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MISSION WEEK

Vocation

St. Francis of Assisi prayed, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" God has a special task for each one of us. We have all been chosen by Him and he has given us the gifts and talents required to do his work. Are you open to answering God's call?

*Loving Father,
Thank you for the gifts you
have given me:
life, faith, family and
friends.
Shine your light so that I
may see the path that leads
to you. At this time of Mis-
sion, help me to make those
choices which respond to
your love for me, so that I
may become more fully the
person you call me to be.*

Amen

Mass & Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer takes place every Tuesday and Thursday in College Chapel from 8.20 – 8.35.

Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass in College Chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday.



This week, we take time from our busy schedule to focus on the values which lie behind everything that we do on a daily basis at College. We call this time of reflection and focus Mission Week. Mission Week gives us the opportunity to celebrate in a special way the spiritual life of the College and to think about ourselves as individuals

living in a Christian community. We use the week, in particular, to look at the values emphasised in the College Mission Statement and to remember that, in all that we do each day, our aim is to remain "Always Faithful to Christ". I look forward to this time of renewal and would ask all members of the College Community to join with me in praying for its success.

Events have been organised for each of the year groups as you will see inside. I am pleased to be able to welcome a large number of visitors to the College this week to assist us in our Mission and I do hope that they too will enjoy their time with us. I am sure that they will leave



us at the end of the week with a strong sense of the community spirit that we feel at SJP.

SATs Tuesday 6 May to Friday 9 May

Parents of pupils in Year 9 will shortly receive a letter outlining details of arrangements for our National Curriculum Examinations scheduled for Tuesday 06/05 to Friday 09/05. Pupils are all now working very hard on the final preparation sessions being organised in English, Mathematics and Science. Parents will recall that last year's results were so successful that they led to comments from Education Minister, Jim Knight, about the spectacular progress made by SJP pupils. I am very confident that our current Year 9 pupils will make us equally proud. Good luck to all!

LITERACY CORNER

Word of the week

nebulous

• **adjective** 1 in the form of a cloud or haze; hazy. 2 vague or ill-defined: *nebulous concepts*. 3 Astronomy relating to a nebula or nebulae.

— DERIVATIVES **nebulousity** noun



Literacy quiz

Look at these brainteasers and see if you can work out the answers:

- Your mother's brother's brother-in-law is also:
 - your uncle
 - your father
 - your cousin
- Two babies born on the same day in the same year with the same mother and father are not twins. Can you explain how this can be?
- What is being described in this riddle?
When I am filled,
I can point the way.
When I am empty,
Nothing moves me.
- What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?
- Name the partners from literature.
 - and Gretel
 - and Mr. Hyde
 - and Wendy
 - and Jill
 - and Tweedle-dum
 - and Juliet
 - and Toto
 - and Piglet
 - and the Beast
 -and Psyche

Answers:

- your father
- The two babies are two of a set of triplets.
- A glove
- the letter m
- Hansel
- Dr. Jekyll
- Peter Pan
- Jack
- Tweedle-dee
- Romeo
- Cupid
- Dorothy
- Winnie-the-Pooh
- Beauty
- Cupid

Mission

As you read on Page 1, this week is our College mission, on the theme *Walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8)*. A number of agencies, including CAFOD, Wirral Youth for Christ, Pure Creative Arts and the Bible Society to name a few, will be visiting the College to lead workshops with our pupils. We hope that all pupils will be challenged and encouraged by the issues raised in the mission and that they will also allow themselves time to pray and reflect.

The mission is taking place on the following days:

Monday	Year 7
Tuesday	Year 8
Wednesday	Year 10
Thursday	Year 11
Friday	Year 9

Each lunchtime in the College Hall from 12.20 – 1.00, there will be an opportunity for pupils to listen to a Christian band or take part in creative prayer.

R.E. REVISION LESSONS

Year 10—Wednesday Evenings

16 April — Sources of authority—The Bible, the Magisterium, Tradition, The Virgin Mary J2 (Mr Woods) in RE4

Year 11—Tuesday Evenings

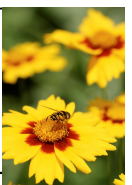
15 April — Christian attitudes to marriage and Catholic teachings on marriage / homosexuality C3 (Mrs Davidson) in B4

MATHEMATICS REVISION CLASSES

GCSE Mathematics revision classes Tuesday after school with Mr Gatrell and Mrs Thomson in MA6 and MA4

PFOP PLANT SALE

This year's PFOP Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 10 May 2008, 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 p.m. in College Hall.



Year 5 Smoothie Making Competition



10 April marked the end of the first round of the primary schools smoothie making competition being run here at SJP. 32 pupils from St John's Primary school made their smoothies with Mrs Sefton and Mrs Boyland from the Design Technology department. We learnt all about different types of fruit, how to use knives safely and most importantly how to make really tasty smoothies! The competition now progresses to its second round where the best smoothie teams from each school will be invited back to compete against each other with the winners being crowned the smoothie making champions.



