

LA SALLE Parent Newsletter

FOR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL • YAKIMA • WASHINGTON

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Principal Ideas

LA SALLE:
COORDINATING
EFFORTS
ONE EVENT
AT A TIME!

The Sophomore class recently sponsored the annual "Tolo," a dance where the ladies invite the gentlemen. Over a third of the class helped plan and/or decorate and clean up after the dance. One of them commented to me while hanging plastic neon paint splattered later to be lit with black light, "Brother, we did all this without any help from the parents." She also commented, "We got the idea of decorating the hallway from the Homecoming Dance," to which I returned, "Decorations that the parents helped the Senior class with, so the parents did help you."

A simple interaction in the hallway becomes a teachable moment about a balanced and healthy involvement of parents in assisting students, sometimes directly and sometimes indirectly, in coming to understand their contribution to the life of the school. Parents working with, but not for, the Seniors helped set a positive model of what could be, now that the Sophomores take on and make as their own.

Teachable moments happen all the time at school, at activities and at home.

Organizing ourselves for success has been a goal of the year. The two signature Spring events are good examples of the balance we can achieve in supporting the school such that we support our students' growth.

Saint Patrick's Gala and Fun Run: March 17.

This started as a parent-driven activity and has grown tremendously the past few years, thanks to a coordinated effort between dedicated parents and school people. Organizing it with a key parent director, Carol Schneider, and having key school people in the planning, has allowed even more growth. We hope that our students

involved in the evening can both contribute to the event and learn. We would hope that within families, parents and students work together

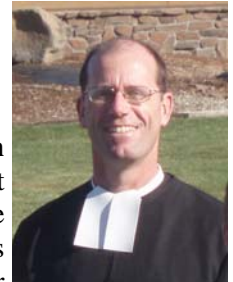
in selling the raffle tickets, an activity that is more than fundraising; it also allows a chance for everyone to promote the school and the values and programs that draw us together. All of us have an opportunity to speak on behalf of the community that is the school and invite others to participate. At the Winter Sports Rally last week, the announcement made to sell the raffle tickets was made in the context of school spirit and pride, moving it beyond duty.

The Follies: March 23-24.

Mister O'Brien was, originally, and continues to be, the inspiration for the Follies. He lends guidance to Mrs. Marianne Ball, our Band director/teacher and chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department, as she leads a group of teachers and parents in planning this year's event. With Mrs. Ball at the helm, we have seen preparation for the event that is helping it to move along in a coordinated manner.

Positive involvement in both events helps us with entering into teachable moments with our students.

This week, we once again join our Catholic elementary schools in celebrating "Catholic Schools Week." As part of the week the seventh and eighth grades of St. Paul Cathedral School and St. Joseph-Marquette will join us for a presentation and discussion on our Twinning School Project with St. Paul Secondary School in Marsabit, Kenya. The opportunity allows our students to help lead an educational event that helps the Catholic



schools in Yakima to work together to support needs in the nomadic tribal areas in Northern Kenya.

Though far away, the following two items will come quickly. We do plan to have a summer program this summer and are working on the dates and programs. At this time of year we also look forward to 2007-2008. Our first draft calendar has us beginning and ending next year on the same day within the same week of the month as this year, with our first semester finals falling before Christmas.

