



St. Louis Clinch Ulster Colleges' Senior Football Title

The senior footballers of St. Louis capped off a good year with a marvellous victory in the Ulster Colleges' O'Doherty Cup. Coached by Mr. McAleenan and Mr. McVeigh, the team overcame the challenge of a very determined Our Lady's Secondary School side from Castleblaney, to secure their Ulster title. Excellent performances from St. Louis Captain Michael Higgins, Paul Allen and Mark McConville laid down a strong foundation for this fantastic victory. However, it was the performance of young Michael Hughes which caught the eye the most. The Year 12 student from Longstone, put in a marvellous performance at midfield to urge his team-mates on to success.

For some players this was their last game in a St. Louis jersey, after seven years of tough training and sacrifice. It was fitting that this game proved to be the moment when they finally got their hands on a Celtic Cross, by which they can now rightly claim to be an Ulster champion. Congratulations to all the players and their mentors!



Boxing Clever!

Well done to Year 11 student Duane Higgins who recently secured Mid-Ulster and Ulster Boxing titles in the 54 kilos weight range. Duane boxes out of the St. Patrick's Boxing Club in Newry.



Colleen Picks Up All-Star Award for Camogie

Rising Camogie star Colleen Fearon has become the second player from St. Louis to be awarded an Ulster Colleges' Camogie All-Star award. Following on the success of Joanne Fitzpatrick's award last year, Colleen played a huge role in the success of the St. Louis Senior Camogie team as they reached the Ulster Final. They were eventually defeated by a point by the eventual All-Ireland Champions, St. Colm's of Draperstown.

Colleen (pictured left, showing her award to St. Louis team-mates Nuala Fitzpatrick, Orlagh McParland and Sophie Colgan) has certainly caught the eye of many around the county as she has already represented Down at various levels and it will not be too long before she joins the growing contingent of former St. Louis players on the Down Senior Camogie Team. St. Louis Coaches Mrs. Rosemary Colgan and Mr. Damian Kirk are delighted to see their endeavours coming to fruition. Their hope is that this success will inspire other players to reach greater heights and follow in Colleen's footsteps.



St. Louis Achieves Specialist Status for Technology

On 22nd of April 2009 Education Minister Caitriona Ruane, announced that St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel would be designated as the first Technology Specialist School in Northern Ireland. Receiving this prestigious award endorses St Louis as a centre of excellence in both Technology and Computing. St Louis will use its status as a Technology Specialist School to raised standards of achievement and the quality of learning throughout the school.

Thompson Aerospace formally became the schools major partner and sponsor in 2008. This collaboration will create opportunities to enhance, enrich and increase the motivation for all involved and allow St Louis to build and extend partnership with industry to support the technological curriculum on offer.



Together with our community groups we will work in a collaborative environment offering opportunities for enriching and extending learning experiences for St Louis students and our partner schools. This will include the sharing of good practice and resources.

Specialist status will help St Louis realise its vision for whole school improvement, a vision that is reflected in its innovative curriculum development and caring pastoral system.

St. Louis Order Celebrate their 150th Anniversary at Monaghan Cathedral

2009 has witnessed the St. Louis Order celebrate 150 years in Ireland. The St. Louis Nuns have played a crucial role in the education of thousands of young people over that period. With schools all over Ireland in places like Dublin, Monaghan, Ballymena and of course, Kilkeel, a special Celebratory Mass was held in late April in Monaghan Cathedral. Students from St. Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel, participated in the Jubilee celebrations by leading the congregational singing throughout the Mass. The occasion was a fitting commemoration to the St. Louis Order, attended by President Mary McAleese, whose children are past pupils of St. Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel.



Coming Up...

- May**
- Mon 25th May—Bank Holiday
- Fri 29th May—Exercise Day Yrs 8-11
- June**
- Mon 8th-17th June Year 8-11 Exams
- Tues 9th June—Year 8 Virtual Day
- Wed 17th June Year 13 UCAS Statements Preparation
- 26th June Last day for Pupils
- August (Examination Results)**
- 20th August GCE AS/A2
- 25th August CCEA GCSE
- 27th August AQA/WJEC GCSE
- 26th August Year 10/11 Induction
- 27th August Year 13 Parent Interviews
- 31st August Bank Holiday
- September**
- 1st September Year 8 & 14
- 2nd September Year 8, 9, 12 & 14
- 3rd September All Students at School
- 4th September Year 14 Formal



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Politics Students put MLAs to the Test

On the 18th November 2008 Politics students in Year 13 & 14, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Rodgers, enjoyed a very valuable visit to Stormont. The group had the opportunity to meet with representatives from all the political parties including Willie Clarke (SF), Jim Wells (DUP), Margaret Ritchie (SDLP) and John McAllister (UUP). Students also availed of the opportunity to ask questions and voice their own opinions on a range of political topics.



