

CEIST is the new trustee body for the voluntary secondary schools of the Daughters of Charity, the Presentation Sisters, the Sisters of the Christian Retreat, the Sisters of Mercy and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.



Update From CEIST CEO

A sincere thank you to the members of the new Boards of Management, 33 new Boards in total.

It was heartening to meet with each of the new Boards on our recent nationwide CEIST Welcome Fora for new Boards of Management.

CEIST has an on-going commitment to support the Boards of Management in their school governance.

Welcome fora for new staff continued to be well received. A total of 14 fora are taking place throughout the country on a regional basis, with joint presentations on the Trust from two members of the CEIST office, representing Faith Development and School Support Services.

As a new trust it is important that we take every opportunity to inform and appraise our new CEIST colleagues of the work of the Trust

Anne Kelleher,
Chief Executive Officer,
CEIST.



CEIST Finance Department

School Annual Accounts – 2007/8

Thank you to all those schools who have submitted their annual school accounts for the school year 2007-8. Please remember the deadline for receipt of your school accounts is 1st November. We would be grateful if you would let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties in meeting this deadline and CEIST Office will provide assistance where necessary.

Health & Safety for Students

The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) has produced an extremely useful guide and checklist to assist schools who send students on work experience. You can access a copy of the guide by [clicking here](#). The guide has just been published in September 2008 and provides a comprehensive overview of what a school needs to do when sending students on work experience. Well worth a read!

New Guide to Insurance, Safety & Security in the School

Allianz will shortly be launching the new Guide to insurance, safety and security in schools. The Guide was first introduced in 1991 to provide assistance to Trustees, Boards of Management and School Principals in the daily school operations. An updated version was issued in 2001. Since then there have been changes in legislation that impact the operations of schools and the new Guide will incorporate these changes. A copy of the new guide will be sent to all our schools.



Sisters of Mercy return to Campus!

A group of nuns from the Sisters of Mercy order, all of whom graduated between 1950 and 1960, returned to NUI Galway this year for lunch, a campus tour and an opportunity to reconnect with old friends.



Faith Development Prayer Services

CEIST Faith Development team have made available prayer services via our website.



Christian Retreat Celebrate Feast Day

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Christian Retreat celebrated their feast day on **Wednesday 19th November**.

Sisters of the Christian Retreat were founded in Eastern France by **Father Anthony Receveur**, a priest in the diocese of Besancon at the time of the French Revolution.



Presentation Feast Day

Presentation Sisters and Friends of Nano, all over the world, celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple on the 21st November each year.

Click on 'More' link to view article on our website to commemorate the feast day.



St Josephs PLC Students receive awards

Graduates of St. Joseph's Secondary School PLC Course received their certificates at An Tinteán Theatre in Ballyunion on Saturday September 6th last.



Sancta Maria Win Debating Final

Leaving Cert students of Sancta Maria College in Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, took part in the Oireachtas debating final in Cork on Wednesday the 29th of October 2008. The debate took place in City Hall, Cork.



Mount Mercy Cork Díograis Awards

The Minister for Education and Science, Dep. Batt O'Keefe was guest speaker at the Mount Mercy College Annual Díograis Awards on Monday night, November 10th, 2008.



Presentation Day in Galway

Presentation Secondary School Galway celebrated Presentation Day with a special mass in St Josephs Church on Friday 21st November.



St Mary's Macroom School Extension

The Minister for Education and Science, Batt O'Keefe, recently opened the refurbishment and extension of St Mary's Secondary School, Macroom, Co. Cork.



Useful Web Sites!

If you ever encounter issues with accessing your website a good place to start checking would be your hosting provider to see if their server is up and running!

[Click here](#) and just type in your website name to receive detailed report on your site.

Ever wondered what is the actual speed of your broadband connection? [Click Here](#) to find out - pick your provider from drop-down list and the speed the provider is meant to give!

This [site](#) is also useful for checking issues with accessing sites or troubleshooting e-mail issues. It also displays your external IP address and gives other useful tips.



Getting to Know:

Catherine McAuley

1778 – 1841

Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy

Symposium

Saturday April 25th 2009
10am – 4.30pm

Iontas Centre,
Castleblaney, Co.
Monaghan

Contact Sr. Anne Hannon
057 91 25951

Or [Click Here](#) for further details.

[CEIST Newsletter](#)

We have just completed our first newsletter edition (Hard Copy) and it will be distributed to our CEIST Community shortly.

[Catholic Schools Week](#)

January 26TH – FEBRUARY 1ST

THEME: Catholic Schools: A Vision for Life

All schools will receive an information pack to help you with your celebrations.

Information pack will include Prayers, Assembly and Activities.

[CEIST Conference 2009](#)

Date: October 1st and 2nd

Venue: Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Galway.

Keynote Speaker: Rev

Timothy Radcliffe, OP Internationally renowned author and speaker, member of the Dominican priory at Blackfriars, Oxford.

He is the former Master of the Order of Preachers and the only member of the English Province to have held that office since the founding of the Dominicans in 1216.

[Musical from St. Joseph's Castlebar](#)

Transition Year students in St. Joseph's Secondary School, Castlebar, Co. Mayo are staging the Musical "Oliver" in T.F. Royal Theatre, Castlebar on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December 2008.