



## Christmas Services

**All Saints** – Christmas Eve Carol Service 8.30pm  
Vigil Mass 9.00pm  
Christmas Day 11.00am

**St Aloysius Parish** – Christmas Eve Carol Service 8pm  
Vigil Mass 9pm  
Christmas Day 11.00am  
Stobhill Hospital 1pm

**St Augustine's** – Confession Saturday 21/12/13 5 - 5.45pm  
Confession Monday 23/12/13 7 - 8pm  
Christmas Eve – First Mass of Christmas - 9pm  
Christmas Day 10.00am & 12.00 (Mid-day)

**St Catherine's** – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6pm  
Christmas Eve Carol Service 11.30pm  
Midnight Mass 12.00 Midnight

**Immaculate Heart** – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 5pm & 6pm  
Christmas Eve Carol Service 11.30pm  
Midnight Mass (Latin) 12.00 Midnight  
Christmas Day 9.30am & 11.30am

**St Philomena's** – Christmas Eve 9pm  
Christmas Day 10.45am



Work hard to ensure Success

# All Saints Secondary School

## Christmas Newsletter 2013



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families enjoy a peaceful and happy Christmas season.

Since the last newsletter we have been very busy in school and we hope to capture some of the many excellent activities and events going on here.

As always, thank you for your support which is crucial to the continued improvement of All Saints RC Secondary School.

Wishing you and yours a safe, happy and successful 2014.

**P Holmes**  
Head Teacher

### Important dates for your diary:

**Friday 20th December 2013** - School closure - Christmas Holidays

**Monday 6th January 2014** - School re-opens

**Monday 13th January 2014** - Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm

**Week beginning 20th January 2014** - S3 Parents Meeting (TBC)

**Monday 27th - Friday 31st January 2014** - S4 Prelims begin

**Monday 10th February - Wednesday 12th February** - Second Mid Term Break and In-service day



## P7 Transitions

Primary 7 learners from St Catherine's, St Monica's, St Philomena's and St Martha's enjoyed an "I Can Do Anything" event at St Catherine's Church Hall in November. This was a great opportunity for the learners who will form our S1 in August to come together as a group and work with learners from other primary schools as part of our P7 Transition Programme. Learners met with representatives from a wide range of jobs and professions, and were given the opportunity to question them on their jobs, what bits of their work they enjoyed, and the skills and qualities needed for each one. Our Primary 7 learners had a fantastic morning and we look forward to more transition events in the new term. A particular thanks goes to Mrs Rafferty for organising this event.



## S1 Update

Our S1 learners have been continuing to work hard over the last term and it has been a pleasure for me to visit them in so many classes and see the good work they are undertaking. In addition to working hard, our learners have also been having fun – both in classes and in additional activities.



All Saints have now ventured into rugby, we currently have an S1/2 team and an under 16 team. With the help of Glasgow Life and Mr Dynowski the aim is to develop both rugby teams to compete at local and national tournaments. We have recently received the bronze award with regards to rugby development and are looking to work our way to silver before ultimately becoming a school of rugby.

Our S1/S2 rugby team will be competing at our first Glasgow City tournament in the new year and we would welcome new players at all levels and abilities.

**Full Attendance = Best Chance of Success**

## School Pantomime

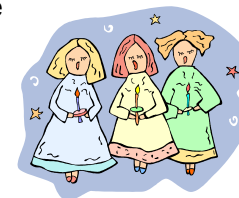
This year's school pantomime was "Pinocchio", The cast have all worked extremely hard, along with the backstage crew, and we are very pleased with what they managed to achieve. – THANK YOU ALL! We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

J Harris



## Senior Citizens Christmas Concert

This year, our annual Senior Citizens Christmas concert will take place in the school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 1.30pm. All Saints invite 10 Senior Citizens selected from each of our local parishes. Tea/coffee and cakes are prepared and served by our senior learners. The Senior Citizens are then entertained by the school choir as well as other musical acts.



We wish all the Senior Citizens in our community a very happy Christmas.

J Houston

## Christmas Ceilidh 2013

This year the Christmas Ceilidhs are being held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The learners have spent the last few weeks practicing their social dance and (most!) have enjoyed the experience. Merry Christmas.

A Hamilton

## Sacrament of Reconciliation



We are very grateful that the local parish priests and our new chaplain Father Gallagher have given their time to our school over the Advent period to allow the learners to go to the Sacrament of reconciliation. The reverence paid to the sacrament and the respect of the young people was a clear sign that this time was important to them and we would certainly provide this in the future. Many thanks to all involved.

