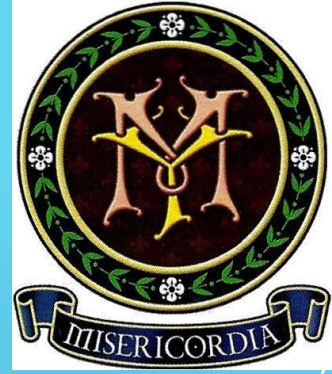


ST JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL BALLYBUNION



Winter Newsletter 2023





Congratulations to Ms Costello who was joint captain of the All Ireland winning Clanna Maurice team in December. Clanna Maurice continued their remarkable story by winning the AIB All-Ireland intermediate club camogie title at Croke Park.

Cadet Basketball:

Our 16's Cadet Basketball team have made it through to the All Ireland Cup final on the 17th of January in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght.

Senior basketball:

Our Senior basketball team reached the All Ireland National Cup semi final and won the bronze medal.

Boys basketball:

Our Senior basketball team reached the All Ireland National Cup semi final and won the bronze medal.

Squad Selection

3rd year student Orla O'Mahony has been selected for the Kerry u17 team.



LADIES FOOTBALL



Congratulations To:

JJ O'Rourke who was part of the North Kerry U15s county championship winning team. Gracie O'Sullivan who was part of the Southwest U17s team that won the Inter Regional Finals. Jodie O'Keeffe on being awarded the Golf Ireland girls Junior medal.



SPORT



SENIOR FOOTBALL & HURLING

Our Senior team football team began the year with a good wins over Castlegregory and draw with Castleisland Community College to qualify for the Moynihan Plate final. Due to bad weather conditions this final will be played in the spring.

The Munster hurling championship followed and unfortunately, we lost out to a strong Askeaton side.

Junior FOOTBALL

Our Junior team also had a great start to the year beating Castlegregory however this competition was again disrupted by weather conditions, so we are waiting till the spring to continue the Tom Fitzgerald Cup.

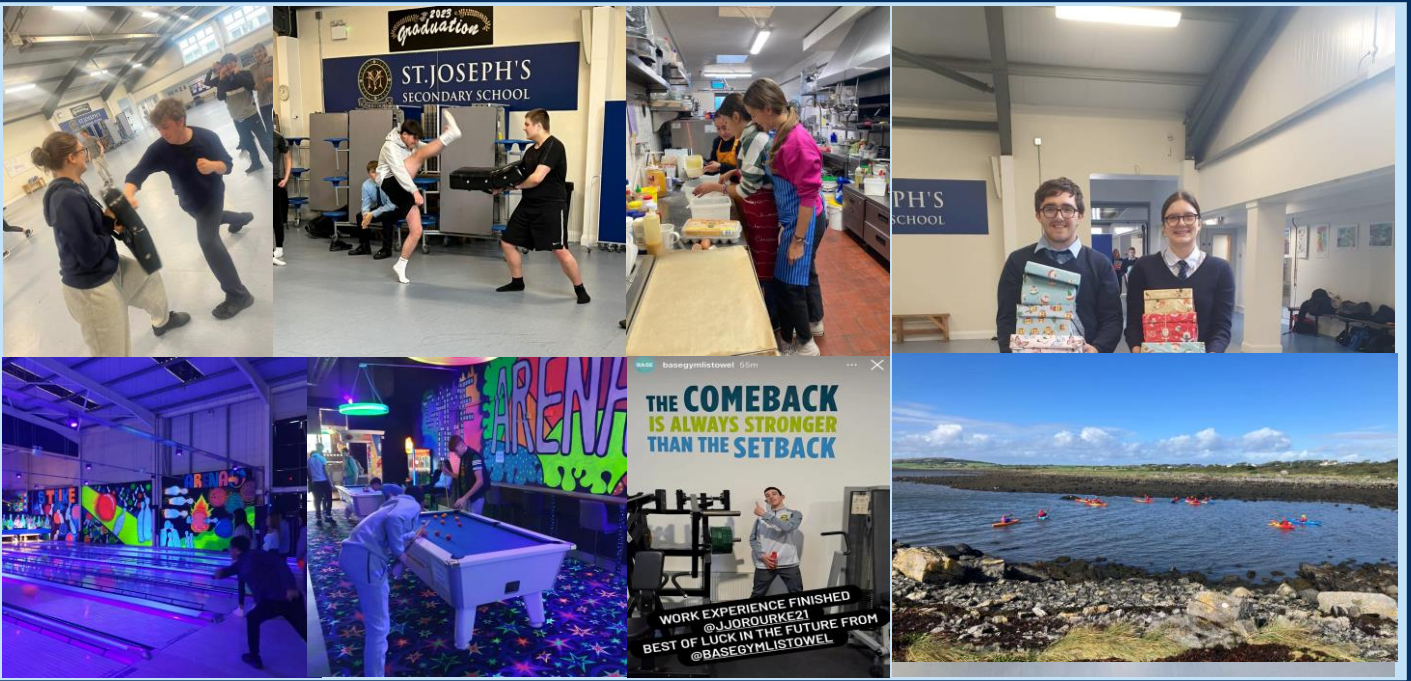


U15 FOOTBALL

Our U15s started the year with a great performance in the Munster championship but were unlucky to lose a very tight game against a strong Newport team. As part of the schools TY Gaa Future Leaders course our TY class organised and ran a very successful 1st year blitz.



