



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REVIEW OF 2024-2025 ACTIVITY

**NAAS CBS
PARENTS'
COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER**

NAAS CBS PARENTS' COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT

2024 – 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

- Welcome to the Naas CBS Parents' Council activity report for the 2024 – 2025 academic year, a busy year for all involved, but a very productive and enjoyable year.
- Twenty nine core parents volunteered time and services to the Parents' Council this year, representing all classroom ages, one of the strongest supports in some years.
- In our enclosed newsletter, we bring our school community up to date with a summary of our activities, fundraising efforts, and details of how we support the school.

OCTOBER: PARENTS' COUNCIL AGM 7TH OCTOBER 2024

New Committee Members elected

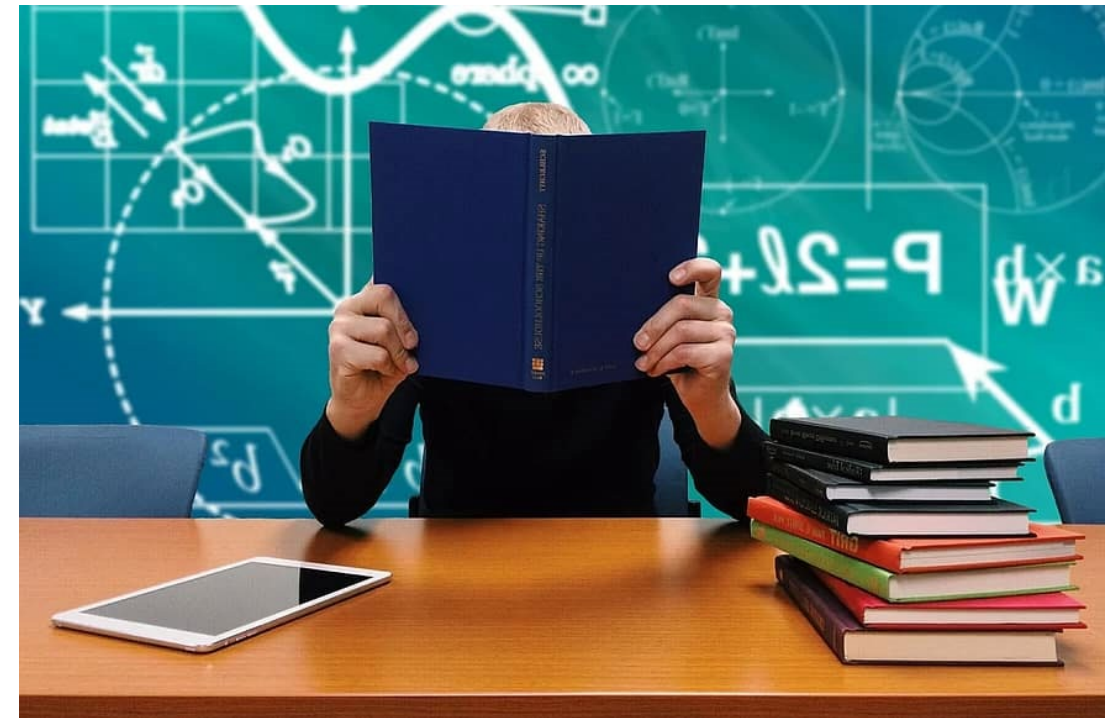
- The Parents' Council AGM was last held on Monday 7th October 2024, at which new Committee Members were elected for the 2024 – 2025 academic year:
- Emma Toner – Chairperson
- John Lennon – Vice Chairperson
- Jacqueline Kelleher – Secretary
- Louise Halligan – Treasurer
- Louise Halligan and David Creighton – Parent Representatives on the Board of Management
- At the AGM, the Council thanked Ben Travers for his ongoing support and time. They also thanked outgoing PC members who finished at the end of the last academic year: Tim Mulvihill, Caitriona Byrne, Paula Laffan, Niall Duffy, Maebh Ní Chléirigh.



