



# HILL TOP NEWS



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A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

## Fashion and Variety Show a great success

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of December St John's Year 11 Sport, Leisure and Tourism students held a massively successful Formal Wear Fashion Show which also featured Play Your Cards Right hosted by Jimmy and a Variety Show with performances by students and staff. An excellent night of entertainment was had by all on and we saw so much talent in St. John's.

Students who attended the formal the previous night modelled at the show.

It has been a manic few weeks here in St. John's especially for Ms Marta Rice, Mr Jimmy McCloughan and the Occupational Studies class. It was a stylish night where the girls had been transformed into sublime elegance, the clothes sculptured to the body, sensual and chic. As for the fellas they looked cool, calm and sophisticated. We also had professional sound equipment provided and controlled by Mr. Gerry McGread.

### SCHOOL DETAILS

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### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

#### Christmas Holidays -

Monday 24th December 07

- Friday 4th January 08

(incl)

#### Mid Term Break -

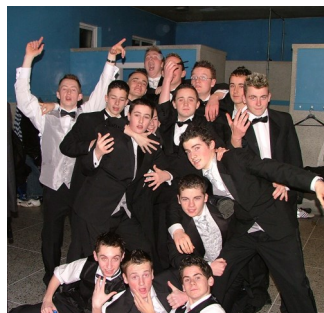
Friday 15th February 08 -

Tuesday 19th February 08

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Some of the Gorgeous Girls on the night!



The Cool Boys!



Various students performing in the Variety Acts section



## Stationery Shop

Our Year 11 Business & Communication Systems students have been showing their entrepreneurial skills by setting up a stationery shop within the school, selling basic items such as pens, pencils, rulers, USB pens etc. The shop is open every break time and part of lunchtime initially and may grow depending on pupil demand. If students have any ideas they would like to see sold at the stationery shop, please contact Miss McLaughlin.



## CHRISTMAS FAIR 2007

On Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December a Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair was held in St. John's Business and Enterprise College from 11.00am to 2.00pm. The students in their form classes made products or provided services for sale on this our second Themed Enterprise Day. A lot of hard work and wonderful entrepreneurial skills went into their work. So congratulations and thanks to all who had a part to play on this successful day.

## St John's New School Bus

This term at St John's sees an improved method of transport at the school with us obtaining a new 33 seater minibus. After much deliberation we decided on the new colour for the bus, painted by J.W.Thompson, Ballinamallard and the Graphics were created by Signrite in Omagh. All staff and students are delighted with the finished result and look forward to many trips in the new year.



## PRIZEGIVING NIGHT - THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

On Thursday 7th December St John's Business & Enterprise College celebrated the success of our Leavers of 2006. Ms Doherty gave a warm welcome to the large gathering praising their achievements both academic and social and wishing them well in their future careers.

Guest speaker, Mrs Sheenagh McEleavy (formally McGlone of Church Street, Dromore) herself a past student, spoke fondly of her time in St John's and she encouraged all students to give 100% and to believe in themselves.







# PRIZEGIVING NIGHT



**TOP STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2007**

Leah McCaffrey receives her award from Ms Doherty



**TOP GCSE BOY STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

Niall Holland receives his award from Soyna Slevin



**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR SUSTAINED EFFORT 2007**

Jointly awarded to Rory Slevin and Nichola McGowan  
by Soyna Slevin



**Contribution to School Life 2007**

Awarded to Caroline Cassidy by Soyna Slevin



**SCHOOL TO WORK STUDENT  
OF THE YEAR 2007**

Christopher Knox receives his  
award from Ms C Doherty



**SPORTS BOY  
OF THE YEAR 2007**

Mr Fabian O'Neill presents  
Gerard McGinn with his award



**SPORTS GIRL OF THE  
YEAR 2007**

Mr Fabian O'Neill



An event was organised for year 11 pupils in **Omagh Further Education College** on **Thursday 26th October 2006** on a topic called "**Learning for Life and Work**" Year 11 students from St. John's B&E participated at this excellent event.



**JAMES CONROY, HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER** with Terex Finlays Hydrascreen, Omagh gave us a great tour of the factory.



### LIBRARY COMPETITION

Year 9's were involved in the 'Design a Book Cover' competition for the library. The winners were

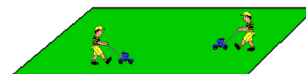
1st - Corey Slevin

2nd - Niamh McConnell  
James McDonagh

3rd - Ciara McNabb

Highly commended went to  
Arlene Anthony, Barry Skelton &  
Sean Muldoon

### The Lazy Gardener Solution (from our last edition)



The energetic gardener would be able to mow the lawn in twelve days. In eight days he would be able to mow  $\frac{8}{12}$  of the lawn.

This leaves  $\frac{4}{12}$  of the lawn left for the lazy gardener to mow. He takes the full eight days to do this so he mows only half as quickly as the energetic one.

He would therefore need 24 days to mow the lawn on his own.

Twice as long as the energetic one!!



### BUDDING ACTORS

We look forward to some budding actors and actresses emerging from St John's as they are currently receiving weekly drama classes, led by Martina Donnelly, Drama Advisor to WELB. Six lucky students are also rehearsing for a production in the Market Street Theatre in Armagh in January 2007.



## Entrepreneurship Master class



A Master class in Business Studies was held in Irvinestown on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November with Ms. Clare and her Year 12 BS students. It was a one-day class promoting entrepreneurship and business operation among 13-18 year-olds. Eleven schools from Tyrone and Fermanagh attended this class in the Bawnacre.

It was organised by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and led by Lorna McManus.

The guest speakers were **Billy Dixon**, an Image Consultant and **Michael Keogh** from "Bites Snack Food Ltd." who provided a great insight in the paths taken to their careers.



The students were informed that "It is all about you. It's becoming the best you can be. It's about preparing you for the world of work, about business people sharing their experiences, about teachers creating an entrepreneurial and enterprising culture". There were lots of fun activities and great learning experiences for all.



Rory in his group



Christopher & Caroline enjoying the craic in their group

## ANTI BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

As part of Anti Bullying Awareness Week students were asked to design an Anti Bullying Poster. There were a large number of entries - all of a very high standard - and the difficult task of choosing a 1st, 2nd and 3rd fell to Miss Beattie our Art Teacher. After a great deal of deliberation she gave 1st place to Bronagh Sludden, 2nd place to Emma McGoldrick and 3rd place to James McCusker.