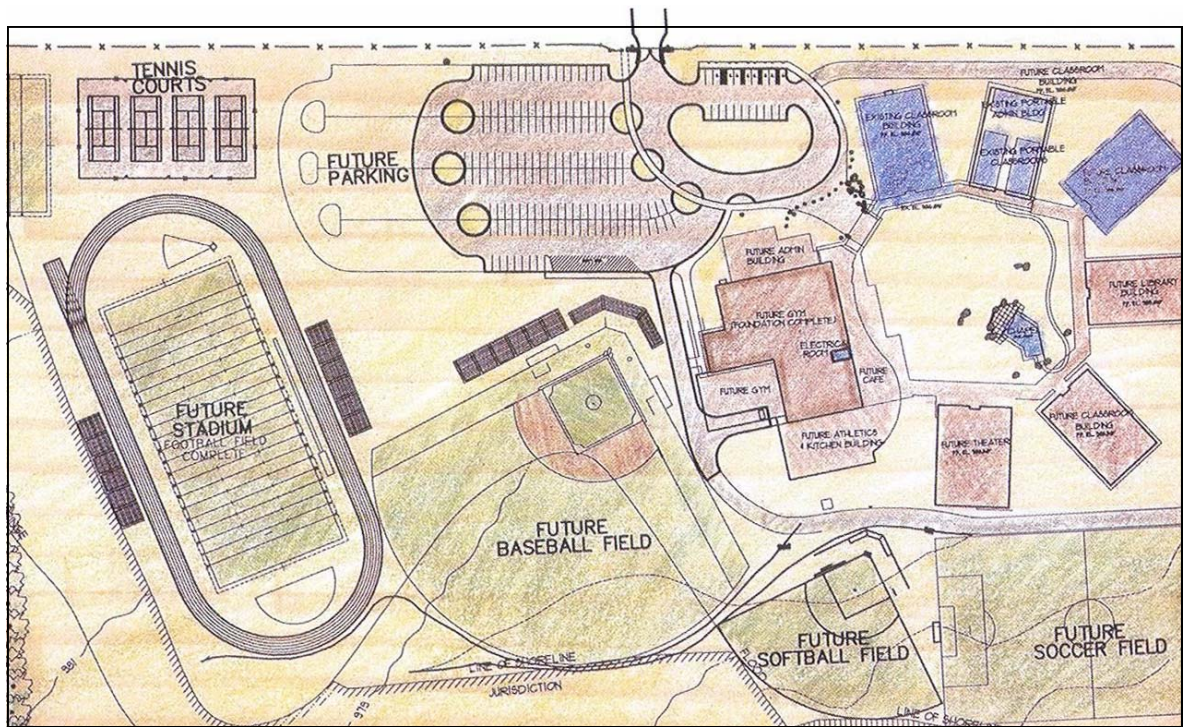
Live Jesus in Our Hearts,

Br. James Joost FSC

Thank You Wayne Heffner!

The Faculty, Staff, and Administration of La Salle would like to express our deepest gratitude to Wayne Heffner for his two years of nearly full-time volunteer service to our school.

La Salle is better today because of Wayne's generosity and passion for our work. We will always remember his endless hours and dedication to completing our "new" building. He willingly took the leadership in many activities that will benefit the school, including our recent annual appeal, December's Silver Reception and our St. Patrick's Day Gala. Our best wishes are with him as he looks to the future.



“The vision of a completed La Salle Campus, much has been done but much work remains.” — Tim McGree, President of La Salle



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Our Lasallian Vision

Dear Parents,

Time moves so quickly! For those of us who have seniors, you know what I mean. For freshmen parents, you'll soon find out. Weeks quickly turn to months, months fly by into years and, suddenly...*graduation!* The richness of our Christian Brothers experience is behind us all too soon, but the memories are with us, and for many, connect us together, for a lifetime.



A time that always seems to move too quickly is the Christmas season and Christmas this year was no exception. Christmas 2006 also provided our La Salle community with some warm memories. On December 11th we kicked off the holidays with our *Silver Reception* where many benefactors joined together to celebrate the success and impact of La Salle. Through his remarks, Br. Kevin Dalmasse, our east coast guest speaker, connected us with Lasallian works throughout the world. His stories took us to Africa and South America where, in some of the least civilized parts of our world, Lasallian educators are making an incredible difference in the lives of young people and their families.

Brother Kevin linked the boldness of St. John Baptist de La Salle's work in starting Catholic schools in 17th century France to the "audacity" and vision of our work in the Yakima Valley. Kevin called our efforts *audacious*...an audacity grounded in faith which De La Salle called "Holy Audacity." From passionate beginnings in a little used former Catholic grade-school, we have become a prominent school of 200 on a beautiful forty acre campus. Our reputation is reaching farther and our impact is wider as we send graduates, well-prepared academically and spiritually, to their next steps in life.

