



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



4th November 2019

Rule of the Week

I come to school every day on time and prepared.

Enrolment for MSCC

Mount Seskin Community College will be enrolling from the 6th November 2019 to 6th December 2019 for 1st year places starting in September 2020. Reminder that the Enrolment Morning for the College is on Wednesday 6th November from 9.45-12.00. The enrolment morning is provided to assist and support parents with completing the form. Parents will need to bring birth certificate. Once the parent returns the completed form an offer letter will be issued and at that stage we ask the parent to complete the additional information required. Applications are available from Belinda, the school secretary in the front office in Mount Seskin. Belinda will take in completed forms and can assist parents in making sure all the necessary information is there. Please see overleaf for further information.

Hot Lunches

We are all very excited that the hot lunch scheme starts today. All pupils have a choice of ten delicious hot meals each day. The lunches are extremely tasty and nutritious.

Strive for Five Attendance Drive

Please encourage your children to be in school every day as **Every School Day Counts**. For the month of November, we are taking part in the **Strive for Five** attendance drive coordinated by TUSLA Education Welfare Services. Pupils who do not miss a day of school each week will receive a prize and pupils who miss no days during the month will also be rewarded.

All pupils in St Thomas SNS will receive an Attendance Passport which will be stamped every day they are in school.

Skipping Workshops

We have organised skipping workshops for all pupils. 3rd and 4th class pupils will take part in Skipping workshops on Thursday and Friday of this week. Workshops for 5th and 6th class pupils will take place later. Due to the high cost involved we are asking for a donation of €1 each.

School News

- A. Assembly for 5th/6th class takes place tomorrow and on Wednesday for pupils in 3rd/4th class.
- B. Music Generation: Colleen is working with 4th classes on Wednesday.
- C. Swimming: Session 5 of 8 swims takes place tomorrow for 4th class pupils.
- D. Transition Programme: Ms Griffin's class will visit MSCC today.
- E. Shared Reading: Transition Year students will do shared reading with Mr Daly's class on Wednesday (2 of 4)
- F. Science Workshop: Mr Murphy's class will be in UCD on Thursday (3 of 6)

Parish News

There will be an evening of Worship and Witness on Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in St Thomas the Apostle Church featuring local and guest musicians. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Parents Groups

Parent and Child computer classes are on every Tuesday for 5 weeks (starting tomorrow), 9.15am to 11.00am. All welcome.

ASD parents Support Group—starting this Wednesday (6th November) and running for 5 weeks from 9.30am to 11.00 in the Parents Room.

Daddy's and Daughters Project will be starting the end of November. If interested in taking part please contact Lisa (HSCL) on 01 4526555.

Jedi Fitness

South Dublin County Partnership are running a free afterschool fitness programme in Jobstown Community Centre starting Monday 12th November:

3pm—4pm (7—9 years)

4pm—5pm (10—12 years)

To sign up please drop in to the centre or contact Jake on 087 0568970

Old CD's/DVD's

We have a parent who is looking for any old CD's/DVD's for an upcycling project. Please feel free to drop any you may have in to the office and we will pass them on.

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Procedure for Admissions

Step 1

First Year enrolment commences **on November 6th 2019 and closes on December 6th 2019**. The closing date is to facilitate the organisation of entrance assessments which take place in January.

(Due to GDPR, testing cannot be carried out on students who have not completed the application process and enrolment process).

A confirmation of acceptance form is then issued to all eligible applicants.

Step 2

Parents/guardians and applicant are then required to sign the confirmation of acceptance form indicating acceptance and return by the closing date on the acceptance form. ***Failure to return by this date may result in the withdrawal of the offer, and the place may be offered to the next student on the waiting list.***

Completed applications (and completed confirmation of acceptance forms) must be sent or brought to the main office where the secretary will ensure that all accompanying documentation is correct and the form is date stamped.

If sent by post, please address as follows:

Application Forms

School Secretary

Mount Seskin Community College

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An application form can be sourced from the School Office.

All applications after December 6th are considered late applications. Late applications are considered in line with our admissions policy.

The total available places for first year is notified by the College based on current enrolment numbers and the resources available in the College to create sufficient class groups.