TRANSITION YEAR



LEAVING CERT RESULTS



JUNIOR CERT RESULTS



SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

We were delighted to welcome Juliette O'Connell, on behalf of [Breast Cancer Ireland](#), to present the monies fundraised by the 6th and 3rd Year students from the School Sleepover. It's a great cause and thanks to all students and staff for their support. Juliette will be visiting the school in the new year to raise awareness to all year groups.

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all students and staff for contributing to this year's Christmas shoe box appeal. Well done to all students and their families for partaking in this wonderful project, each shoe box will have a massive impact on a young child this Christmas. A big thanks to all students and staff who donated to our Halloween fundraiser for SVP Ballybunion. A total of €506 was fundraised on the day.



SCHOOL HUB

The students from the Hub took a Christmas Trip to Tralee Halloween outing to Ballyseedy woods.

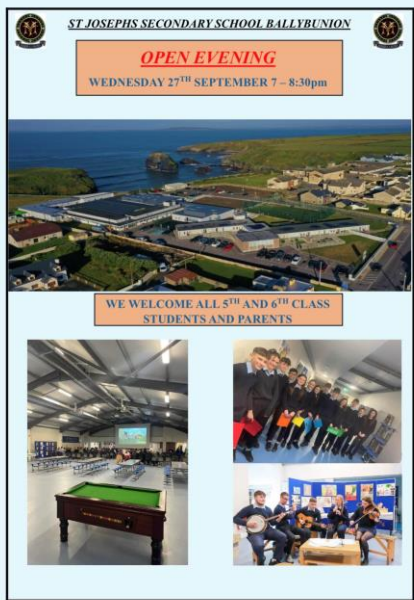


Senior Geography take to the field. In November, Mrs Murphy's Fifth Year Geography class went on a fieldtrip to Crag Cave in Castleisland. Students had the opportunity to experience in real life the learning they had been doing in class on limestone landscapes. A very enjoyable and educational tour of the cave was given and everyone enjoyed the real world geography experience.

Book Launched by First Years. Over the past year, the first year C.S.P.E. class, 1B and their teacher Mrs A. Murphy wrote and published their very own book. Entitled, "Our School Commbook is a collection of autobiographies of the class and unity", the some members of our school community. The students carried out all the research interviews, took photos, designed a cover page and proof read the book all in time the meet the publisher's deadline. The book makes for a great read and will be a lovely keepsake for the students as they continue their journey in St. Josephs.



SCHOOL LIFE



Open Evening

This year's open evening was held on September the 27th and it gave current 5th and 6th class students an opportunity to look around the school and sample what student life is like here in St Joseph's.



1ST YEAR CLASSES 2023/24





St. Joseph's Secondary School

Parents' Association Newsletter

September to Christmas 2023

Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association is an important stakeholder in the school community. The group acts as an essential conduit between Parents and the school. This partnership helps us offer the best possible education to our children.

A major part of the group's role is fundraising. All funds go towards school improvement to ensure a positive educational experience for the students at St. Joseph's.

To date, since September, our Parents' Association has organised a Bucket Collection raising €1850 and a Christmas Choral Event in the local church raising €3720.

All at St. Joseph's are extremely grateful for your support.

Association Members

The Parents' Association currently has 14 members.

The members are;

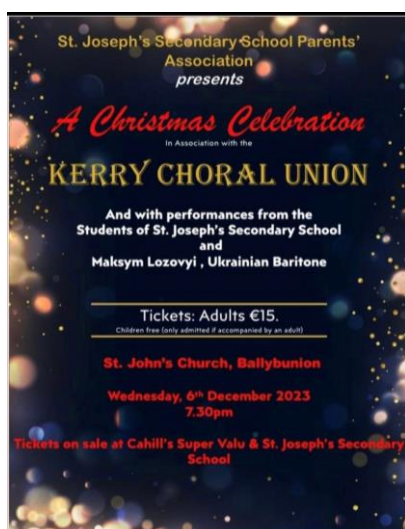
- Chairperson: Kevin O' Callaghan
- Secretary: Anna Stack
- Treasurer: Clare O' Mahony

What have we raised funds for so far;

Study skills seminar-Inspire

Wellbeing seminar- Brainbox

Outdoor Physical Education facilities improvement fund. This is a long term project aimed at developing a new all weather pitch and courts for physical education and recreational activities.



Would you like to become a member?

E-mail principal@sjsb.eu

All help is greatly appreciated.