And now, as we pass the midway point of our *ninth* school year and turn the page of the calendar, we renew our commitment to the audacity that began La Salle Yakima in the first place. The year 2007 brings a recommitment to our vision of a Catholic school with a clear sense of purpose and identity. In order to grow and continue to make an impact, we need to focus on the next steps of our campus development. Along with this letter is the vision of a completed La Salle campus. Much has been done but much work remains. Our student center with a gymnasium, assembly space and place for students to eat and gather is the next step. Many of the relationships that can make this next step a reality have been developed. More and more, not only students, but supporters everywhere, are seeing La Salle as an opportunity...an opportunity to leave a legacy in an overwhelmingly compelling cause and make a difference in the lives of others.

God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Tim McGree

Tim McGree
President



Academics

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The **second semester** is well under way. This is a good time for all of us – students, teachers and parents – to renew efforts that bring academic success. Your students should be able to share the course overviews for new semester courses they are taking.

Freshman Parents will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00p.m. The theme of the evening meeting, *Looking Ahead*, will give parents an opportunity to review EXPLORE, the standardized test taken by the freshmen. Parents will learn:

- how students learned to interpret the results in the classroom workshop
- how the results are being used in the follow-up English research project that focuses on career awareness
- the process for class registration for 2007-2008

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March. All parents/guardians along with their students are encouraged to meet with teachers during these times. Students who receive a D or F in the March progress report must attend these conferences. The dates are:

- Wednesday, March 14: 1:00 – 4:00pm
- Thursday, March 15: 4:00 – 7:00pm

Academic Ineligibility reminder from the Student-Parent handbook: No student will be readmitted to La Salle High School in the fall with an F for a semester grade in any subject. All semester F grades must be made up by attendance at a summer school or tutorial approved by the Dean of Studies. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the grade(s) and credit(s) earned in summer school be sent to the La Salle Registrar for inclusion on the transcript. Make-up for F grades may not be postponed until a later time.

Preparation is underway for school year 2007-2008

Course Preference Surveys

will be handed out on Friday, February 2. The survey is a form on which they will indicate the courses they would like to take next year. This is not class registration. It helps us prepare for next year by letting us know the areas of greatest need. The results are used to determine which classes will actually be taught. Students and parents will sign the completed course preference survey. Surveys are due Tuesday, February 6.

Registration for 2007-2008 classes

will take place in March. Online registration opens on Tuesday, March 20 and closes on Tuesday, March 27. Students and their parents use their passwords to access online registration through PowerSchool. The step-by-step directions are included on the online registration screen. They lead you through the process. The directions are grade specific and must be followed exactly.

Looking Ahead...

Now is the time for **Juniors and Sophomores** to think seriously about what they must do to keep as many doors as possible open to their future. Their academic choices affect college acceptances and scholarship opportunities. It is very helpful to check the admissions requirements for colleges in which they might be interested. Fulfilling a basic requirement (e.g., two years of a language or three years of math) may not be enough. Some colleges and universities are looking for more. They are looking for students who are willing to challenge themselves with rigorous high school courses. This reality must be considered as students make choices about the courses they will take next year.

A note from the Dean...

Mr. Todd Kent — Tkent@lasalleyakima.org

- If your student has recently earned their driver's license or will in the near future, be sure to remind them about registering their vehicle in the office. After they have completed the process we will issue them a parking pass for their car.
- When the weather warms up be sure your student is within dress code. If you have any questions please refer to the Student Handbook or call me at 225-2900.
- Parking lot safety: I ask that students please drive responsibly and cautiously in our parking area and on Lightning Way. The maximum speed limit in the parking lot is 5 miles an hour.

College Counseling

College acceptances are

beginning to come in for the *Seniors*. Among them are acceptances to Saint Mary's College, Gonzaga University, Seattle University, Eastern Washington State University, Central Washington University, University of Portland, University of Montana and Carroll College. Seniors will continue to be notified of college acceptances throughout the spring.

