



St. Louis Senior Primary School
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Christmas Concert: Friday December 14th, 2018

We await with anticipation our Christmas Concerts.

Our Christmas Concert Schedule is as follows:

Room 1-9.10am
Room 7-9.45am
Room 2-10.10am
Room 14 & 17-10.40am
Room 3-11.10am
Room 6-11.35am
Room 15-12.00pm
Room 13-12.30pm
Room 10-1.05pm



Parents and families of pupils are invited to attend at their child's concert time.

We request parents not to record or to take photos during the Concert performances. There are a number of reasons for this. Firstly, there is the issue of child protection which is of paramount importance in our school. Many parents do not wish their child to be photographed or recorded and certainly do not wish any images of their child to be uploaded on to any social network.

Secondly, children can be very nervous when performing in public. We do not wish to add to their anxiety. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter, for putting our children first and for respecting their rights. We look forward, as usual, to a very enjoyable performance.

If you wish to take your child home after the performance, you are welcome to do so. Once the children have performed they will return to their classroom and may be collected from there.

Finally, we thank the children and their teachers for their excellent work in preparing for the plays. They are practising so hard, learning so much and a great performance is guaranteed on the day.

Parent Association Christmas at St. Louis

I would like to thank the P.A. for all their support. We really do appreciate all the work that you are doing for our school. We are looking forward to the concert on **December 12th** in St. Louis High School @ 7.00pm. There are still some tickets available if you would like to purchase some for family and friends.

We are also looking forward to the **Tree of Coins** which will be held on the **19th of December**.

Sacraments

We are delighted to be part of such special events in the lives of our children here in St. Louis.

Our **Holy Communion** children are busy attending the "Do This In Memory Masses" in Rathmines church. It was lovely to see so many of them on Sunday and I know they will attend again in great numbers for the next mass on Sunday the 16th of December.

Sacrament of Confirmation .The Enrolment ceremony for sixth class will take place on Sunday December 9th @ 6.00pm. We are looking forward to the **Ceremony of Light on January 15th** and the **Confirmation on March 8th** .

Supporting those in need

We in St. Louis always remember those in need. This year we took part in Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Well done to everyone. We would like to extend a very special "Thank you" to the parents and children who sent in boxes. Also, thank you to Ms. E Doherty for getting the school involved in such a wonderful initiative. To learn more about the Team Hope Charity please check out their website <https://www.teamhope.ie/about-us/>

As Christmas draws closer we as a school are aware of those in our community who need extra support at this time of year. We are collecting non-perishable food items for our good friends in St. Vincent de Paul and they will distribute these to those in need. Ms. Neill's class are organising this for us. Thank you to her and room 15.

Music

The Music Department in St. Louis will have their Christmas concert on Tuesday the 11th of December at 7.00p.m. I am looking forward to an evening of festivities as we celebrate the season of Christmas.

School Choir

Our school Choir have been very busy this term. They were involved with the lighting of the Christmas Tree in Rathmines town centre. They are also busy preparing for the Peace Proms in February. Thank you to the teachers who give of their time so generously, Ms. Eaton, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Casey, Ms. Munnis, Sinead Leydon and David Munro.

Science Week and Maths Week

We celebrated Science week and maths week in our school during the month of November. There were wonderful activities planned by teachers in the school for the children and I know the children really enjoyed everything that was planned. Thank you to everyone involved with these weeks.

School Self Evaluation

A school self-evaluation of teaching and learning was undertaken in our school. Under the umbrella of literacy, we as a staff decided to concentrate on the area of English spellings, with a focus on the teaching and learning of spellings in our school. Since September, we have moved away from the use of spelling workbooks to test children on their spelling skills in 3rd to 6th class. Instead, each child learns spellings from his/her individualised list. This approach to spellings is linked with Brendan Culligan who is a leading lecturer and expert on the teaching of spellings. The children are enjoying monitoring their spelling progress and are beginning to "switch on for spellings" when they are participating in all curricular areas. As part of our School Improvement Plan we will monitor and evaluate the success of this new approach between now and June 2020.

As we end 2018, we reflect and remember those we have lost over the last while here in St. Louis. Our thoughts will be with you all over the Christmas season.

We look with hope to 2018 and already we have many interesting things to look forward to. Some important dates for your diary:

Monday January 7th –School re-opens at 8.50a.m
January 31st -Grandparent's Day- (more details to follow in the New year)
January 15th -Ceremony of Light for 6th Class in Rathmines Church
February 3rd Peace Proms for our school choir
February 5th Internet Safety Day
February 7th, 12th & 14th School Photographs
February 18th-22nd –Spring Mid Term Break

Our wish here at St. Louis, is that you all experience joy, happiness and peace this Christmas and into the New Year.

Nollaig faoi shéan agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Le gach dea-ghuí,
Dolores Hanrahan
Principal