MASS FOR THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY AT THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING 23 APRIL 11.00 A.M.



Our annual College Mass takes place on 23 April and promises to be a joyous event for the whole of the College community and will act as the closing ceremony for our College Mission Week. As you might expect, all Pupils and staff will be attending the event and we will be joined at the Cathedral by Governors and representatives from our Partner Schools and Parishes. I should like to take this opportunity of extending a very warm invitation to all those Parents who are able to be with us as well. Mass begins at 11.00 on the 23 April, and I would respectfully ask Parents to take their seats by 10.50 in order to accommodate the huge numbers we are anticipating on the day.

Details of the day, together with guidance on directions and parking, will be sent via post over the next week. I am confident that our trip to the Cathedral will rapidly become an integral part of our annual celebration of the Catholic Mission of the College and I will be very pleased, therefore, to welcome all Parents able to be present at this inaugural visit.

Year 7 Rugby Team Wirral Champions



Last Thursday night the Year 7 rugby team became Wirral Champions. The finals of the competition were held at a very wet and muddy Parkonions Rugby Club. The team entered the tournament

as unbeaten winners of the Bebington competition held prior to the Easter holidays. The tournament was split into two groups. Group A South Wirral, Park High Sports College and Woodchurch. Group B SJP, Mosslands and Bebington Sports College.

In the first group game we played local rivals Bebington Sports College whom we have beaten twice in the first two competitions. SJP started strongly, dominating the tackle area, never letting Bebington break through the defensive line. The game ended 15:0 to SJP. The second game was against an unknown Mosslands team. The game was a very tight affair, in which SJP began to lack discipline, giving away too many cheap penalties. Eventually SJP were out muscled by a far bigger Mosslands team and lost 5:0.

Mosslands went through to the semi final Group winners as they drew 0:0 against Bebington. SJP drew South Wirral in the semi. The team, disappointed in their previous performance, were determined to get to the final and set about defeating South Wirral 25:0, with two tries from Kieran Daley and one from CY Longstaff, Daniel Daley and Daniel Williams.

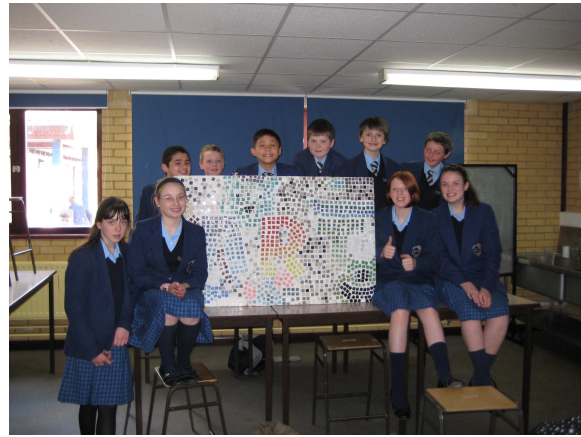
In the other semi-final, Park High beat Mosslands and the final was decided. SJP started the stronger and scored through Daniel Williams. Park High hit back with a length of the field run from a very fast fly half. With two minutes to play Jack Caplin scored in the corner and the boys thought they had won it, when Park's fly half scored in the final seconds. The final whistle went, the boys looked disappointed to draw when the Tournament organiser announced that the rules stated in the event of a draw the team scoring first were the winners. The SJP boys all jumped with joy and cheered and then in true sporting style offered their hands to Park High's efforts.

Well Done Lads!

Thanks for the efforts of all the dedicated players who have trained all season. A special thanks to Mike O'Hare from Year 12 who has given up his time to assist the coaching of the team. Also, thank you to the parents who have shown their support throughout the season, helping with lifts and coming to cheer us on at the sideline.

Squad : Cy Longstaff, Carl Cavanagh, Kieran Daley, Daniel Daley, Jack Caplin, Jonathan Taylor, William Hampson, George Cahill, Conner McHugh, Brandon Williams Daniel Williams and Daniel Gibson.

Year 7 Mosaic



Miss Albery's Year 7 Art club have been very busy during their lunch times creating a large mosaic. The group all made their

own drawings coming up with ideas based on artistic themes. The drawings were then used to decide on the final group design. Reece Sellers from 7AL said, "All of the individuals in the group had to work together as team just like the tiles worked together to make our mosaic." All pupils showed their commitment by volunteering 5 weeks of lunch times to complete the mosaic which will now go on display in the Art department. Miss Albery was very impressed by the pupil's attitudes and professionalism and hopes to continue to see them all attending future Art Club sessions. Any Year 7 pupils who would like to join Art Club should come along to Room Art1 on Mondays at lunch time or see Miss Albery.

GOLD STAR WINNERS

Congratulations to Chris Boulton and Sean Mullen who last week became the first pupils to be awarded the coveted Gold Star! Both boys have achieved great all-round success in contributions to College life and so have picked up 150 House Points. A tremendous achievement boys. Well done!



Chris Boulton (7AL) and Sean Mullen (7AL)