



Loreto Secondary School

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Dear parents/guardians and students,

I hope you had a pleasant mid-term. I write with a few important updates in relation to school life.

Staff Retirements:

Before the Halloween break, we said goodbye to two very important members of staff with the retirement of Ms. Betty Byrne and Ms. Majella Wilson.

Both women joined the staff of Loreto in 1999. Through her work as Receptionist, Betty came to know thousands of students and parents over her 23 years in the school. Equipped with a great ability to know students by their first name, Betty was the first point of contact for many. She cared deeply for the students and was always quick to spot if someone was upset or feeling unwell. Betty did all of this with a great sense of humour and positivity.

Ms. Wilson created history when she became the first ever Learning Support teacher appointed to the school. From that point, she displayed a great passion for helping those most in need of support. Highly organised and efficient, Majella helped build the Special Education Department to what it is today. She approached her work in a calm and methodical way, liaising with home to help ensure the best possible outcomes for each student in her care.

We will miss both ladies immensely and, on behalf of the whole school community, we wish them a long, happy, and peaceful retirement.

General Meeting of Parents and Parent – Teacher Meeting (3rd Year):

The Deputy Principals, Patricia Kinsella, Diarmuid O' Dowd and Siobhan O' Donoghue, and I will hold a meeting to keep the parent body informed of general issues relating to our school and to education in Ireland.

You are invited to attend this meeting on Tuesday, 14 November between 18.00 and 19.00. A report on the operation of the school during 2022/23 will be presented.

Separately, on Thursday, 16 November, the 3rd Year Parent – Teacher meeting will take place between 16.15 and 18.45.

November Examinations for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th Year students:

Assessments for these groups will take place between Monday and Thursday, 20 – 24 November. Students will have a mixture of examinations and study sessions over these four days. All students must be in attendance for the full duration of each day. Reports in respect of these examinations will be prepared and released to parents/guardians in mid-December.

On Friday, 25 November the 6th Year students will have their annual Wellbeing Day. The normal timetable resumes for all other groups on this day.

Transition Year students will be participating in their Volunteering Week between 20 and 25 November. We wish them well in this important initiative.

School Musical:

The musical “Music Man” will be jointly produced by St. Peter’s College and Loreto Secondary School, Wexford from Tuesday, 12 December to Thursday, 14 December 2023 in the National Opera House.

Tickets are now on sale from the National Opera House website - <https://www.nationaloperahouse.ie/whats-on/show/st-peters-college-and-loreto-secondary-school>

I urge all members of the school community to support this talented group of young people by attending one of the shows.

As you can imagine, a production of this nature involves substantial costs, if you are interested in placing an advertisement in the programme that is being prepared for the show, please forward details of your advertisement to a.mcclannon@loretowexford.com by Friday, 17 November. The cost of advertising in the programme, which is A5 size, is as follows:

Full page	€200
Half page	€100

Both schools would be very appreciative of your support.

I wish you all well as we enter this busy term in the lead-up to Christmas.

Kind regards,

John Mc Ginnity,
Principal.