

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.

Tribute to the Late John O' Donohue

A New Year Blessing

BEANNACHT

On the day when
The Weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you.

School Relationships Management

Dear Principal/Secretary Board of Management

Firstly thank you to all of the Principals and Deputy Principals of Mercy West and Mercy South Central for the warm welcome which you afforded Tom Loughnane and Damien Kennedy on their recent visits to your schools.

Mercy North had a lovely handover ceremony on Thursday the 31st January. It was attended by Principals and Chairpersons of the Boards, Mercy North Trustees and guests. We missed Sr. Josie Berry and wish her well.

The gathering was addressed by Sr. Eleanor Murphy, Provincial Leadership Team followed by a prayer ritual for the handover. Symbolically, we in CEIST were given a Mercy candle for the CEIST office. There was a lovely atmosphere and gratitude was expressed for the Mercy heritage being passed on.



School Budgets 2008 - 2009

Budget Preparation time is upon us again!

The timetable for receipt of budget continues to be 31st March and we look forward to their timely submission.

The budget workbook is in line with TAS BOOKS 2, and special thanks to Sr. Margaret Mary Healy for her assistance in compiling the work-book.

Click on 'More' link below to view more information regarding the workbook and to download the workbook.



Le Chéile Trust

Le Chéile involves twelve religious congregations who wish to enter into a new collaborative trusteeship for their schools in Ireland.

The main object of Le Chéile is the development of a vision of Catholic education and overseeing its implementation in the Schools, encouraging preservation of key aspects of the evangelical heritage of their founding Congregation and to facilitate the opening of new schools if and where the need arises and resources permit.



The God Slot

Are you interested in introducing daily prayer into the life of your school? Don't have time to prepare and organise it?

Members of the CES team in Marino have put together daily podcast prayers for every day of Lent.

These prayers have been prepared and presented by Second Level students from Christian Brother schools around the country.



Lent

"Shake off all your sins - it is the Lord who speaks - and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit." (Ez: 1831)

The season of Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is an opportunity for us to grow in our awareness of God's presence in our lives. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, and yet it is one of the days during the liturgical year on which very large numbers of people participate in the ceremony of the distribution of ashes.



St. Mary's Secondary School Nenagh

St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary celebrated the blessing of their sports complex and classroom extension on Friday 25th January.

The Minister for Education and Science Mary Hanafin performed the ceremony, Ms Mary Morgan Deputy Principal acted as MC with contributions from the Minister, Mr Jerry Cronin School Principal, Ms. Amy Spillane president student council and Sr. Ena Quinlan on behalf of the Board of Management.

Bishop Willie Walsh blessed the building and refreshments were held after in the school gym. CEIST were represented by school relationship co-ordinator Mr Damien Kennedy.

A pleasant day was had by all with St. Mary's students providing a musical interlude at the refreshments.



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Note for Principals/Deputy Principals

CEIST are in the process of developing areas of interest within the Members Area and would welcome some feedback from you. If there are any areas of interest you would like to see included on the site please email jwoods@ceist.ie.

The intention of the Members Area is to provide a forum for all CEIST members to share information through the medium of documents, images, and conversations.

The potential benefits from this interactive area are many. e.g. CEIST schools could purchase IT software/equipment at a reduced price through buying in bulk, the sharing of best practice, access to useful resources such as sample policy documents, school development planning support documents etc.

If you wish to request access to the CEIST Members Area please [click here](#)