SATURDAY SUPERVISED STUDY FOR 6TH YEARS

EVERY SATURDAY FROM 9.30AM – 12.45PM

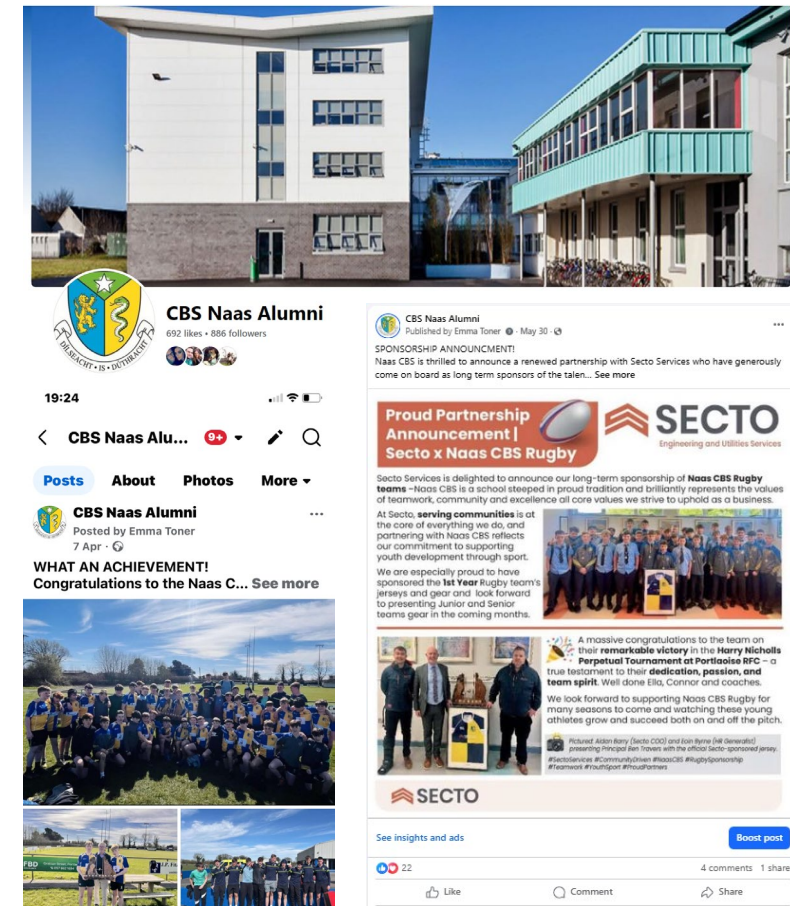
- Saturday supervised study has been resourced by members of the Parents' Council, together with volunteers from 6th year parents for a number of years.
- Huge thanks to Louise Halligan from the Parents' Council, who co-ordinated Saturday morning supervised study for 6th year students through the academic year 2024 – 2025, putting huge hours in herself.
- If you have spare time to volunteer at our Saturday morning supervised study, please contact Louise at louise.halligan@gmail.com or at 087-2869814.



NOVEMBER: CBS NAAS ALUMNI FACEBOOK PAGE

The Parents' Council runs social channels for Naas CBS'

- We aim to keep the wider school community and our Alumni updated on all the news shared on the school app, on our social channels.
- Numbers have steadily grown over the last 2 years, but we encourage all Parents/Guardians to support the social platforms.
- Follow us on Meta at <https://www.facebook.com/NaasCBS1871> or on Instagram at @cbsnaasalumni.



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

THE PARENTS' COUNCIL IS HAPPY TO ASSIST

- Parents' Council members consistently helped at every Parent Teacher meeting throughout the year and during Open Nights, by serving tea/coffee and biscuits, with the help of students.
- We also made an appearance at the incoming First Year night, to hand out leaflets about the Council.



DECEMBER 2024: CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - €6,390 RAISED

- The annual Christmas Raffle offered parents the chance to win super prizes of €1,000, €500, €250 and €100 – just in time for Christmas!
- The Parents' Council raised €6,390 nett for the school.
- *Surplus of €6,390. Ticket sales via App €8,240 with prizes of €1,850.*
- Huge thanks to PC member, Fiona Newman Casey, for organising the draw.



JANUARY 2025: SPORTS RAFFLE

ANNUAL SPORTS RAFFLE RAISES €4,270

- The Parents' Council organized a Sports Raffle on 28th January.
- Prizes donated by the Council, courtesy of Opel Ireland, included premium tickets to the Six Nations Ireland v England match and the Ireland v France game, with a 3rd prize of a €50 Colgan's Sports voucher.
- A total of over €4,270 was raised, in aid of the Naas CBS All-Weather Pitch.
- Our thanks again, to PC member, Fiona Casey Newman, for organizing the raffle draw.



JANUARY 2025: BINGO NIGHT

A NIGHT OF BINGO AT NAAS GAA RAISES €1,350 NETT

- The Parents' Council organized a Bingo Night, held on Sunday 26th January at Naas GAA.
- The event is a chance for the school to give something back to the community, and with prizes and raffle goodies galore on the day, attendance was strong.
- A total of €1,350 after expenses was raised, in aid of the Naas CBS All-Weather Pitch.
- Very many thanks to Jacqueline Kelleher from the PC, for organizing the event and well done to the Students' Council and volunteers who helped on the day.
- Thanks also to all the parents and local businesses who donated raffle prizes.



