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Main Story

West Side Story

As you will have heard from earlier issues, preparations are well underway for the fifth annual musical at Villiers School. Once again directors Geraldine McGlynn (Choreography), May O'Halloran (Drama) and Sinéad O'Sullivan (Music) have come together to work with this year's Transition Year Students to bring you yet another musical, this time West Side Story.

Essentially it is a stage musical by Arthur Laurents and Jerome Robbins about star-crossed lovers from different cultures in New York, it was itself inspired by Romeo and Juliet (c. 1595) by William Shakespeare. The musical has had many tours of the West End and Broadway, being fully realized and respected on their grand stages, opening it to the masses and rousing it in stone as one of the greatest plays ever. Released in 1961, the film won ten Academy Awards, including those for Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Music and it has weathered well, being used for many school plays and local theatrical company productions. Of course our version won't have Robert Wise directing, or

Natalie Wood performing, that would be impossible besides we can't bring people back from the dead. However larger than life we are very fortunate to have the three ladies directing with us, bringing their vast experience and their own artistic style to the mix.

With nothing but complete professionalism and focus from everybody involved, this explains why the hall has been packed around the same time for the past five years. Atmosphere and talent are never lacking, with intensive training with regards to dancing, singing and acting.

Every show has been a complete success, each one improving on the one before. Last year we had "Me and My Girl", a hard challenge to beat, but one we've taken on. We'll let you be the judge of that, come and see us on either February 11th or 12th at 8 pm.

Bryan King IVQ



Features

West Side Story: The Background

Maria travels to the United States from Puerto Rico and quickly learns to avoid the Anglo-Americans and their gang, the Jets. The brother of Maria, Bernado is the leader of the rival Puerto Rican gang, the Sharks, and no one is amused when Maria falls in love with Tony, leader of the Jets. The two are torn by their loyalty to their friends and their love for each other. This box-office hit features the popular songs "America", "Tonight", "I Feel Pretty", "Jet Song", and many others. Over all West Side Story is mostly danced and heavily underscored; it is also greatly influential on other theatrical works.

Bryan King IVQ

Success Skills Program

Ms. Kirby is once again organizing the Success Skills program for all Form IV that are interested. The class is a relatively new program that has only been introduced to the school in the last few years. It basically teaches us about how to be successful in the business world and will climax in a taped interview. The classes are taking place every Monday and Tuesday for the next six weeks. We will be having a guest

named Aidian Murray from the management team in Dell in Limerick. He will be giving us a lecture for the next 6 weeks giving us tips on how to get ahead in the business world (without the use of brown envelopes) and just general things that you will need to know on how to get along well with other workers, whatever your working environment, or tricky situation. **Don't** stand around the water cooler going on to strangers about how much you hate the boss. You never know who could be his/her son/daughter and that could defiantly slow your chances of getting promoted.

He will be training us on what to say (and not say) in interviews, letting us do mock interviews, helping decide what careers we might like to get involved in and we will also be working in teams and on our own learning how to get ahead in the business world.

This course should be very interesting for all students involved especially if they are good at (or at least interested in) Business Studies. Check out our school website for more information.

Grainne O' Brien IVN

Parachute Jump For Charity

Joe Copage and Christopher Symes will be performing a tandem Parachute Jump for charity during the Easter Holidays, in Clonbullogue, Co. Offaly, They will drop from 10,000 feet, then free fall for 20 seconds at over 130 miles an hour, followed by 7 minutes parachute ride down.

This brave and daring act is in aid of Self Help, and is one of the many ways that our school gets involved to help raise money for them and their work. Their goal is to raise €600 each, currently they have received €600 between them, and are in need of further support.

A video is being made of the experience before, after and during the jump, and all sponsors can view the footage after Easter. The pair will be collecting around the school up until the Easter holidays. Please support this worthy cause.

Anyone who has already sponsored either of the pair please bring in the money as soon as possible. Good luck Joe and Chris!!

Ruth Court IVQ



Sport

Munster Hockey

Last weekend the U-16 Munster Girls Inter-pro competition was held in Dublin, Sarah Gray was the only Villiers representative this year. As the province of Leinster has been divided into the South-East and North-East, they were four matches for each team. Munster were lucky and obviously good enough to reach the final and played Ulster, unfortunately they lost 4-0 to a very experienced and confident team.

