

Summer 2018

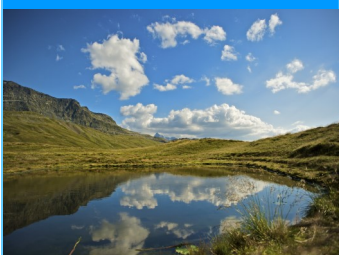
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Words to the Wise

“The great essentials for happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.”

(Joseph Addison)



To see a World in a grain of sand.

And a Heaven in a wild flower.

Hold infinity in the palm of your hand

And eternity in an hour.
(William Blake)

Have a restful Summer break!

As the Summer Holidays begin....

It’s been a very busy year! That is the cry of all our schools as this year draws to a close. With the new Child Safeguarding requirements, GDPR and the new Leadership and Management posts, there has been a lot of pressure on schools, and Principals in particular since Christmas.

We hope that now that June has arrived and we’re preparing for the State Exams, the term moves into a different mode—with the anticipation of holidays in the near future. As often happens, we have beautiful weather during exam time. We hope this will lift the spirits of all the students taking these exams and inspire them to perform at their best. We wish them every success and thank all the teachers, parents and school management for the excellent teaching and fulsome support given to the students throughout the year. While the exam results are a very significant part of the students’ lives in school, their results do not define them! It is who they are as people of God that really matters. Our wish for them is to be ‘the best person they can be’.



Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown — the history



16th May 2018 was a proud day for Le Chéile and a fitting tribute to the 14 Congregations who had the wisdom and confidence, in 2003, to look to the future. The Trust was set up in 2009 up on a sound footing and when, in 2011, the Minister for Education, Ruairi Quinn announced the establishment of 40 new schools over the next six years Le Chéile took on the challenges of applying to be the patron of one of these schools with enthusiasm. We chose the area of Mulhuddart/Tyrrelstown as we knew it was a new area of Dublin and the majority of schools were community or ETB schools.

Therefore a voluntary secondary Catholic school would provide the required diversity. We started our journey by visiting the priests of the local parishes, Corduff and Ladyswell. They then introduced us to the Principals of the local primary schools who in turn introduced us to their parent groups. A couple of public meetings presented some challenges—including a member of the audience throwing the question in a very loud voice “*how dare you even think of opening a Catholic school here?*”. Maybe the question shouldn’t have been a surprise but what was wonderful was the response! Another parent in the hall took the microphone and made it quite clear that they had every right to look for a Catholic school. (contd on p2)



Le Chéile Secondary School Official Opening (contd)

She was backed up by another parent and, suffice to say, the mood in the hall turned very positively towards a Le Chéile Secondary School. By February 2012 we had over 600 expressions of interest and in July 2012, the Minister's announcement brought the great news that we were awarded patronage.

The news was greeted very positively by all our schools and was seen as a sign of hope - we're not just schools of our heritage, we are also schools of the future!



Congratulations to Aine Moran, Leona Harrington, the Board of Management and all the staff for a wonderful celebration of the official opening (see p4).

At the end of this school year we give thanks for all the teaching and learning that have taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom; for the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced; for the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed; for the respect and care that have been given. We also give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown and for the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles.

Best wishes to all those doing exams and may the summer break refresh us all.

Prayer Before Exams

O wise God, I pray that my mind might be rested, my body energised, and my spirit inspired for the exam I must write. Grant me peace and assurance so that I might do the best I am able, regardless of what that might be. Be with my fellow students and may I be a good example to them, offering reassurance and confidence regardless of how I feel. I write this exam with you, O Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Sadly, we extend our sympathy to the family of William Smith, who was the Director and founder of Glasgiven Construction Company—the firm of builders that built Le Chéile Secondary School. William ensured that his team of builders carried out their work to the highest standards and was always considerate of the school's needs. Having undergone surgery in March, he was delighted to be well enough to join us for the official opening on 16th May. He died, unexpectedly at the end of May.

May he rest in peace.



Le Chéile Contacts Book

Please check your contact details are correct in the Contacts Book before we copy it over for next year's edition. Le Chéile Contacts Book

Middle Leaders Course 2018-2019

The course will run over the academic year 2018-2019 beginning in October and will take place outside of school hours over a weekend and three Wednesdays evenings from 5.00 - 8.00p.m. in Dublin and in Cavan (tbc - subject to interest). It is open to all teachers, post holders and non-post holders who have completed a minimum 2 years full-time teaching in the same school. For further information visit the Middle Leaders section on our website or refer to your Principal for the a copy of the Flyer and Application Form. The course will be held in the two venues below (subject to demand).