BINGO SUNDAY

FUNDRAISER IN AID OF NAAS CBS



Sunday 26th January 2025
Naas GAA Club House at 3pm

PRIZES | JACKPOT | RAFFLE

€10 Bingo Card €2 Jackpot

Tickets available from Naas Parish Office & Parent's Council

ORGANISED BY PARENT'S COUNCIL AND STUDENT COUNCIL



MARCH 2025: CYBERSAFETY FOR TEENS

TALK HELD ON 27TH MARCH

- The Parents' Council invited parents from Naas CBS, NCC and St Mary's, and the wider Naas community, to attend a talk on Cybersafety for Teens.
- Our expert speakers was Anne Fitzpatrick from Cybersafe Kids who was highly engaging and informative.
- Well done to the PC's John Lennon, who chaired the talk.

**Naas CBS**
Meánscoil Iognáid Rís

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TALK ON CYBERSAFETY
The Parents' Council at Naas CBS invite parents and the wider Naas community to attend a talk on Cybersafety.

Thursday, 27th March
Meánscoil Iognáid Rís, Naas CBS
Doors open from 7.45pm; talk from 8.00pm - 9.00pm.
Speaker: Anne Fitzpatrick, Cybersafe Kids

Admission is FREE but you must register your attendance in advance. Please feel free to submit any questions you have for our speakers in advance, on the registration form.

A graphic showing a person in a hoodie sitting at a desk with a laptop, set against a background of blue vertical lines and binary code, representing a cyber environment.

MARCH 2025: CAREERS NIGHT FOR 6TH YEAR STUDENTS

OVER 50 SPEAKERS GUIDED STUDENTS ON THEIR CAREER PATHS

- A Careers Evening was held on the 13th March, with guest appearances from many former pupils amongst the speakers.
- Organised by the Parents Council, Ms Egan and the Careers Team, over 50 speakers from all walks of life talked to groups of 6th year pupils about their own career paths, imparting hugely insightful information, as these pupils faced important decisions about their futures.
- The broad diversity of speakers assembled on the night ranged from accountants and architects, engineers and economists, journalists and physiotherapists, to pilots and plumbers, teachers and vets, and many more.
- A warm thanks to Rosalyn Tamming for her huge effort in pulling this wonderful night together and leading the event. A special thanks to all the local businesses who gladly provided guest speakers for the night.



APRIL 2025: EARLY DRIVE PROGRAMME AT MONDELLO PARK

LUCKY TY STUDENTS PARTICIPATED AT EARLY DRIVE PROGRAMME

- A group of Naas CBS Transition Year students were lucky to take part in the Early-Drive | Electrified by Opel programme in Mondello Park, courtesy of the Parents Council, on 22nd April.
- This is a unique driving and road safety programme designed for 13- to 17-year-olds who are eager to learn how to drive and get behind the wheel of a car for the first time, in a safe and controlled environment, accompanied by professional drivers.



APRIL 2025: DUATHLON

OVER 200 STUDENTS TOOK PART

- The annual Duathlon was held on April 11th at Naas Racecourse, organised by the Parents' Council, with help from other parents and volunteers, including the Naas Athletics Club.
- The Naas CBS annual duathlon is a significant challenge to every participant involving almost 10km of running and cycling. This year we added a Fun Run and Fancy Dress element.
- Students of all age groups participated.
- A highlight of the calendar, it is not a fundraiser activity; rather it is something for the boys themselves!
- Huge thanks to Maura Hennessy who managed the entire event brilliantly, with particular help from Anne Marie Feeley! Again, very many thanks to all the volunteers, raffle prize donators and in particular, Naas Race Course for facilitating this brilliant event.



NAAS CBS
2025 DUATHLON & FUN RUN
Meánscoil Iognáid Ris

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 2025
NAAS RACECOURSE

1.9 KM RUN, 6 KM CYCLE, 1.9 KM RUN
TOTAL DISTANCE 9.8 KM

START TIME 8.30AM
ENTER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
• Individual Event - run & cycle 9.8 km
• Two person Team Event - run or cycle
• Fun Run

PRIZES FOR:
• Fun Run
• 1st, 2nd & 3rd in individual event
• 1st in Team event
• 1st & 2nd Overall winners
4 categories: 1st, 2nd, 3rd/4th & 5th/6th Years

FREE TECHNICAL T-SHIRT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

GREAT PRIZES FOR FUN RUN

CBS Naas Alumni
30 Mar

REMINDER! Registration for this year is now open



MAY 2025: GRADUATION MASS

HUGE ATTENDANCE AT 6TH YEAR GRADUATION MASS – 21st MAY

- It was a case of record crowds once again at the Graduation Mass of the Class of 2024-25... many extra chairs had to be found in the chapel on the night and there wasn't a dry eye in sight!
- The Parents' Council was delighted to be involved in serving refreshments at the end of Mass.
- Congratulations to Fiona Newman Casey who made a wonderful balloon feature for all the photos.



