

La Salle High School

Parent Newsletter

www.lasallejakima.org

February, 2024



A Word from our Principal



*Developing students
in faith, integrity,
scholarship and
service*

I hope the new year is going well! We just finished an excellent Catholic Schools Week! We had a wonderful mass with La Salle, St. Joseph's Marquette, and Christ the Teacher faculty, students, and parents present. We are blessed and reminded of the importance of coming together as one. Our mission and work are vital, and we must continue doing this work together! I am hoping to meet with other Catholic School leaders to continue planning for the future!

I also want to highlight some excellent resources we have at La Salle! Carlos Garza has been working with us as a Math and English tutor since the start of January. He continues to brainstorm with me supports for our students and has been a useful resource and presence in classrooms. Our counselor, Maria Ramos, has also been a great resource for our students! She continues to counsel and advise our students on Wednesdays. We are very thankful to Carlos and Maria for their support and service! If you have any questions regarding these resources, please reach out to me.

We have a busy month ahead of us and will begin celebrating the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday mass on February 14. You are invited to celebrate mass with us. Please check our school calendar and other campus ministry activities on campus that are listed in our Newsletter.

I have formed a parent-principal committee and just had our first meeting on Friday, February 2nd. The objective of the meetings is to offer parents a chance to speak with me regarding any concerns and/or new ideas. I am extending the invitation to any other parents who are interested in this collaboration. Parents, I am here to listen and will engage with you to continue building our programs here at La Salle. Parent feedback is essential to us. Our next meeting will take place on Friday, March 8 and we will discuss parent involvement in our school. Parents were asked to invite a new parent to the next meeting. Please let me know if you are interested. Live Jesus in our Hearts!

Matthew Hayosh
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Put Yourself in the Loop



Download our school calendar onto your mobile device or personal computer. Import the calendar into your personal calendar.

Email calendar events to yourself. Set-up email event reminders.

College Talk: FAFSA & Scholarships

February 13

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

February 14

El Paso Service Immersion

February 18-23

Junior Unity Ceremony

February 20

WCEA Accreditation Visit

February 21-23

Junior Retreat

March 6-8

STEM Fair

March 9

St. Patrick's Gala

March 16

Lightning Updates:



La Salle sends out weekly email and text communications to parents, students and staff.

If you are not receiving these communications please contact school Registrar, Ms. Leda Saenz at lsaenz@lasalleyakima.org or at 509-225-2900 to be added to these important updates.

Contact Us :



509-225-2900



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From the Desk of the President

Dear Parents,

I am happy to share that construction of our administration building has begun! In 2022 school administration determined a need to prioritize this project. The current administration offices have been located in modular buildings that were purchased used in 2000 and were given a life expectancy of fifteen years.

This building is part of a campus master plan approved by the La Salle Board of Trustees in 2000 and will be prominently situated in the front of school as a beautiful welcoming place for visitors, students and parents. The building has been fully funded by long-time benefactors of La Salle for the restricted purposes of this project. We are so deeply grateful for the long list of financial supporters who have helped us build our campus over the years for the benefit of our students.

The 3000+ square foot building will house school administration, Advancement, Finance and Admissions Offices. Our longtime construction partner, Tri-Ply Construction, along with a community of subcontractors who have been involved in the development of most of our campus buildings, will take the lead on construction.

Please join us on **Friday, February 9th at 2:45** for a brief groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate this important next phase in the development of our beautiful campus.



Ted Kanelopoulos
President



Lasallian Heritage

Mrs. Emily Heaverlo
Director of Lasallian
Formation and Vocation

Sharing Our Story : Remembering the Presence of God

Faith, much like all of life, is a journey. All of us go through stages, trials, surprises, failures and eventually, an awareness of who we are and who God is for us and our world. Faith is rooted in the past but must be reflected upon in the present in order to provide direction to the future. By reflecting upon the events of our lives, we can see, "with the eyes of faith," God working in our lives. Faith plays a role in the development of adolescents. During the teenage years, students will challenge, test, build upon, and form their own identity. This is done in the context of the communities to which they belong. It is important for teachers to accompany teens through this searching for faith identity - lending example, challenging preconceptions and stereotypes, and proposing ways of understanding.

John Baptist de La Salle compares the role of the teacher to that of guardian angels:

"Without someone to put God's truths into more concrete forms for their developing and distracted minds, they may well never be able to understand and practice what is so necessary for their salvation. This is why God in his providence has appointed you their visible guardian angels to perform this ministry in their regard." (MTR 5.1)

We gain a sense of ourselves by sharing our stories with others. At the same time, our encounter with others influences us. Certain events, experiences, places and people are a powerful influence on our journey through life. May we encounter people who act as guides, models, and heroes for us.

