

# St. Flannan's College Parent's Association

## SUMMER UPDATE TO PARENTS, MAY 2024

Welcome to this first edition of our new information sheet for parents!  
Stay up-to-date with what's going on every term in the Parent's Association and contact us to let us know what's important to you!

### PARENT'S ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Sinéad Doody  
Co-Chairperson: Dipankar Biswas  
Secretary: Deirdre O'Leary  
Co-Secretary: Joanne Molloy  
Treasurer: Enara Hehir  
Member: Sylvia Murphy-Tighe

Parents Nominees to Board of Management

- Elaine Duffy
- Christy O'Connor

### PA Activities 2023/24

- We undertook a survey of the parent body to find out what's important to you (see opposite)
- We partnered with the school to introduce a more transparent election process for parent's nominees to the Board of Management, resulting in a tenfold increase in the number of parents who voted in 2023 compared to the previous election.
- We participated in the school's *Physical Activity Working Group*, helped out with the Fun Day and ran an online physical activity webinar for parents.
- We provided input to school policies (e.g. anti-bullying and substance misuse)
- We are supporting the school's *Well Read* programme and negotiated a once-off 20% discount for students with O'Mahony's

Next year, we look forward to connecting better with parents through the school's new communication and information app.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The role of the Parents Association is to:

- Foster good relations between parents, teachers, students and the school authorities.
- Advance wellbeing of students and the school community
- Elect parent's nominees to the School Board of Management

### PARENT'S SURVEY - YOUR VOICE MATTERS

In January we circulated a survey to parents to find out what you want from the Parent's Association (PA). This is what you told us!



Communication

You said that the most important role of the PA is to help improve communication between the school and parents. You want to ensure that the voice of parents is listened to by the school in its decision and policy-making.



Priorities

The main priorities you want the PA to advance with the school are:

- promoting student wellbeing
- enhancing communication between the school and parents
- improving school facilities
- improving participation in non-sport related extra-curricular activities (such as music and drama)

### HOW THE PA COMMITTEE ENGAGES WITH THE SCHOOL ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT BODY

**Term Meetings:** We meet with the Principal and Deputy Principals every term to discuss general issues identified by parents

**Conversation:** We keep informal lines of communication open through telephone calls and email to school management

**In writing:** We email and make written submissions to school management and Board as issues arise

**Activities:** We help out with projects and initiatives throughout the year

**Parent Meetings:** We hold PA meetings 2 - 3 times per year, bringing parents and school management together for discussion and information-sharing

Want to be involved in the Parent's Association?  
We'd love to hear from you! Come to an online PA meeting or email us on [parentsassociation@stflannanscollege.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@stflannanscollege.ie)