



# St. Columba's College, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal.

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September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to draw your attention to some upcoming dates for the year ahead which may apply to your son/daughter during the school year. **Please keep this sheet for your own reference.**

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> year Information Meeting in the school hall at 8pm
Thursday & Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> year vaccinations for boys & girls.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> year Mass in the school hall at 8pm. Parents/Guardians of 1 <sup>st</sup> year students are invited to attend.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	6 <sup>th</sup> Year & LCA 2 Parent/Teacher Meeting, 4.15pm to 6.45pm, please bring a list of your son/daughters teachers with you to the meeting.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Careers Information Evening for Parents/Guardians of 6 <sup>th</sup> year students. School Hall at 7.30pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018 (inclusive)	Mid-term break
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Talk for Parents of 6 <sup>th</sup> Year Students re-Study Skills and Motivational Seminar at 7.30pm in Music Room.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Study Skills and Motivational Seminar for 6 <sup>th</sup> Year Students 9.05am to 4.05pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	School Musical 'Grease' in the Balor Theatre, 8pm nightly, tickets available from Balor Theatre 0749131840 or online <a href="http://www.balortheatre.com">www.balortheatre.com</a> Adults €15, students €10. Family of 4 €40
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	College will be closed to students due to in-service course for teaching staff for the introduction of the new Junior Cycle
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Parent/Teacher Meeting, 4.15pm to 6.45pm, please bring a list of your son/daughters teachers with you to the meeting.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2018	Open Day for incoming 1 <sup>st</sup> year students for the academic year 2019/2020 from 10am to 1.20pm. Transport from the primary school will be arranged. Further information in due course.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Open Evening for incoming 1 <sup>st</sup> years for the academic year 2019/2020 at 7pm to 9pm in the school hall.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 to Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Examinations for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> year students.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Enrolment Evening for incoming 1 <sup>st</sup> Years for the academic year 2019/2020 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. <b>Birth Certificate and PPSN essential.</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 (inclusive)	Christmas Holidays
January 2019	<b>Mock Examinations</b> - Approximate cost per student €70, monies will be collected in class by the subject teacher in early January.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Programme/Subject Choice Information Evening for Parents/Guardians of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year and Transition Year students in the school hall at 8pm.

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Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Assessment examination for incoming 1 <sup>st</sup> year students for the academic year 2019/2020, 9.30am to 1pm. Please bring pencil and eraser. Parents can opt to join the Book Scheme on this date.
January 2019	<b>Mock Examinations</b> - Approximate cost per student €70, monies will be collected in class by the subject teacher in early January.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	5th Year & Transition Year Parent/Teacher Meeting, 4.15pm to 6.45pm, please bring a list of your son/daughters teachers with you to the meeting.
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019	Junior Cycle In-service – School Closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Mock examinations for 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Year Students.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019 (Inclusive)	Mid-term break
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	2nd Year Parent/Teacher Meeting, 4.15pm to 6.45pm, please bring a list of your son/daughters teachers with you to the meeting.
Feb/March 2018	The State Exams Commission (SEC) will issue a letter to the school which will be distributed to parents regarding the fee collected by the SEC (which can be paid online) for sitting the Leaving, LCA, Repeat Leaving & Junior Certificate Examinations. Last year's fees were as follows: – Junior Cert €109, Leaving Cert/LCA €116, Repeat Leaving Cert €301. Those holding a Medical Card valid on the date the fees should be paid were exempt. Final payment date for these exams last year was 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (approx.)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Parent/Teacher Meeting, 4.15pm to 6.45pm, please bring a list of your son/daughters teachers with you to the meeting.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)	Easter Holidays
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 or Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	The Leaving Cert Orals in Irish, French, German and Spanish are normally held either 2 weeks before the Easter holidays or the two weeks after. This date has not yet been confirmed by the State Exams Commission.
Beginning of May	LCVP Examination
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Prize-giving Ceremony in school hall.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Leaving Cert Mass in the school hall at 8pm.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	Transition Year end of Year Night. Viewing of Projects from 6.15pm. Presentations start at 7pm.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	Summer Examinations for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Year students.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations.

Please note the calendar for coming academic years will no longer be posted but will be available on the St. Columba's College website in early September of each school year.

Yours sincerely,



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