"Indeed, if I had ever thought that the care I was taking of the schoolmasters out of pure charity would ever have made it my duty to live with them, I would have dropped the whole project. For since, naturally speaking, I considered the men whom I was obliged to employ in the schools at the beginning as being inferior to my valet, the mere thought that I would have to live with them would have been insupportable to me. Indeed, I experienced a great deal of unpleasantness when I first had them come to my house. This lasted two years. It was undoubtedly for this reason that God, Who guides all things with wisdom and serenity, Whose way it is not to force the inclinations of persons, willed to commit me entirely to the development of the schools. He did this in an imperceptible way and over a long period of time so that one commitment led to another in a way that I did not foresee in the beginning."

(Blain, The Life of John Baptist de La Salle, p.80)





Academics

Vice Principal of Academics

Mrs. Olivia Hart

ohart@lasalleyakima.org



2nd Semester Grade Checks

February 2nd

March 1st

March 29th

April 26th

May 24th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- COMMUNITY TALKS
- ADVISING
- JOB SHADOW WORKSHOP

Seniors:

Final Grade check for second semester will be May 15th

ELIGIBILITY REMINDER:

Students determined to be on probation will be ineligible to practice or play for a period of 3 weeks per 2022-23 WIAA regulations. See the Student-Parent Handbook for more information. Effective February 2nd upon first grade check of the semester.

FIRST SEMESTER GRADES

First Semester Grades are finalized, please reach out with questions or concerns.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Academics: Ohart@lasalleyakima.org

College Counseling: clamb@lasalleyakima.org

STUDENT LIFE

ENTER TO LEARN
LEAVE TO SERVE

Vice Principal for Student Life
Mrs. Emily Heaverlo
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FAITH

FEBRUARY 14: ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
10:15AM

FEBRUARY 20: JUNIOR UNITY CEREMONY
6:30PM

AT THIS CEREMONY, JUNIORS WILL RECEIVE THEIR CLASS RING, IF ORDERED, AND WILL BE BLESSED AS A CLASS. THIS BLESSING AND TIME OF PRAYER SETS THE STAGE FOR OUR JUNIORS TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THEIR UPCOMING ROLE AS SENIORS, AND LEADERS OF THE SCHOOL.

FEBRUARY 23: ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
7:00-8:00AM OPEN TO ALL

FEBRUARY 29: CONFESSION
10:45-11:45AM OPEN TO ALL

SEE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR DETAILS

SERVICE

El Paso Service Immersion
February 18-23

Please pray for our group and the amazing work they will be doing.

COMMUNITY

Our first social of the semester is February 24. The Freshmen Class will be hosting our new Winter social, Lightning Casino Night. Cards, games, DJ with dancing, prizes, and snacks will be available. Tickets will go on sale in mid-February.

Thursday, February 8 is a non-perishable food donation sweats day put on by Student Life. Bring 2 non-perishable food items and wear sweats for free. This act of service supports The Stanton Academy of Yakima.

Ms. Whiteside's Leadership class will be selling Valentine's Day Grams for .50 each on Monday (Feb. 12) and Tuesday (Feb. 13) during break and lunch. Valentine's Day Grams will be delivered on Wednesday (Feb. 14) during 5th period.

Student Life Contacts:

Campus Ministry:

Mrs. Emily Heaverlo, eheaverlo@lasalleyakima.org

Service:

Ms. Eileen Maiocco, emaiocco@lasalleyakima.org

Student Activities:

Ms. Anne Whiteside, awhiteside@lasalleyakima.org



ADMISSIONS

Mrs. Lisa Kanelopoulos
admissions@lasalleyakima.org
509.225.2928



2024/2025 Applications Open!

(Only NEW students need to apply)

lasalleyakima.org/admissions/apply

Student Shadows

Now is the perfect time for students to bring a prospective student to shadow.

Call or email Mrs. K to schedule!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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www.instagram.com/lasallelightning/

LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL
STEM FAIR
 Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
MARCH 9, 2024
 9AM - 12PM
FREE!

SPECIAL GUEST
 Dr. Misty C. Bentz
 Professor of Physics & Astronomy, Georgia State University
 Dr. Bentz is an Astrophysicist focusing on supermassive black holes

EXPLORE TOPICS

- AGRICULTURE
- ROBOTICS
- PLANT BIOLOGY
- MAMMALS
- REPTILES
- PHYSICS
- CHEMISTRY
- ASTRONOMY
- AERONAUTICS

• Hands on activities
 • Visual demonstrations
 • Key note presentations

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Explore our partner schools for Pre-K through 8th grade students! Christ the Teacher Catholic School and St. Joseph Marquette School.



