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CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

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Dear Friends of Crescent,

2013 has been an incredible year for our school. We have won cups, trophies and medals this year across a wide range of sports; Athletics, Basketball, Golf, Hurling and Football, Soccer all topped off with the unique double; Munster Senior Hockey and Munster Senior Rugby. When you add to this the outstanding achievements of our Debating team who reached the national 1/4 finals in the National Concern debating competition (700 entries) and the choir and orchestra who won 2nd prize in the prestigious Walton's Music for All competition (300 entries) on Monday last in the National Concert Hall you'll see what an amazing Spring it has been for our students in so many different ways. If you were lucky enough to attend the Talent Show or the Fashion Show in March you'll also have seen our students at their very best. You may also have heard about the many educational and co-curricular tours that have been organised this year including the History tours to Belfast and Dublin, the field trips in Biology and Agricultural Science, the Young Entrepreneurs, next week's Art trip to Paris and a whole host of language exchanges.

As you well know this diverse and hectic activity is part of our commitment to a broad holistic and Comprehensive curriculum. Unfortunately it also places a significant strain on our resources and especially on our finances. Every tour sporting, every musical, and curriculum-based activity, every language tour and exchange needs to be underwritten. The practical and logistical demands of our extensive co and extra-curricular program are made a lot easier by the work of Johnny McDonnell who we hired last year to help us with Sports Administration. Johnny has also helped out with many of the other tours and trips organised this year. Without the help of the voluntary donations made by the parents and the hardwork of those engaged in fundraising for the school we simply could not provide the breath of experiences and opportunities enjoyed by our students. I write to express my gratitude for this support.

On Saturday April 20th we will hold a **Victories Ball** at Limerick Racecourse to celebrate the great achievements of our students this year. We will also take the opportunity to raise much needed funds for sports and to support all co and extra-curricular activities. The event is open to all parents, past pupils and friends of Crescent. I write today to invite you to join us. All the proceeds of the **Victories Ball** will go to meet the extra bills we incurred this year on different trips and especially to help meet the costs of the long cup campaigns. We also hope to be able to raise some much needed funds to support future tours planned for 2013-14. You can support this event in one of the following ways.

1. You can buy a ticket for the **Victories Ball** from the Sports Administration Office located above the PE Hall. If you can attend we will be delighted to see you. Each ticket costs € 55. Contact Johnny McDonnell directly please.
2. You can also support the event by purchasing a '**stay-at-home ticket**' for €55. These tickets especially will make a significant contribution to the Sports Fund.
3. If you are in a position to make a more significant contribution to Sports Fundraising this is your chance. We will be delighted to accept any sponsorship for this event. If you would like to make a contribution in this way please make direct contact with the school principal or one of the organising committee named below.

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Dress code on the night is semi-formal, shirt and tie.

The event is open to all but younger students must be accompanied on the night.

On the night you will also have a chance to avail of a family, group or individual portrait photograph. We will send details to ticket holders early next week.

For now we thank you once again for your on-going support of the school and the students. We have shown the strength we have when we work together. I look forward to seeing you on April 20th for what promises to be a memorable night.

Nicky Cuddihy

School Principal on behalf of the committee; Shane O’Hanrahan, John Lyons,
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