



St. David's Holy Faith
Co. Educational Secondary School, Greystones, Co. Wicklow



ST DAVID'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2018 ACTIVITIES

All parents and guardians of St David's pupils are automatically members of the Parents' Association. The Parent's Association aims to support the work of the school and promote the interests of the students as well as fundraising to provide for an augmented school experience. The work of the Parents' Association is vital in supporting, enhancing and complementing the work of the school. Much can be achieved with parents, board of management, teachers and staff of the school working together. Over the last year the Parents' Association has co-ordinated several events and fundraised with the help of a large extended team of parent and guardian volunteers.

PARENT SUPERVISED STUDY

Evening Supervised Study is a free facility that has been available to students of St David's for many years. It runs Monday through to Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm and on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30pm. This facility has proved invaluable to students and runs through to the end of the state exams in June.

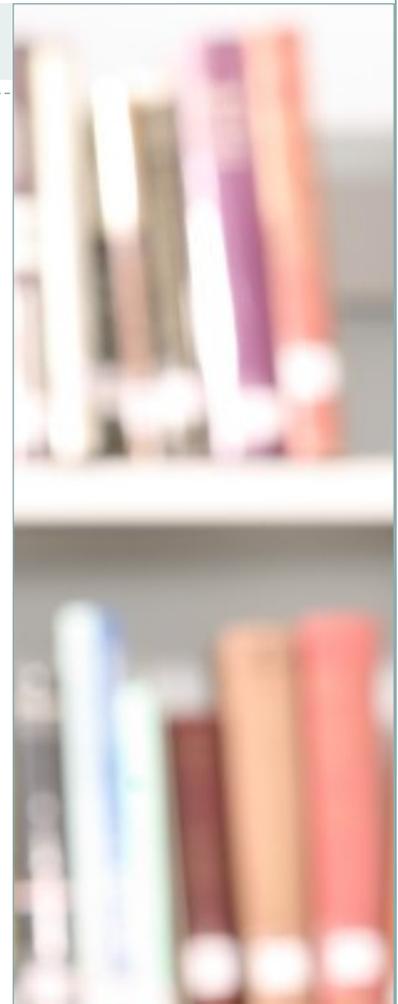
The study would not be possible without a dedicated group of parents and guardians volunteering their time. Currently there are just over 30 people on the rota. Each person is called upon about once per month to supervise a session. The more volunteers we have the less often an individual is called upon to supervise.

Students can just turn up on the night with no prior booking necessary. The supervised study is well attended with increasing numbers when exams are approaching!

There are also parents who are 'key holders'. They take it in turn to open and close the school to facilitate the study sessions. There are currently 6 key holders. The co-ordinator of this fantastic facility is Colette Clarke. A huge thanks to Colette and all the volunteers.

JANUARY 2018 – SCHOOL SHOW

The annual school musical was as always, a big event for the school with all years having the opportunity to take part. The show runs from Tuesday evening to Friday evening. The parent's association role is to provide tea, coffee and to run the tuc shop during the interval. All profits go towards the cost of putting on the production.



Current Committee Members 2018/19

Sighle Tobin (Chairperson)

Lisa Orr (Vice Chairperson)

Carol McKenna (Secretary)

Saragh Ward (Board Rep)

Mary Browne (Board Rep)

Colette Clarke /Gina Berry

Larry Vallom /Nicola Kelly

Judy O'Toole /Grace Lawlor

Paula Sheerin /Catherine Mathews

Adeamar O'Rourke /Elaine Killilea

Margaret Fitzsimons /

Emer O'Rourke/

Antonia Lawlor /Fiona Lang

Siobhan Harding /

Claudia Dardis



APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2018 – CAR BOOT SALE

The car boot sale has been running for decades and is loved by both buyers and sellers alike. The school location on the sea front makes it an idea venue. They take place the first and third Sunday of the month starting in April and running up to the first Sunday in September. There were 10 car boot sales in 2018 which raised an astonishing €9,840. The running of the car boot sale by the Parents Association is only

made possible with the help of a team of volunteers. If you can volunteer any Sunday between April and September we would be delighted to hear from you. Nicola Kelly and Larry Vallom will co-ordinate the car boot sale again for 2019 and can be contacted by emailing info@stdavids.ie if you are available to help.

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

MAY 2018 – 6TH YEAR GRADUATION

A reception for 6th year students, their parents and guardians takes place in May. This is an annual event and is looked forward to by students, parents and teachers. The Parents Association runs the reception and provides personalised t-shirts as a keepsake for the students.

SEPTEMBER 2018 – DEBS SCHOOL RECEPTION

It was wonderful to see the graduation classes of 2018 come back to the school in their finery for a reception in the school before they headed off on the bus for their debs night which was held in Dunboyne Castle, Co. Meath.

The excitement was palpable, and it was a great way to start the evening with students and their families meeting together. Tea, coffee and light refreshments were organised by the parent’s association. There was great feedback from everyone and we hope to run this again.

NOVEMBER 2018 – BAG PACK

The Tesco weekend bag pack took place 9th & 10th November. Many thanks to the students, parents and guardians who volunteered their time and to Tesco for facilitating the bag pack. We have been lucky to secured another bag pack in Tesco and also Supervalu for 2019.

The amount raised was over €1,400



FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES & VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for new and interesting ways to fundraise. If you have any ideas big or small we would love to hear from you. Please email the Parents Association at info@stdavids.ie and put in the subject line Parents Association.

We could not operate without volunteers so we be delighted if you could spare anytime at all to help at one of our events or fundraisers. It's a great way to get involved with the school and will enhance your school experience. Please email info@stdavids.ie so we can add you to our volunteer contact sheet.

If you are interested in joining the Parents Association, we would be delighted to have you on board. Please contact us info@stdavids.ie

NOVEMBER 2018 – SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS AT SUPERMARKETS

Christmas raffle ticket sales, part of the Christmas Fair fund raiser, took place in Tesco, Supervalu Greystones and Supervalu Charlesland also on the weekend of the 9th & 10th of November. Many people were involved in selling and co-ordinating and we are very grateful to them. The sales of the tickets are included in the overall profit for the Christmas Fair.

DECEMBER 2018 – CRAFT FAIR

The St David's Christmas Fair was established many years ago and is much anticipated by the community.

The preparation commences in September and is run by a subcommittee. There is much involved in organising the Fair which not only raises funds but also contributes to the overall atmosphere of the school. It is also an opportunity for TY students to showcase their mini companies. The profit generated from the fair was over €10,000.