

La Salle High School

Parent Newsletter

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A Word from our Principal

La Salle Families and Friends,



Spring is among us! I am hopeful that your time with friends and family during the Easter celebration was restful and enjoyable. As we are continuing our scheduling for next year, I would like to send a friendly reminder to please register your student for the 2024-2025 school year as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. Below are the links you will need:

- Tuition and fees: [Your 2024-25 Tuition and Fees Contract](#)
- Registration: [Your 2024-25 Registration Form](#)
- FACTS: <https://www.lasallejakima.org/admissions/financial-aid>

We have had several student visitors on campus who have “shadowed” and have demonstrated interest in our school in the past few months. I have been thrilled to meet and speak with them. If you know of any other student who might be interested in visiting and shadowing, please contact our Admissions office at: admissions@lasallejakima.org or 509-225-2928. I would like to emphasize that we honor our commitment to the De La Salle Christian Brothers and the Diocese of Yakima by providing a college-prep education and making it accessible to any student who wishes to be a part of our community. Any continued assistance you can provide to invite prospective students to consider La Salle is greatly appreciated.

Spring at La Salle is full of activities. We will start with our Vocation Day on April 15, giving students the chance to ask questions and engage with different professionals in a variety of careers. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to discern their own interests and potential career paths. And then, on April 25 and 26 we will continue with Follies. Follies have been an important event for our students to show their artistic gifts and talents. Please invite family and friends to join us for a fun evening!

Thanks for your continued commitment to La Salle and entrusting us with your student’s education.

Live Jesus in our Hearts!

Matthew Hayosh, Principal



From the Desk of the President

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Easter to you and your families. There are many signs of new life on campus to remind us of the blessings of this Easter season. Our trees are waking up, our grass is greening nicely and the Ahtanum Creek is rising. In this season, with all the beauty surrounding us, I am especially mindful of the great fortune we have to spend our days learning, praying and serving each other in such a beautiful setting. Our new administration building construction is also coming along nicely. I am exceptionally grateful for the many families that have come forth to provide the funding for this important building. This new warm and inviting space will be a wonderful improvement to our campus.

On **April 15th at 7pm** in the Gamache Student Commons we will be holding our first annual **State of the School Presentation**. This will be an important opportunity for school administration to update our families and interested members of our community about our various school programs and exciting new academic program enhancements coming up in the 24-25 academic year. Please join us if you are able.

If you have not re-registered for the upcoming school year, please do so as soon as possible. We are in the final stages of setting our master schedule of courses and our school budget and your prompt attention to this is very much appreciated. Registration can be completed easily through your PowerSchool portal. Be sure to complete both the digital registration form and tuition contract form. Please reach out to us if you or your student has any concerns or questions about the upcoming school year, we are happy to assist you.

In appreciation,



Ted Kanelopoulos
President

UPCOMING EVENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tolo Dance

April 13

Cheer Tryouts in Gymnasium

April 18

Vocation Day (Early Release)

April 15

PSAT Testing Day

April 16

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

April 19

Guatemala Service Trip

April 19-28

Follies

April 26

Grade check #4

April 26

Prom

May 4

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.

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

3000 Lightning Way
Union Gap, WA 98903

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ADMISSIONS

Dear La Salle Family,

I recently attended a conference for Catholic Education, and I had many take-aways. One of them being how important a Culture of Belonging is. As a parent of a current Catholic school student, it brought to mind so many memories of meeting other families and engaging with them in various ways, chaperoning field trips, sitting side by side in the stands rooting on our athletes, working shoulder to shoulder on a service project, setting up or tearing down a fundraising event, celebrating birthdays and milestones both in and out of the classroom.

What I realized as I considered all these memories is that while I knew my children were receiving the best education afforded to them in the Valley, their teachers were not merely educators to them, but lifelong mentors and coaches. People they will know and have contact with for a lifetime. That the people they attend Mass with will be the same people at their alumni reunions in 25 years. The friends they've celebrated birthdays with since they were 5 or 15 will be deeply rooted in their community memories, as they are mine. What I know is that Catholic education provides an opportunity to develop Community unlike any other. I did not attend Catholic schools growing up and so the idea of going to school, playing sports, attending Mass, and celebrating milestones with the same people was foreign to me. I wasn't sure about it at first. But then I realized what a gift it is.

And so, I am asking our Lasallian family, if you share in the gratefulness I feel for our Community, please share that with others who have not had the pleasure. We, as a Community, need to invite others in to share in this special feeling of Belonging. I also humbly ask that if you have ideas of how we can invite others in, please share those ideas with me. The world, post-Covid, is a different place. We have no historical roadmap in how to navigate these new waters. But we have you, we have each other, and we have every opportunity to open our doors and expand our lives to include new Community members.

I look forward to seeing you around, greeting you with a smile, celebrating milestones with you, and volunteering side by side to make our Community what it is, a family.

Live Jesus in our hearts,

Lisa Kanelopoulos

Costas's Mom, Class of '24

Bella's Mom, Class of '22

(Side job: Director of Admissions)

Mrs. Lisa Kanelopoulos
admissions@lasalleyakima.org
509.225.2928





Lasallian Heritage

Mrs. Emily Heaverlo
Director of Lasallian
Formation and Vocation

**“ I adore in all things the holy will of God in regard to my life.”
Saint John Baptist de La Salle**



The Feast Day of Saint John Baptist de La Salle April 7th

On April 7th, The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St. La Salle on the anniversary of his death.

