

# Gorey Community School Newsletter

2010/2011

## Annual Careers and College Exhibition

MANY DECISIONS on their future career path face the senior students at Gorey Community School, and they were helped along in that process at the annual school careers exhibition at the Ashdown Park Hotel on November 20th..



Up to 50 exhibitors from various universities, colleges, and training organisations were in attendance.

The exhibition was open to students from third year upwards and their parents, to allow them research the wide variety of courses that are available nationwide. Universities such as **UCD, TCD DCU**, the Institutes of Technology and the Colleges of Further Education including Mary Immaculate in Limerick were represented, as were the **Gardai, Air Corps**, the **Army, FAS, Bord Iascaigh Mhara**, and employers in the financial industry such as **AIB, the Bank of Ireland** and **Permanent TSB**.

Students interested in volunteering were catered for by **Project Trust**, an organisation which has placed a number of past pupils in rewarding work throughout the world.

The timing of the exhibition proved to be an opportune one for third year students who are planning subject choices for senior cycle and needed to check out college /course entry requirements.

Colleges of further education (**FETAC**), also known also PLC colleges, and specialist career areas also participated at the event

The Guidance department thanked their colleagues who helped supervise the event; the hotel personnel; the school management who helped in the organisation; and the **Parents' Council; The AIB; The Bank of Ireland; and Permanent TSB** for sponsorship of the event

## *West Side Story*

The musical is based around two teen-age gangs as the warring factions -The Jets are from Manhattan and have ruled their "turf" for years while The Sharks are newly arrived Puerto Ricans. Lyrics are by Stephen Sondheim  
Music by Leonard Bernstein

*West Side Story* remains true to its Shakespearean model. Things look good for the young lovers in the beginning, but when Tony--much like Romeo--accidentally kills his lover's brother while trying to break up a rumble, violence erupts.

The story is set against a backdrop of song, musical pieces and dance numbers which appeal to all ages.

The main roles were as follows:

Riff, leader of the Jets ..... **Jack Mc Evoy**  
Bernardo, leader of the Sharks.....**Henry Collie**  
Maria, Bernardo's little sister..... **Kellie-Anne Masterson**

Tony, a founder of the Jets..... **Conor Moore**  
Doc, owner of Doc's store/Tony's boss..... **Colin French**  
Anita, Bernardo's girlfriend..... **Laura Carroll**

The Show was produced by **Ms Clodagh Cecil**, while **Ms Frances Ryan** was the choreographer with **Ms Roisin Dempsey** as Musical Director.

## Gorey CS students help out local Saint Vincent de Paul

STUDENTS at Gorey Community School last week delivered a consignment of food to the local [St. Vincent de Paul](#) to be given to local families in need this Christmas. School principal Michael Finn said they'd held a collection on the school throughout the past week, and they were over the moon with the response.

' We were really pleased,' he said. ' We got a phenomenal amount. There was an avalanche of food.'

The food was delivered to the local [SVdP](#) on Friday, and thanks were sent to everyone who supported and helped with the collection.



### **FESTIVE CREATIONS BRING COLOUR TO WALLS and HALLS OF SCHOOL**

Polar Bears, Penguins, Santas and Angels brightened up the walls of Gorey Community School in the run-up to Christmas.



A group of **Art** students from **Ms. Cadogan's 2ND YEAR** Class made figurines around the theme of **Christmas**. The fruits of their labour were displayed in the school foyer to cheer up staff, students, and visitors.



## Junior Certificate Schools Programme



Meanwhile, also last week, the participants on the Junior Certificate Schools Programme were all smiles as they were presented with their certificates on completion of the required modules for the term.



### School's *West Side Story* scooped prizes

GOREY COMMUNITY School's production of *West Side Story* not only delighted local audiences, but also impressed musical lovers further afield.

*West Side Story* is a modern day adaptation of the timeless classic *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare. They both involve two young people that fall in love, but are kept apart by their friends/families.



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**Conor Moore, Kelli Ann Masterson, John Condron and Laura Carroll of Gorey Community School received the runner-up award in the Best Show category**

The show was performed at Waterford International Light Opera Festival, in the new High School Section, and came away with three of the coveted six big

prizes, and also won runner up in the Best Show category.

Sixth year student Laura Carroll won the Best Actress award, while Transition Year student Jack McEvoy won the Best Actor award. The school also won an award for Best Movement. The production team of Clodagh Cecil (producer), Roisin Dempsey (musical director), and Francis Ryan (choreographer), thanked all those who supported the show, both in Gorey Little Theatre and in the Royal Theater in Waterford.



**Dr Don Ryan**, who provides orthodontist practices in Gorey and Wexford donated 887 euro to the Sports Department of Gorey Community school, for the purchase of sports jerseys. The generous donation was received by **Mr Michael Wall**, head of Sport and **Mr Micheal Finn**, Principal, thanked Dr Ryan for his contribution which was used to purchase 25 GAA jerseys.

## Footballers turned tables on Portlaoise

**GOREY C.S. 0-18 PORTLAOISE C.B.S. 2-10**

It was close and tense all the way, with the teams level twice in the opening half. Gorey CS went three up after 42 minutes.

Gorey had to triumph the hard way, and showed a depth of character. There was balance and width in the Gorey attack, as excellent, strategic teamwork, paid off. Congratulations to the team and to their dedicated coaches –Mr Rory McCarthy and Mr Conor Wickham

### The victorious Gorey team were

Patrick Hughes (Kilnerin); Pádraig Byrne (Castletown), Edward Hughes (Kilnerin), Eoghan Conroy (Naomh Éanna); Fionn Doyle (Naomh Éanna), Jack Hobbs (Réalt na Mara, 0-4, 2 frees), Pierce Maxwell (Castletown, 0-1); Conor Hughes (Naomh Éanna), Stephen Hughes (Kilnerin); Thomas Dunne (St. Patrick's, 0-1), Pádraig Whitty (Craanford, 0-2), Conor Devitt (Kilnerin, 0-1); Shane Langan-Murphy (Naomh Éanna, 0-6, 5 frees), Niall O'Brien (St. Patrick's), Eoin Kinsella (Naomh Éanna). SUBS: Patrick Fortune (Réalt na Mara) for Kinsella (40), Seán Carty (Castletown, 0-2) for Dunne, inj. (55), Joseph O'Connor (Naomh Éanna) for Fortune (70), Michael Murphy (Naomh Éanna, 0-1) for Maxwell (72), Kinsella for O'Brien (76).



## SOCCKER NEWS

### Gorey Community School through to Leinster semi-final

Gorey were in complete control of the game from start to finish and qualified for the for the Leinster U-14 semi-final after a 5-2 victory over Ashbourne. The quality of football produced by the home team was always going to come out on top. Our team took the lead after two minutes when a through ball from **Adam Coates** was coolly slotted into the net by the prolific **Michael Burke**. Later **Cathal Dunbar** found the top corner to make it 2-1. Michael Burke doubled his tally ten minutes later when his shot from the tightest of angles somehow crept in at the near post. **Mark Kinsella** all but sealed the victory before the half-time whistle when his mazy dribble took him past four players before he stroked the ball into the bottom corner. Gorey continued to dominate possession in the second-half and were rewarded with another goal. In a great team performance, captain **Jack O'Brien** stood strong as did **Ryan Cullen**. Gorey will now contest the Leinster semi-final on April 1st.

### Hurling

Conor McDonald of Gorey C.S. and Tomás Egan (Mullingar) in a tussle for possession.



Leinster Colleges Senior hurling 'B1' final in Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow