



Welcome from your Parents' Association Committee

On behalf of the Parents' Association Committee, we welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. We especially welcome parents who are new to our school this year.

The Parents' Association consists of a group of parents and guardians who have been elected to manage the responsibilities of the parents' association on behalf of all parents. We work with the principal, staff and board of management to build effective co-operation and partnership between home and school. In St Mary's BNS, the role of the Parents' Association is threefold:

- 1: **Community:** To foster positive relationships between parents, the school and the wider Booterstown parish.
- 2: **Education:** To support the education of our boys through the organisation of information evenings on topics of interest for parents and educational talks for the children throughout the year.
- 3: **Fundraising:** To organise fundraising initiatives which support the provision of a wide variety of extra-curricular learning and events for our boys.

Some of the activities funded by parents' donations and other local sponsors include:

- Tennis and swimming lessons
- Music lessons
- The school library
- Safety seminars
- Science equipment and materials
- Santa visit and presents
- Communion party for 2nd class
- Summer sports day, ice-cream van and bouncy castle
- New playground (arriving soon!)

These are all made possible by your generosity which is sincerely appreciated.

The page overleaf details some of the planned activities and events taking place over the coming months. One of the most important contributors to our fundraising success is the **Friends of St Mary's monthly draw**. For a monthly contribution of €12.50 per family you can be in with a chance to win up to €300 per month! A copy of the registration form is enclosed with this sheet and is also available year-round from any member of the Parents' Association Committee. Please return your completed form to the PA directly or via the school Secretary's office.

For further information on the Parents' Association please visit: www.stmarysbnsparents.com , like our Facebook or follow our Instagram (@booterstownpa) or email us on booterstownpa@gmail.com .

Wishing you the very best for the coming year.

On behalf of the 2018-2019 Parents' Association Committee

Lisa O'Brien, Co-Chair
Danielle McKay, Co-Chair
Paula Hartnett, Secretary
John Sweeney, Treasurer



PARENTS CALENDAR: SAVE THE DATE 2018!

Welcome to the new school year – we have some busy fun filled months of activities ahead. We've created this handy print-out and pin-up sheet to help keep you on track!

27th September: PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM AT ST MARY'S BOYS' SCHOOL: Come and meet Principal Mr O'Connor and other parents. Tea, coffee and good chat. All welcome - we especially encourage new parents and Junior Infants parents to come.

September/October: NEW PLAYGROUND OPENS: We are celebrating the opening of our new playground! This fabulous new play area has been funded through the various activities of both the current and previous Parents' Association Committees. Join us for the official unveiling and ribbon cutting of this great new asset to the school. Exact date to be confirmed shortly - watch this space!

October: THE CLASS PHOTO CALENDER: A lovely A4 one page calendar featuring your son's class photo, capturing the boys at their best, and with all key school dates highlighted, will be for sale for €5 in October.

19th October: BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL: Join the Parents Association for a Back to School Social Event – a fun night not to be missed. Further details and ticket information available soon from the Parents' Association Committee.

26th October: TRICK OR TREAT FOR TEMPLE STREET: Our chance to raise funds for Temple Street Children's hospital. Coffee and treats from 08.30am in the school yard, and the children are allowed to dress up in Halloween costume.

October/November: YOUR PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS CARDS: Your son will turn card designer this year, creating a personalised Christmas card in class which you can then purchase through the school.

Early November: TEAM HOPE SHOE BOX APPEAL: A chance for the boys to show their big hearts. Each boy will be asked to fill a Christmas wrapped shoebox with small items for children in vulnerable communities overseas. www.teamhope.ie/

16th November: THE SHOPPING SOCIAL OUTING: Our pre-Christmas half day shopping trip to Kildare Designer Outlet Village. Bag a Christmas bargain or a festive frock. Depart from St Mary's at 9.00am and return at 14.15pm. Just €10, includes return coach trip, a glass of bubbly and a VIP discount card.

2nd December: THE FESTIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Christmas Fair returns! Fantastic festive stands and refreshments, the brilliant Silent Auction, where you can bid for amazing Christmas gifts. Great fun, always packed, and the boys just LOVE it! The most important fundraiser in the calendar, it takes place in Our Lady of Mercy Girls' School Hall.

Year-round: FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MONTHLY DRAW: Join our monthly prize draw (just €12.50 per month) to be in with a chance to win up to €300 per month.

**All dates are PROVISIONAL and are subject to change or cancellation. Please keep up-to-date by visiting our website, Instagram and Facebook pages.*