Reminder: Deadlines for college and scholarship applications vary. It is important to meet all deadlines in the process.

Campus visits are an important part of the decision-making process. Seniors are encouraged to visit the colleges and universities to which they have applied. Contact the admissions office of the school(s) two weeks before the visit to arrange the most productive visit. Seniors should follow La Salle's pre-arranged absence process if the visit is during school time.

Seniors and Juniors are encouraged to visit college and university campuses during spring break. They are invited to participate in **lunchtime workshops** which will help them plan to get the most from such visits. The workshops will be in Rm. 303 on Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29.

Juniors should plan to take the SAT and/or the ACT during the spring. They will register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com and for the ACT at www.act.org.

Upcoming Test Dates:

SAT

March 10
May 5
June 2

ACT

February 10
April 14
June 9

Farmers Insurance Sponsors the 2006



Lightning Basketball Camp

By: Claire Miller

This past Christmas break over 150 kids crowded into Queen Gym for the Annual La Salle Lightning Basketball Camp. Elementary and middle school students from around the valley came with differing talent and experience to get a taste of the basketball program at La Salle High School. The Girl's Head Basketball Coach, Todd Kent, introduced drills and divided the students up into small groups led by players from both the boys and girls programs. This was one of the largest turn-outs La Salle High School has ever seen in such a camp.

Thank you to all who helped make the camp possible... to all the athletes who coached and attended and special thanks to Farmers Insurance for sponsoring the event!

SENIOR PARENTS:

BE AWARE OF
THE PENDING
DEADLINES
THAT
COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES
HAVE FOR
APPLICATIONS.

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Student Life

Campus Ministry and the Associated Student Body (ASB) have joined their leadership skills together this year to build a stronger relationship within the student body and our Lasallian values

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Campus Ministry

had a flurry of activities to close out the year.

- Our **Blackfeet**



Immersion (December 2-8) was a great success. We are in our fifth year of a close relationship with the De La Salle Blackfeet community in Montana. Visit the school website to learn more about our time in Browning.

- As we begin 2007 we continue to prepare students for their immersions to the **Yakama Nation** (March 27-30) and **Tijuana, Mexico** (April 24-28).
- We also will be doing a **Co-Immersion** on the **Yakama Nation** with **La Salle Pasadena**, another high school from our Lasallian network in California.
- The **Senior Class** gathered at Camp Ghormley for their senior retreat entitled **Journey**. Nearly the entire class participated in this time for prayer, discussion and recreation. The blizzard conditions and loss of power did not dampen spirits and only served to bring the class of 2007 closer together.
- Our **Sophomore Service Retreat** will take place on Tuesday, February 13th. Parent volunteers are needed for the morning session to drive small groups to deliver Valentine boxes to needy families throughout the Valley. Please contact Mr. K. for more information.
- The **Christmas Giving Tree Drive** was again a great success. We were able to provide gifts and home supplies to five needy families this year. Many thanks to the wonderful generosity of so many La Salle families.
- On **Ash Wednesday** our community will gather for Mass and kick off our annual drive for our sister Lasallian school Saint Paul's Secondary in Marsabit, Kenya.
- Student groups will continue to serve at **Northwest Harvest** after school as the semester commences.



Student Life Elections

are coming up. For students interested in becoming an elected leader this will be a great opportunity for you to run. Elections are to be held on March 23. Campaigning time will be from March 12- 22. Please see Ms. Cuevas for more information.

Girls Basketball Team

“Team-up with Children’s Village”

By Claire Miller:

It was a little early on a Saturday morning for 12 high school girls to be out of bed; but when you mix basketball and kids, nothing can disinterest the La Salle High School Girls Basketball team. Greg Harpel, a West Valley High School Senior and volunteer for Children’s Village, asked the team to come and play basketball with the “Slug Bugs” a group of kids he has been working with for a number of years. For three hours Saturday morning, we taught basketball, built friendships, and enjoyed a meal with the wonderful children and teens with special needs from Children’s Village. Learning about the children, laughing with them and lifting them up was an experience the girls basketball team will never forget. Many will return to help more with the children. All of the players met new kids and came away with new friends and even better memories; proving that basketball is not just a sport, but an experience to be shared and cherished. Thanks to Greg Harpel for letting us be a part of such a wonderful fun filled day!