A Milwain

**Homework to be completed on time**

## Celebrating Success

During the month of December there have been several reward trips offering a chance to celebrate success for over 300 of our learners. These included a trip to the Pavilion Theatre to see the panto classic "Pinocchio", a trip to the cinema to see "The Hobbit" and a trip to ten-pin bowling with lunch. Other trips this term have included Science Centre trips, Modern Languages trip to the GFT to watch foreign language films and a very successful Art trip to London for senior learners who were able to explore the sights of London as well as visit famous art galleries and experience a trip down the Thames! Well done to all those deserving young people.



## S6 News

All S6 learners are now wearing our purple braided blazer and look very smart in doing so. Please support us in encouraging our seniors, as role models, to wear full school uniform. Nearly all of our S6 are now involved in projects organised by the various colleges and universities which will prepare them for further education. These include the Caledonian Club, Top Up programme, Routes for All, college workshops, working with Skills Scotland and attendance at Higher Education Fairs and various employment skills events. A number of S6 learners are involved in a "Buddy" Programme where they mentor and support a number of our S1 learners and this has proved very successful. It is our aim to make all of S6 buddies next session. We have a record number of S6 learners aiming for the Caritas award this year in RE. This involves them taking part being involved in various activities in school and in the community as they build up a required number of hours of volunteer work and duties in order to achieve this and attend the Scottish Caritas Award Ceremony in June 2014. Well done and keep up the good work!

M Murphy

## All Saints Values' Star

A new badge has been commissioned this session called the 'All Saints Values' Star'. This star is presented to those young people in our school who characterise all that we aspire to for all our learners.

All learners who wear the star on their blazer are to be congratulated for their contribution every day in All Saints.



P Holmes

Please contact us immediately if you have a question/concern

In October our S5 Personal Development class organised a Halloween Disco for learners in S1. This was a fantastic event which S1 thoroughly enjoyed. Learners in S3 Drama also organised a "Ghost Tour" which provided a spooky insight to All Saints Secondary! Again great fun was had by all, and we thank the efforts of all learners who organised these activities.



S1 learners also participated in a fantastic workshop led by the Scottish Youth Theatre in December. This looked at the important subject of rail safety in a fun and interactive way. Those learners who were involved had a great time and learned valuable lessons around personal safety, peer pressure and the unseen dangers of playing on or around railway lines.

## Design & Technology

Our S1 learners have been working hard in Design & Technology over the last term producing some fantastic work. Particular congratulations go to the following learners who won departmental awards for their effort:

Niamh Goldie – Bronze Award for hard work and commitment  
Lauren Duncan – Silver Award for high standards of work  
Carly Boland – Gold Award for hard work and excellent effort

Well done to all!

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WELL DONE !!!

School Bag and Equipment needed every day



## Columba 1400: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November 6 S2 learners from All Saints' Secondary and 5 learners from Springburn Academy attended the Columba 1400 Ambassadors' Leadership Academy. Columba 1400 is designed to help young people and adults develop self confidence and leadership skills. They have been helping young people and adults since 2000 and almost 5000 young people and adults have attended the course. Columba 1400 focus on 6 key values: awareness, focus, creativity, integrity, perseverance and service. As part of our 6 day long course we completed indoor and outdoor activities designed to help us focus on the six values and to develop our leadership skills. The activities included climbing 'The Old Man of Storr', mountain rescue and a walk by Red Fox hill. The indoor activities included discussing our thoughts on successful leaders from history, using role play to develop our understanding of effective and non-effective communication skills and designing a mug with our own values on them. Columba 1400 believe that all young people should have the opportunity to maximise their potential and to realise the importance of giving back to society. Working with Columba 1400 has allowed our young people to realise their own potential. Our work with Columba 1400 will be on going. The groups from both schools will continue to work together to pass on their leadership skills to other young people. They will also be meeting on a monthly basis to discuss a focus for the school and they will also be working with Springburn Academy to set up a project in the local community.

J Houston



**Thank you for your commitment to All black footwear**

## All Saints Food Bank Initiative

Passionate about local people and local issues is how best to describe the staff and learners of All Saints Secondary as they launch the first phase of their Community Food Bank Initiative.

The Food Bank Initiative is the result of two years' very successful food collection in All Saints, with a growing awareness that we as a school could do more to support families in our own community. After a brief consultation with local parishes, groups and personnel it was confirmed that food poverty is indeed a concern and that we might be able to work together to provide some support.

Mrs Madden who is leading the project, facilitated a partnership meeting on November 15 on the eve of the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland who is an inspiration and wonderful example of how we put our faith into action.



