

# St. Kilian's Community School Newsletter 1

## SUPERVISED STUDY

**Supervised Study** has resumed for the new school year. Full details are in the **attached handout**. Payment to be made at the School Office or through Easy Payments Plus (see website homepage).

## FIRST YEAR PROGRESS MEETING

Parents and Guardians of First Year students are invited to a **Progress Meeting** at the school on **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 11.30am to 1.00pm**. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your son's/daughter's teachers and other key school personnel. Please try and attend for at least some of the meeting.

## EXAMINATION PAPERS

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students** require past examination papers to prepare for their examinations. By ordering these papers 'in bulk', the school will secure a significant discount with the publishers. A total charge will be applied as follows:

- Leaving Cert Students: €20
- Junior Cert Students: €25

Payment to be made at the School Office or through Easy Payments Plus (see website homepage).

## MOBILE PHONES

Please see the attached document regarding the school's **Mobile Phone Policy**. This is also enclosed in the 2018-2019 Student Journal.

Please support the school in implementing this policy by:

- Encouraging your son/daughter to respect the policy at all times.
- Not contacting your son/daughter on their phones, apart from at the allowed times.
- Using the **School Office (01-2828126)** to contact or relay messages to your son/daughter during the school day.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The new **PE sports top** has proven very popular, and everyone is agreed about how smart it looks.

The **school jacket** will soon be available at Schoolwear House, Greystones, as previously advised.

Please support the school in ensuring that your son's/daughter's uniform is always in line with school policy.

## PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE

We ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter is always on time for school, both in the morning and afternoon.

Absences should be reported to the Year Head, and should only happen if absolutely unavoidable.

## HOME, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY LIAISON (HSCL)

**Ms. Izzy Fox** has replaced **Ms Siobhán Garvey** as the school's Home, School & Community Liaison Coordinator. Please see the attached notice regarding the **Information Coffee Morning**. Ms Fox can be contacted at [i.fox@stkilianscs.com](mailto:i.fox@stkilianscs.com) and (086)7008999.

## STAFF CHANGES

**Ms Marie Fitzpatrick** has taken up a new position in a different school. We thank her for all of her hard work on behalf of the school's students, and we wish her well for the future.

We welcome **Mr David Keane**, who has joined the staff as a Guidance Counsellor.

We also welcome **Ms Jordan O'Regan**, who has joined the staff as an English teacher.

## OPEN NIGHT

St. Kilian's will hold an Open Night on **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**. All parents/guardians are welcome. Please encourage your friends to come along too.

## ICT & OTHER REFURBISHMENTS

During the summer months, significant investment has been made in the school's ICT network, with **fibre optic cabling** installed and switches upgraded to gigabit quality.

The broadband system has been upgraded, and the school now has a single '**Enterprise Class**' WiFi system with ac speeds, that can handle multiple (100) connections from any point.

The **LCA and Guidance Rooms** have been fitted with student computer work stations. This is the first phase of a development which we hope to roll out throughout the school.

The **Community Room (Room 33)** has been fitted with a new kitchen, and further refurbishment is planned here. I hope that you will enjoy the Community Room improvements, by signing up to some of the great courses run by HSCL.



## RETREATS

Please see the attached information regarding the **1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year Retreats**, which will take place over the coming weeks.

## SOUNDWAVES 2018

This year's **Soundwaves** the school's Music Week will take place from Monday to Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. Please check the school website ([www.stkilianscs.com](http://www.stkilianscs.com)) over the coming weeks for full details.

## WIGILIA 2018

*Wigilia*, Polish Christmas Eve, will be celebrated at the school on the evening of Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. More information on this to follow.

## POLICIES & STUDENT JOURNAL

Please see page 16 of your son's/daughter's Journal and sign it to indicate your understanding and acceptance of the schools policies and procedures.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Please keep up-to-date regarding school events, important dates etc. by regularly consulting the school's website ([www.stkilianscs.com](http://www.stkilianscs.com)).

Do not hesitate to contact the school (01-2828126) if you have a query or require further information/explanation on matters relating to your son/daughter.

Best wishes to everyone for the school year ahead.

**John Murphy, Principal.**

**September 2018**