MAY 2025: PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS PROGRAMME

MANY PARENTS CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION; MANY USED IT

- The Parents' Council introduced a new initiative this year and organised a collection of pre-loved, good condition uniforms.
- Parents dropped off the uniforms and many parties availed of items in the following days.
- Well done to Rosalyn Tamming for leading the initiative.

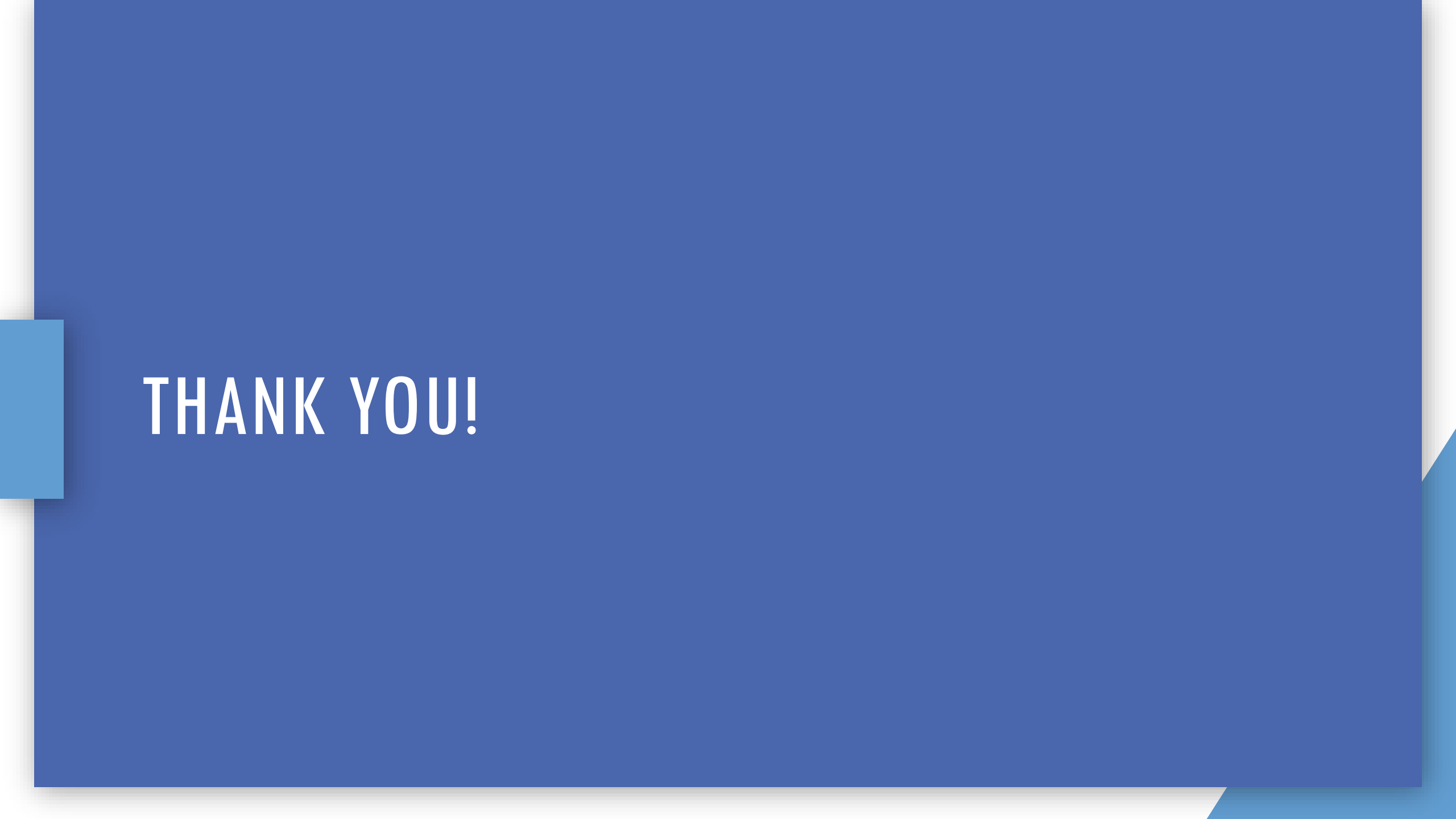




DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE PARENTS' COUNCIL?

All parents / guardians of children in the school are members of the Parents' Council. Parents can further opt to volunteer to join the Parents' Council committee, in which a chairperson, secretary and treasurer are elected. The Parents' Council meetings are held once a month, usually on the first Monday of the month. Our Principal, Ben Travers, attends all meetings and it is a great way to keep yourself informed on what is happening in the school. It's also a fantastic way to meet other parents.

Contact us at
cbspnaas@gmail.com



THANK YOU!