De La Salle was canonized a saint of the Catholic Church on May 24, 1900 and proclaimed patron of all teachers of youth by Pope Pius XII on May 15, 1950. Lasallians celebrate May 15 as Founder's Day.

St. La Salle's untiring faith and zeal inspired a modest revolution in Christian education in his day and continue to stir the hearts of educators everywhere. During De La Salle's time, few people lived in luxury, instead most were extremely poor.

Very few could afford to send their children to school. In his pursuit of providing a practical, Christian education to the young, especially the poor, De La Salle left his home, gave up his wealth, renounced his position as a

Canon, and moved in with teachers, which formed the Brothers of the Christian Schools. De La Salle's tuition-free schools welcomed all students, regardless of social standing. He provided free education as a way to

liberate the poor and give them hope for the future.

Prayer to Saint John Baptist de La Salle

O God, who in order to educate poor children in Christian living and to strengthen youth in the way of truth, chose Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of a new religious family in your Church, grant us, through his intercession and his example, to seek your glory through the salvation of souls, so that one day we may share with him your reward in heaven.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle... Pray for us

Live Jesus in our hearts... Forever!



Academics

Vice Principal of Academics

Mrs. Olivia Hart

ohart@lasalleyakima.org



2nd Semester Grade Checks

April 26th

May 24th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- GRADUATION SPEAKER AUDITIONS, MAY 2024
- ADVISING : COURSE REQUESTS ARE UNDERWAY

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.

GRADE CHECK

The next grade check will be on Friday, April 26.



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
eheaverlo@lasalleyakima.org

FAITH

CONFESSION ON CAMPUS
APRIL 11 (10:45AM-11:45AM)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
APRIL 19 (7:00AM-8:00AM)

8TH GRADE RETREAT
APRIL 26 (10:00AM-2:00PM)

SERVICE

Guatemala Service Trip

April 19th - 28th, 2024

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

COMMUNITY

Tolo

Theme: Tropical

Date: April 13, 2024

Time: 7 - 10pm

*Parent Sign-Ups for donating snacks sent out via
signup.com

Prom

Theme: Roaring Twenties

Date: May 4, 2024

Time: 7:30 - 10:30pm

Location: Hotel Maison

Prom Spirit Week: April 29 - May 3

*see school calendar for specific theme days

Sweats Day - Thursday April 18 - \$3
Thank you for supporting La Salle Student Life!



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

La Salle Athletics

Mr. Don Erickson,
Athletic Director



Spring sports are doing very well as they continue to compete in the SCAC “west” division. The District events for all programs will be conducted in mid-May.

Please join me as we welcome Mr. Drew Edgerly as the next athletic director for La Salle High School. Mr. Edgerly will be a welcome addition to the Lightning as we continue a rich tradition in high school athletics. Mr. Edgerly will begin his duties on June 17th.

Poster schedules are available in the main office and events are also listed in the school calendar. Please remember that changes in times/dates may occur due to weather and other reasons.

The next sports booster club meeting is set for Wednesday, April 17th. 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

COLLEGE GUIDANCE COUNSELING



NCAA[®]

NAIA

Interested in Playing Collegiate Athletics?

Connect with Mr. Lamb regarding NCAA & NAIA Eligibility Center requirements, prospective student-athlete questionnaires, relationship building with college coaches, and much more to continue playing your sport beyond life at La Salle.

Schedule a College Tour

Connect with Mr. Lamb or schedule official visits with schools you're considering. Be sure to include a meeting with Admissions and Financial Aid, as well as schedule to sit in on a class in your desired major.



Seniors!

Please continue checking your school email for scholarship updates. Scholarship deadlines are quickly approaching!



CODY LAMB

clamb@lasalleyakima.org



Parent Hours

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Campus Landscaping

As Spring arrives we are in need of a good deal of parent help with our beautiful grounds. If you can be of assistance please contact our Director of Grounds, Mr. Jorge Silva at 388-4541.

Tree and Bush Donations for Parent Hours

After a tree disease killed off a number of trees on campus, we are in need of tree and bush donations to help with our re-planting. Parent hours will be given for any tree or shrub donation.

Tree/Bush Donation Needs

Red Maples

Birch

Flowering Pear

Willow

Sycamore

Variegated Red Twig Dogwood Hedge

Burning Bush



Día del Niño Help Needed

Sra. White needs donations for the upcoming Día del Niño scheduled for April 30th. She could use several pounds of assorted candy, gift cards, and desserts (cakes or cupcakes, fresh fruit, etc.) for that day's extended lunch celebration. Service hours will be awarded for all donations. Please contact Sra. White for further details:
gwhite@lasalleyakima.org.

How to Sign Up to Volunteer

La Salle High School uses SignUp.com for parent volunteer opportunities. Please logon and bookmark this site and check it frequently. Here you will be able to find upcoming volunteer opportunities and sign-up to be a volunteer.

[Parent Volunteer Portal at SignUp.com](#)

Please remember your volunteering is essential to the operation of La Salle and to keep tuition costs down. Families who have not planned or completed their 30-hour contribution by April 15 will be charged \$30 an hour for unfulfilled hours.