

St Joseph's National School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for taking the time to read these notes.

Dates for Sacraments Confirmation will take place on *Wednesday 28th January* in Mullingar Cathedral, time to be confirmed. First Holy Communion has been set for *MAy 9th 2026*.

Swimming Swimming finishes tomorrow October 14th. Any remaining fees must be paid immediately.

Cross Country A very successful and enjoyable day was had by all at the recent Cross Country in Belvedere. Well done to all pupils for taking part and we commend them on their excellent sportsmanship on the day.

Cumann na mBunscol Games are up and running and will continue after midterm.

Drama: Our Junior and senior room students have been enjoying online interactive drama lessons each Monday with All Abilities Ireland.

Student Council: With election fever in the air nationally, we will also be holding our own elections here in school to form a new Student Council. The council will have a representative from each class group, voted in by their peers. It is open to any child. Best of luck to all candidates.

Heritage in schools: We are excited to have a visit from Paddy Madden, garden specialist to hold a workshop with the children

TEAM HOPE Shoebox Appeal As a school we have been taking part in this appeal for a number of years. If you wish to participate in the Team Hope Shoebox appeal, please return shoeboxes to the school by *Friday 7th November*. The leaflets have not arrived yet but I will distribute them ASAP. Meanwhile information is available at Teamhope.ie

Punctuality School starts at 9.10a.m. every morning. Children arriving after 9.10a.m. are late. School finishes at 1.50p.m. for Junior and Senior infants. All other classes from 1st to 6th finish at 2.50 p.m. We respectfully ask that parents arrive on time to pick up their children.

Parent's Association Fundraiser: The PA are inviting children/families to bring a carved pumpkin to school on October 23rd. Entries cost €2 per child or €3 per family. Prizes for our favourite pumpkins on the day.

Your child will bring home a letter and some envelopes for the PA annual donations. Sincere thanks to the Parents Association who work on behalf of every child to enrich and support our school initiatives.

Halloween: On the same day October 23rd, children are invited to dress up in their favourite costume. This is always a fun occasion in school.

Midterm Break/ Changes to school calendar: Please note that the school building has been requested to host the Presidential Election on October 24th. There will be no school on that day. Therefore school closes Thursday 23rd at 2.50pm and reopens on Monday 3rd November at 9.10am.

Yours sincerely

Emer Bermingham, Principal