



December Newsletter

St. Patrick's Secondary School

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Welcome

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the St. Patrick's Secondary School Newsletter. In this issue we will reflect on some of the highlights and news of the year so far.

Visit by Minister Norma Foley:

This school year had a very exciting start with a visit from Minister of Education & Skills Norma Foley on the 3rd of September to Leaving Certificate students who were collecting their results. On the day the Minister spoke to the current cohort of Leaving Certificate students.



Minister Norma Foley Education & Skills visiting our school on the 3rd of September

Upgraded Technology Room:

The start of this year also saw the unveiling of a newly upgraded technology and design room for all practical subjects in the school. Below is a picture of the new space. More pictures of this room can be found on [our website](#).



Upgraded technology and design room

Extra-curricular activities are a very important part of life in our school. Here are some highlights from the year so far. Click the links below to see some pictures of the activities.

- [Transition year students helping Tidy Towns](#)
- [Sports day](#)
- [1st year team building trip to Killarney National Park.](#)
- [Transition year hiking trip to Glenageary](#)
- [1st Year table quiz ran by 5th Year L.C.V.P](#)
- [Working on the Community Gardens](#)
- [2nd Year shoebox appeal](#)
- [Science week 2021](#)
- [Languages connect](#)
- [Student CPR Training](#)



6th Year students presenting a cheque to Kerry Cancer Support Group

School Sports

We have been very successful in our sporting endeavors so far this year. We play a wide range of sports including football, rugby, soccer and basketball.

Football

Our football teams have been very successful this year in all grades. Our senior team contested the [Moynihan Cup Final](#) while our U.16.5 team won the [Joe O' Connor](#) cup. A full report of this match can be found [here](#).

Our U15 football team had a triumphant Munster campaign and claimed the [Corn Éamainn Uí Mháirtín](#).

Finally, our [1st year team](#) had a successful outing in a blitz where they won both games they played.

Rugby

We have played a number of rugby matches this year at all grades. Our seniors played in the [O' Brien Cup](#) and have moved onto the [O' Gorman Cup](#).

Our U16 team are currently playing matches in the [King Cup](#) have been very competitive within that grade.

Our U15's have played a number of matches in the [McCarthy Cup](#) this year also. Finally, our first years had a rugby blitz in Tralee.



U15 Rugby Team



U15 Football team who won the Munster Final

Basketball

Our [u16 basketball](#) have advanced to the All-Ireland 'A' Cup Semi-final following excellent victories over Scoil Pobail, Sliabh Luchra Rathmore and St. Andrews, Booterstown Dublin. They are also currently involved in the group stages of the South-West League which culminates prior to the Christmas holidays.

Our U19 basketball team bowed out of the All-Ireland 'A' Cup in the opening round at the hands of St. Pauls, Oughterard but rebounded to secure a dramatic overtime victory over Scoil Pobail, Sliabh Luchra Rathmore in the South-West League. With two league games remaining to play we are hopeful we can progress to the league play-offs.



Under 16 A Basketball team

Soccer

The soccer teams in the school have enjoyed a unbeaten start to the season. The senior team started out with a 6-3 win against Castleisland Community College, followed by a 3-2 win versus St. Aidan's C.C. from Cork city. They now face Buttevant in the quarter finals on December 17th.

The u17 team were already triumphant against Buttevant with a 3-2 win after extra time, they await confirmation of the next round. Unfortunately, the U15 game could not be fulfilled and so our boys progress to the next round where they will make their maiden outing.



Senior soccer team who are currently unbeaten this year

A big thanks!!!

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to new and existing sponsors who support our teams. We really appreciate the support.

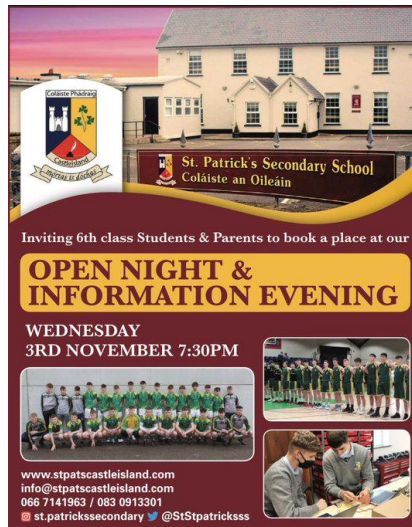


Open Night & Information Evening

On November 3rd we had a very successful open night and information evening for all incoming students.

On the night students got to explore the facilities, meet the teachers and sample the wide range of subjects that our school has to offer.

For those who missed the open night you can view our [information video](#) which gives an insight into life in our school.



Information Video for incoming first years



Some festive listening:

We are delighted to announce the launch of our very own podcast channel. Students studying Information Technology (IT) have been developing their IT skills by creating a Podcast. Well done to all students and thanks to the students who made their podcasts available to all. Click the icon below to visit our channel and we hope you enjoy their creations.



We at St. Patrick's Secondary School would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas holiday and a prosperous New Year.



Staying in touch

We have a number of ways for you to stay in touch with all the latest news and updates from St. Patrick's Secondary School.



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