Senior Girls Hockey

The Senior Girls had yet another win over Crescent Comprehensive in the Cup match on Tuesday evening, with the expertise of Christian Torres, our Spanish coach and Mr. Sutton. Noelle Casey was first to open the scoring with one of her infamous shots. Aoife Ryan scored next to leave the score at half-time at 2-0. After discussing the game plan, we tipped off with the wind against us, not to be out-done by her sister, Aislinn Ryan sneaked in behind the despondant Comp goalie to snatch the third goal. Due to a slight lapse in concentration, the Crescent managed to creep past the defenders and score ten minutes from the end, leaving the final score at 3-1. Villiers have now made it through to the semi-final when we will face Middleton. The next league match will be on Wednesday next against Laurel Hill Secondary. Red Sokz wish the team the very best of luck!!

Basketball

Basketball has been up and running for some months now with the coaching from American Nazareth Henry. Anyone interested can just join the group in the hall on Monday's

after school or contact Mrs. T. Ryan. Two matches have been promised against two local schools and will hopefully take place in the next couple of weeks. Keep an eye on the notice board for further details.

Ciara Hereward-Ryan IVM

Under 13 Rugby

In their match against Glenstall the under 13 Rugby team had their first victory. They pressed on, with Luke Holmes scoring twice and Diarmuid Quinlan also scoring, and 3 conversions and a try from Rowan Taylor the team ended in glory, the final score 26-12 to Villiers.

Diarmuid Quinlan IN

Senior boys Hockey

The Senior boys went to Ashton on Wednesday and ran out easy winners. The first goal came from a wonderfully worked move by Turlough Adley and Gordon Roe with Roger Gray getting the goal. A quick lapse in concentration in the defence brought the game to one-all. After a firm team talk at half time, from our Spanish coach Christian Martinez, Villiers came out with all guns blazing. A good move led to a goal for Andrew Hodgins. Then in quick succession with Eric Duignan making a great run and finally passed to Turlough Adley who scored 5 minuets from the end. Aaron Jolley, Eric Duignan and Andrew Gray have been selected for the Munster u18 hockey team. Their interpros will be held in Belfast on February 21st and 22nd. The Minor boys also Came out with a 2-1 victory with goals from Eric Callender and Ricky Power.

Evan Coady IVN, Turlough Adley IVQ & Jason Thong IVP



Announcements The weeks ahead

Welcome

We would like to extend our best wishes & huge welcomes to the latest additions to the staff! You may have seen Francis Asgood working hard in the tuck shop at break times. Many of the boarders have also recently noticed Ms. Dorothy Hartery who is replacing Anne McConkney who is on sick leave at the moment.

Also as we bid a farewell to the familiar cleaners who have done a great job cleaning Villiers for the past few years and welcome the lovely ladies from ISSS cleaners.

Ciara Healy IVP

Mountain Running Championship

Colm Turner Form VP will be defending his title as Irish Mountain Running Champion on the 12th of February in Cork. Anyone interested in joining him to make up a team, please contact Mr. Hardy.

Show jumping

There is a show-jumping competition in Ennis on the 20th March, and anyone interested please contact Mr. Hardy.

Ruth Court IVQ

Robins Statement

Robin Van Der Klooster Form IVN would like to issue this statement to all the student body. "CAKE"

Lost Property

Ms. Breen would like all students with items in lost property to **PLEASE** collect them as soon as possible. Lost Property is open at 11:10 on Monday Wednesday and Friday.

Gráinne O'Brien IVN

The Café

The Café is now selling chicken burgers, cheese-on- toast and pecan plaits. The burgers are €1.00 and should be ordered at break. The cheese on toast is 60c and is available after school. Pecan plaits have also been added to the menu and are available all day.

Sadhbh O'Connell & Alice Maughan IVN

Art Projects

Could all students involved in Form IV art classes please hand in their art projects to Ms. O'Brien on Monday at lunchtime

Yoga Classes

The yoga course, which will be an after school activity, is to go ahead. The course will cost €40 for 10 sessions and should be paid to Bean Uí Dochairtaigh Rm 1. The course will take place at Villiers, in the sports hall. Wear loose clothing and do not eat one hour for one hour before hand. Please bring your own mat!

Parent Teacher Meetings

Just to remind the Forms of I, II and V that the second Parent-Teacher meeting is taking place all day tomorrow in the school.

Effort Marks

Its time to pull up the ties again, as the effort marks are being prepared and should be received in the next week. Good Luck!

Alice Maughan IVN

Ski Trip

Mr. Sutton would like to announce that there will be an Information Night for both Parents and Skiers alike to explain and answer questions on Thursday 6th February at 8pm in the Lecture Theatre.

Ruth Court IVQ