who are on the Dublin minor panels.

**Templeogue/Synge Street Gaelic Football Club:** Football for all boys/girls age 5 upwards in Bushy Park on Saturday mornings at 10.30 a.m. For more details contact Zoe 0876207280. **The Club will be hosting an Open Day on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. at Cypress Grove (walled garden at the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers). This promises to be a fun-filled day for all the family, with lots of games, food and entertainment. All are welcome.**

**Faughs Hurling Club** (Beside the Spawell) provide coaching and training from Senior Infants upwards. For more details contact Sean Crowley 0860548533.

**Registering prospective pupils for the school:** If you have a child for Junior Infants next year (Sept. 2013) who has not been registered, it is important to contact the school immediately. Applications for Junior Infants will be processed in January 2013.

**School Insurance:** The Board of Management is concerned in relation to its duty of care to the large number of pupils who come into the school premises before the official starting time of 8.50 a.m. The school insurance applies to pupils within school hours and during teacher supervised activities outside of school hours. **The Board cannot accept responsibility for pupils arriving before 8.50 a.m. A similar situation arises in relation to caring for pupils after school hours. The Board does not accept responsibility for pupils who await collection after 2.30 p.m.** Boys are expected to enter and leave the school and church premises in an orderly and calm manner. They are not permitted to play ball or engage in any rough play on the school or church premises after 2.30 p.m. while awaiting collection. A personal accident insurance scheme is organised with Allianz insurance. A premium of €6.00 for personal accident insurance has been included in the school expenses which should be paid directly to the class teacher. This insurance applies to pupils on a 24 hour basis.

**School Attendance and the Education Welfare Act 2000:** Parents are advised of the following requirements regarding school attendance under the Education Welfare Act. Section 21 of the Act obliges the Principal of the school to maintain a record of:

- (i) ***all pupil absence for each school year and***
- (ii) ***the reasons for each absence.***

The school Principal is obliged to notify the school’s Education Welfare Officer when a pupil is absent for twenty or more school days and when a pupil is not attending school regularly. In order to implement these requirements the Board of Management has decided that when a pupil returns to school following absence, the class teacher should be informed in writing of the reasons for the absence. An email is not acceptable. The school is obliged to keep the written records which may be inspected by the school’s Education Welfare Officer.



*St. Joseph's B.N.S.,*

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*Dublin 6.*



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## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2012 - 2013**

- Oct/Nov:** Closed Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov incl.  
School re-opens Mon 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- December:** The school will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
at 12.00 noon (infants) and 12.30 p.m.  
School re-opens January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Feb:** Closed 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Feb
- March:** Closed Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter:** The school will close for Easter on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 12.00 noon  
(infants) and 12.30 p.m.  
School re-opens Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.
- May:** Closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- June:** Closed Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June incl.

**Summer Holidays - Closing Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

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