Flip Flop Friday Aids the Most Needy

St Louis Students embraced 'Flip Flop Friday' with great enthusiasm. In doing so, the students are sending out a message of support and solidarity to the young people of the world who are in need. Through their commitment to working with SERVE, Year 11 students under the guidance of Mr. Loye, sold miniature 'Flip Flop' badges, raising £250 which will go towards very valuable work in some of the poorest areas of Thailand.



St. Louis Skiing in Austria

A party of 52 students from St. Louis recently enjoyed the wonders of skiing during the annual ski-trip from the school. This year the party went to the resort of Ehrwald, a picture postcard area, about a hour drive north from Innsbruck. Teachers and students worked on their skiing skills on the slopes of the Zugspitze glacier. The group enjoyed their experience immensely, even with the usual bumps and bruises that come with the territory. The teachers accompanying the group were Mr. Jordan Rafferty, Mrs. Colgan, Mr. McAleenan, Mrs. Keary and Miss. McGivern



Spring Concert Hits the Right Note

Under the expert direction of Head of Music, Mrs. McDonagh, the students of St. Louis got the opportunity to display their vast array of talents at the annual Spring Concert. Playing in front of an audience, largely consisting of parents and fellow students, the performances of drama, dance, traditional music, rock music, swing and jazz, were greeted with much appreciation. Variety was certainly the theme of the evening with Thomas Doran's hilarious comedy sketch contrasting with Hannah Sloan's beautiful ballet performance and Laura McGrath's reels. Rock was on offer with groups of musicians from Year 10 and Year 12 raising the rafters. However, as the Year 12 girls gave their all with their ABBA melody, parents were tapping their feet and singing along. All proceeds went towards raising funds for the upcoming 'Zambia Mission'.



Texaco Art Competition Winners

Under the guidance of Mrs. Keary, Year 11 Art students Sarah Boden and Darren Rafferty along with Year 10 student Eimear Hyland have each been chosen as winners in the Texaco Children's Art competition 2009. This year the Texaco Children's Art Collection will be visiting a range of venues throughout Ireland, including Dublin Castle.



St. Louis Students Reach UK Technology Final

Five pupils from St. Louis Grammar School recently participated in the Toyota Technology Challenge 2009. The pupils are members of the school Tech Club and the task involved building an electronic buggy manufactured from recycled materials using the PICAXE programme. Congratulations to the five pupils: Patrick Doran (Year 8), Mark Curran (Year 10), Cormac Hyland (Year 11), Conor O'Boyle and Joseph McCready (both Year 10). The students now go to the National Final at the Toyota Factory in Derby in May.



St. Louis Students' Parisian Experience

The best way to learn a language is to speak the language in its natural setting. What more beautiful setting can one have, but the French capital, Paris.

A total of twenty five students of French from Years 12, 13 and 14, along with Miss Curley, Miss Carr and Mr McGlue spent four wonderful days in Paris. Attending French language classes in the morning and sight-seeing all afternoon, the students were certainly kept busy. The visit to Paris had many highlights but the experience of climbing to the top of the Eiffel Tower, along with the evening's boat trip on the Seine will certainly reside long in the minds of the St. Louis students. Even the Mona Lisa smile at the Louvre will offer inspiration for further visits in the future.

The visit also allowed the students to experience wonders of a different kind as the St. Louis party embarked on a magical journey, with a day trip to the Euro-Disney theme park. The sight of Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and Aladdin would surely bring back many fond memories of their early childhood days.

Youth Mission to Zambia

Five St. Louis students will travel to Zambia as part of the South Down Youth Faith Mission in July. After a fund-raising drive Cloina Donnelly, Connie Sloan, Mark Mooney, Cathal Gorman and Colin Higgins will be helping out in local schools, orphanages.



St. Louis Attend Man Utd Game

The annual Premiership soccer trip saw Manchester United beat off the challenge of Aston Villa in a 3-2 thriller. The St. Louis Party of 44 students, led by Mr. McVeigh and Mrs. Lynch and accompanied by Dr. Fox, Mr. Toner and Miss Sullivan, also got the opportunity to visit Anfield, home of arch rivals Liverpool F.C. Working through a packed itinerary, the St. Louis students visited the Museum of Science and Industry, the Cheshire Oaks Retail Park and the Trafford Centre, where a visit to the cinema to watch 'Aliens v Monsters' (in cinematic 3-D) went down a treat. Organised through Ulsterbus Tours, the group spent two nights in the Swallow Bower Hotel in Oldham, before returning home via North Wales and a visit to the village with the longest name in the world 'Llanfairpwllgwyngllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch'. Well, can you say it?