



Sem Newsletter January 28th 2021



Coláiste Mhic Chairchinn, Muineachán

Slán San Sem



The Board of Management met last night January 28th to review how teaching and learning is progressing for our students and teachers. Reports from the Student Council and from staff meetings were presented and alongside the comments from the parents who were present at the meeting, it can be said that the school community is generally very happy with how our school is managing to continue with teaching and learning under the current restrictions. Well done everyone and thank you for your efforts.

Second Year Parent Teacher Meeting Tuesday Feb 2nd

This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday next beginning at 4.00 pm and ending at 6.30 pm. The format will be the same format as all other parent teacher meetings held so far this year. Teachers and students will arrange meeting times and links to the meeting will be shared by the teacher with the student. Please keep conversations brief and to the point as it is important that all parents and teachers have an opportunity to meet. Students are obviously welcome to attend also. If you have any questions feel free to contact the school.



Student / Staff wellbeing Initiative Get Involved!

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Sem School Strava 60 km Challenge

What is it?
A virtual walking/running challenge between each class, each year and beat the Teachers!

How does it work?
You need to download the App 'Strava' onto your phone and search for your class and year group.

For the month of February, use the app to track your distance every time your walk or run and try and hit a minimum target of 60km for the month.

THE PE DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP A TRACK OF CLASS DISTANCES AND WEEKLY UPDATES WILL BE GIVEN IN TUTOR CLASS.

Information for Parents on Google Classroom



A number of parents have contacted the school seeking information on Google classroom, what it is and how it works. The school's website now included two brief video presentations on Google Classroom for parents. They can be accessed at <https://stmacartanscollege.ie/information-on-digital-learning/>

Please note -

There will be no online classes for students on Tuesday afternoon next February 2nd or Wednesday morning February 3rd. Class as normal per timetable from 8.50 am Thursday February 4th.

Teachers need students to get involved in class.

Students please ensure that you have a working mic so that you can answer questions. When you are asked to turn on your camera please do so.

Every class every day

Class continues 8.50 am - 3.45 each day

Parents unless you are contacted by the school there will be no change to our policy of teaching class per the timetable

8.50 am - 3.45 pm daily. A full record of your son's attendance in all classes is available by contacting the school office. Feel free to do so. Thank you to all parents who contact us to let us know when their son is unable to attend classes.



Sem student on RTE's Prime Time



Congratulations to our Deputy Head Prefect, Adam Lambe who was a guest on RTE's Prime Time programme on Thursday January 28th. Adam outlined students' concerns regarding the uncertainty surrounding this year's Leaving Certificate and the need for clarity for students. He also noted the hard work being done by teachers to ensure that class continues for all.



Mind yourself and each other.

Remote learning is tiring, challenging and potentially isolating. Take exercise, watch your diet and keep in touch with friends. Students look after yourselves and look after each other.

Remember help is available at school if needed. Parents and students feel free to contact the Guidance Counsellors if needed.

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24 - 31 January 2021

This week is Catholic Schools week and an opportunity for us all to reflect on what we are and what we stand for.

At St. Macartan's College we challenge everyone to be the best that they can be, we care, we're welcoming, inclusive, we value hard work, and always trying to improve.

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