Dublin Venue: - Talbot Hotel Stillorgan, Dublin

Friday 5th October 2018 5.00p.m.- 8.00p.m. followed by dinner /and all Day -Saturday 6th October 2018

Wednesday 21st November 2018 5.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.

WEBINAR Wednesday 23rd January 2019 5.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.

Wednesday 27th March 2019 5.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.

Cavan Venue: - Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan (tbc subject to demand)

Friday 19th October 2018 5.00p.m.- 8.00p.m. followed by dinner /and all Day -Saturday 20th October 2018

Wednesday 28th November 2018 5.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.

WEBINAR Wednesday 23rd January 2019 5.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.

Wednesday 3rd April 2019 5.00p.m.- 8.00p.m.

Do you have any suggestions on how the Le Chéile Community could celebrate our 10th Anniversary next school year 2018 -2019? E-mail: admin@lecheiletrust.ie

Congratulations to the entire Jesus & Mary Salerno Community past and present on the opening of the new Sports Hall. Many years of persistent hard work by a lot of people, has brought the school to this important day. Good luck to all the students and staff and best wishes for many years of enjoyment in their lovely new facility.



Le Chéile Office Moving 27th June



We are moving on 27th June to a new location. As our current premises will be closed and we may not have access to mail, please do not post anything to our current address in Milltown after 23rd June. Our new address is **Le Chéile Office, Mobhi Building, Alexandra College, 96 Rathmines Road Upper, Dublin 6**

Thank You and Best wishes to our Retirees and Exam Students

As we move towards the end of the school year we thank all members of our school communities for their hard work, dedication and care throughout the year. We particularly wish all those who are retiring many years of good health and happiness in their retirement. We look forward to seeing them in early October to celebrate their contribution to their school and Le Chéile.

We also wish all the students who are leaving our schools every best wish in their future lives. Pictured below are the 6th Year students of Patrician Presentation Fethard with their teachers.





The entire Le Chéile Community came together to celebrate an historic day on our journey together, the official opening of the Le Chéile Secondary School in Tyrrelstown. Students representing sixty seven nationalities, parents, teachers and Congregation representatives, joined with the guests and the building and design team to welcome An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin for the opening Mass and ceremonies. Students and Principals from other Le Chéile Schools also attended.



The students, staff and choir all participated in a wonderful ceremony that embraced the old and new, recognised all our founders and celebrated the school's motto: Welcome, Witness and Wisdom aptly. Congregational representatives brought water from their homeplace and it was co-mingled to be blessed by the Archbishop before being brought around the school by teachers to bless all the areas of the extensive building. Continuing the tradition of planting and growth that has marked all our celebrations since Le Chéile and Síol started, the congregations planted a sign with an inspiring line from their founder



in front of fourteen trees in the courtyard. All the first year students received a sapling when the school opened in 2014 and one student donated his sapling which was planted by the Taoiseach on the day, reflecting the patience the entire school community displayed as their school was being built literally around them over the past four years.

Visitors wandered around the spacious school and met the

students and teachers. The day concluded with lunch in the General Purpose room where guests could enjoy the beautiful stained glass windows visible from the adjoining Prayer Room with the congregational crests set amongst the reflective images. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped both the Le Chéile office and the school team, in any way, on the journey to this day.



Principals & Chairpersons' Seminar 19th June 2019

The Le Chéile seminar will once again take place in the Mullingar Park Hotel. DEIS schools have an additional meeting on the previous evening at 5pm. We are also holding a special short meeting after the seminar, (at 4.00pm on 19th) for any schools that might be negatively affected by the proposed new schools as announced on 13th April. The hotel is offering a reduced B&B rate for the 18th June.

Important Dates:

29th May	Budgets returned to Le Chéile Office
19th June	Principals, Chairpersons and Deputy Principals Seminar in Mullingar
29th June	Final date for submitting 2017/2018 End of Year Report to Le Chéile Office

Calendar and Handbook for 2018 /19

We are currently compiling our calendar for 2018/19. If you know of any events that may influence our schedule please tell us. This Calendar will include our training events, meetings and important dates and will be included in our handbook, on our website and distributed by e-mail.

Is your school celebrating any special anniversary or event this year?? Do tell us and share your story. If you have any news items or pictures that you would like to see on our website please send them in!