Our first steps have already been taken in our local parish of All Saints with further outreach sessions in St Catherine's and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The initiative already has the support of many key partners in the community and as a result the Initiative has been awarded a £1000 grant from The Pastoral Care Trust - ( St Nicholas Care Fund). In addition to this, Paul Martin MSP raised a motion in the Scottish Parliament last week about our initiative. This can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website within the business/motions section.

Through interdisciplinary activities it is hoped that the project will provide vital support to those who are most in need and provide the foundation for sustainable solutions.

A Madden/A Milwain

**Reminder - school day starts at 8.50am**



## Health and Wellbeing Survey

Learners in All Saints completed a Health and Wellbeing survey in 2011. The results showed Health and Wellbeing across the city, the North East and in our school. We were able to compare our results and were able to look at various aspects of health including substance misuse, physical activity and a number of other factors.



The Young People formed a Health and Wellbeing team and identified our school's main health issues. The team identified All Saints learner's exposure to smoking was higher than anywhere else in the city and that second hand smoke was a major issue for our learners.

The young people decided to make a DVD and visit primary schools to inform primary learners and parents about the dangers of second hand smoke.

First they had to find the necessary funds and assistance. This was achieved in 2012 when our HWB team successfully pitched their idea at a North East Health Summit.

Our team have spent the last 10 months filming, editing and developing their resource and this week finally launched their DVD. The learners worked closely with Cumbernauld College, the NHS and O2 during this project.

On Wednesday December 4th, the young people visited our 4 feeder primaries to present to learners, discuss the second hand smoke issue and to show their DVD.

The day was a huge success and the hard work of the HWB team really paid off. Well Done Declan, Daniel, Anthony, Sean, Kelsey, Natalie, Lauren and Caitlin.

A Hamilton



**No Jeans or Leggings only Dress Trousers are allowed**

## Glasgow Caledonian University "Think Ahead Project"

S3 were invited to take part in the Glasgow Caledonian University "Think Ahead Project" in November. This project targeted learners at a key stage of their educational journey and aimed to demystify University. Building upon the school's own work in raising awareness of the various pathways into education and employment, this visit gave learners a greater understanding of the process of achieving their goal, whatever that may be.



During the visit learners worked with their mentor on two challenges to get to know the courses and facilities the university has to offer. These challenges helped learners to make informed decisions about their subject choices through practical taster sessions. Furthermore, learners were able to improve their core skills such as communication, teamwork and time management. The outcome of this visit was to allow learners to gain a greater confidence in their own qualities and a wider knowledge about positive post-school destinations and the process of achieving them .

S3 learners were commended on their behaviour and positive attitude on both days!



F Ahmed



**Please check homework planners nightly and sign regularly**



### S3 Parents Information evening

Parents attended the first S3 Parents Curriculum for Excellence meeting and were clearly keen to know what was on offer for their children in S4. The discussions focussed around the rationale for the Broad General Education in S1 to S3, the changes to national examinations and how the options process will run. We hope parents were happy with the progress so far and were reassured in the knowledge that the school will be able to deliver the new national qualifications. Future events will be on offer during this session for parents of S3 in supporting their children into the senior phase.



J McGhee

### Manchester City vs. CSKS Moscow Trip



45 All Saints learners attended the champions league tie between Manchester City and CSKA Moscow in November. A fantastic evening of football was enjoyed by all with Manchester City winning 5-2. Well done to all those who attended for their exemplary behaviour. They were a credit to the school and themselves.

R Carroll

### Retreat to Nunraw Abbey

Due to the enthusiasm of Callum MacAulay, Julia Bradley, Courtney Love and Emma McDermott we had the opportunity to extend our All Saints Day celebrations with a weekend retreat in Nunraw Abbey. This is a Cistercian Monastery in the heart of the Lothian Hills and a place of quiet prayer and reflection. Due to the success of the retreat the group are now planning a second retreat for later in the year.



A Milwain

All Saints is a coloured tops and hoodie free zone

### School Art Trip



Here are a few photos of our first Art trip to London. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school, well mannered, well behaved and enthusiastic.

They pounded the street of London from Tate to Tate via St Paul's Cathedral taking in all the sights including a walk over the millennium Bridge, fashion exhibitions from the 80's at the Victoria and Albert Museum; enjoying dinner in Chinatown and a cinema trip in Leicester square.

### Personal Development Class

5A Int. 2 Personal Development organised and held a Halloween party on the 31st October for all S1 students. Learners in fancy dress costume were treated to a range of games from the traditional dookin' for apples, zombie walking, to making live mummies. The team of senior learners provided refreshments and organised every activity from music & prizes to thematic water labelling and Halloween cupcake decoration. All learners involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves and threw themselves wholeheartedly to the spirit of the event.

F Campbell



Mobile phone use is limited to Interval and Lunch time in the Square