Christ the Teacher
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



3000 LIGHTNING WAY
UNION GAP, WA

FOOD FOR PURCHASE!

TACO TRUCK &
ELEPHANT EAR BOOTH



For more information contact (509) 225-2928

La Salle Athletics

Mr. Don Erickson,
Athletic Director



The boys' basketball team finished 3rd in the West Division of the SCAC and will now play in the district tournament. Their first game is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th. They will play the Wahluke Warriors at Wahluke HS beginning at 6 PM. Win or lose, they will advance to the second round on Saturday, February 10th. Future district games will be determined on how they do on February 8th and 10th. Please watch for updates.

The spring sports parent meeting is set for Wednesday, February 21st. It will be held in the school commons beginning at 6 PM. Spring sports offerings include golf, tennis, baseball, track and boys' soccer. Students wishing to participate in a spring sport must register either on-line or in person in the main office. Please contact Leda in the main office for details. The spring season (practices) begin Monday, February 26th. Students are required to complete all necessary paperwork and have a current physical on file prior to participation.

The next sports booster club meeting was set for Wednesday, February 21st. However, due to the parent meeting, we will instead have a presentation at the spring sports parent meeting. Booster club meetings are normally held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month at the Kiln Taproom in Yakima (815 South 72nd Avenue). The meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Please join us if you are able.

Please continue to visit the school calendar and league website for scheduling updates and other information. The league website is scaconference.org.

Don L. Erickson, AD

Contacts: Athletic Director: Mr. Don Erickson, derickson@lasalleyakima.org

Assistant AD: Ms. Olivia Newman, oneyman@lasalleyakima.org

Parent Volunteer Opportunities:



We need your help and you need to earn **30 parent hours!**

Here is how to sign up:

Go online to lasalleyakima.org, Current Parents, Volunteer Sign Up, and check for new opportunities to sign up for shifts.

Ongoing & Coming Up:

BASKETBALL

Concession, ticket sales, merchandise sales, clean up, and more!

For all home games! Sign up on Volunteer spot or email us!

St. Pat's Gala is just around the corner, see next page for more info & how to help!

SignUp
.com

- Grant writing
- Auction Donations
- Landscaping donations/help

Sabra Nelson
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Save the Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024! La Salle's 25th Annual St. Patrick's Day Gala and Auction!



- Delicious Irish fare catered by D'lish Catering
- Local wines and Craft Brews
- Celtic fusion music by Beltaine
- Awesome LIVE Auction
- First ever Silent Auction
- \$10,000 Raffle Drawing
- Dancing 'til the wee hours with Soundwave Entertainment



So, save the date and put your table together as we celebrate our favorite holiday and our favorite fundraiser!



Ways you can help:

Support La Salle and showcase your business by becoming a Gala Major Sponsor or gather your friends and purchase a "Shamrock Table"!

We are also seeking LIVE and Silent Auction donations—vacation condos, sporting tickets, dinner parties, concert tickets, etc., with Parent Volunteer Hours offered for each donation. **Please contact Debbie Moorer at 509-945-3123 or debbiemoorer@lasalleyakima.org for more information.**

Parent Volunteers are needed for a variety of opportunities. Please contact Debbie Moorer or Sabra Nelson for more information or go to Signup.com to volunteer!

**This is our largest fundraiser of the year...
we need YOU!**



COLLEGE GUIDANCE COUNSELING

Financial Aid, Scholarships, and FAFSA

Workshop

Tuesday, February 13 | 5:30–7:00 PM | Gamache Commons

For all students and family members, this workshop will have an overview of post-secondary financial aid and applying for scholarships. A financial aid representative from CWU will be present to help families complete the FAFSA in person. The workshop begins with a presentation on financial aid with the completion of the FAFSA available following. For those wanting to complete the FAFSA, please review the US Department of Education's Federal Student Aid website [here](#) to review what's needed to complete.

No need to RSVP; just show up! Presentation will be available in English and Spanish.



JOB SHADOW OPPORTUNITIES

All students interested in “shadowing” a career they’re considering going into are invited to connect with Mr. Lamb to arrange. La Salle has connections in virtually every industry throughout the Yakima Valley and we want students to have the opportunity to experience the career firsthand while building relationships with potential employers. If you’re interested in participating (student shadow or employer accepting a shadow), please contact Mr. Lamb.

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