Parent Corner

BE SURE TO
SELL YOUR
RAFFLE
TICKETS
BEFORE
THE
PLANNING
COMMITTEE
SENDS OUT
INVITES
ASKING
PEOPLE TO
RESERVE
TABLES FOR
THE GALA!

“Let us remember, we are in the Holy presence of God.” These words have connected De La Salle Schools to the communities in which they serve for 300 years. It is in that same spirit of working and living in the presence of God that our school in Yakima serves the young in this valley. Our school is very fortunate to have the strength of its students and parents making the regional choice for education. Our school continues to grow because of the effort and commitment of the parents. On January 8th Brother James shared with the Parents Association our connection with Lasallian schools throughout the world, in particular a village in Marsabit, Kenya, Africa. In It is because of this commitment our schools; whether in Africa or Yakima will continue to grow to serve.

Our commitment to make our school strong relies on providing the necessary resources to keep the mission alive. One of our major sources of fundraising is the St. Pat's Gala on Saturday, March 17th. This event, chaired by Carol Schneider, will involve many hours of preparation and hard work by our parents and students. We need your help in making sure the raffle tickets are sold and we will be calling on parents to help with the event. Be sure to sell tickets now before the planning committee sends out invites asking people to reserve tables for the Gala.

Our Parents Association will be having Fr. Patrick Baraza give a presentation on “Islam and Its Common Ground With Christianity” on Tuesday, February 6th. This event will be open to the public so please invite your friends. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share our school with others.

The Arts and Academics Booster is busy. We have the Follies on Friday and Saturday, the 23rd and 24th of March. Marianne Ball needs parents to ‘mentor’ the acts; if you can help please contact Mrs. Ball at the school as soon as possible. Susan Kunkler is looking for help with the coffee bar so if you have interest in this please contact her and she will make you into a Lightning Barista.

Greg Kilseimer is leading our Athletics Boosters on a busy spring schedule. We are having a Yard Sale on Saturday, April 28^h and there are more events in the works. If you have not purchased one of our La Salle sweatshirts, t-shirts, or caps please stop by the school and do some after school shopping. Remember these are not just for the kids!

Thank you, Parents, it is your hard work and commitment which makes our school great.

God Bless you all.

Chuck Stillwaggon

La Salle Parents Association

Athletic Boosters

Yard Sale — Saturday, April 28

Set-up/planning meeting for the yard sale will take place at the next Athletic Booster meeting on Monday, Feb. 19 at 7pm in Roy Hall

Steak-N-Stomp

Coming in May!

Questions? Contact...

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Greg Kilseimer—kilseimer@lasalleyakima.org

Parent Volunteering Opportunities

The planning and organization of volunteer opportunities is ongoing and best communicated through the website and directly calling the Chairs.

President: **Chuck Stillwaggon 697-9660** or stillwaggon@elltel.net
Academics/Arts Boosters: **Susan Kunkler 972-4153** or kunkler5@nwinform.net
Sports Boosters: **Greg Kilseimer 388-6273** or gilseimer@lasalleyakima.org

St. Patrick's Day Gala is Coming!!!

. Have you...

- . Sold your raffle tickets?
(due during lunch on February 9th and March 6th)*
- . Submitted your Fun Run entry form?*
- . Reserved your seat at Gala?*



If not...

- . Check your student's backpack for raffle tickets!*
- . Get an entry form for the Fun Run from the website!*
- . Reserve your tickets by calling our hotline (509-225-2904)!*

The 8th Annual St. Patrick's Day Gala, an event held to raise funds for La Salle High School, will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2007.

We encourage all of our families to get involved by selling raffle tickets as well as volunteering at the event, participating in the Fun Run, and/or attending the Gala.

For more information...

*Visit the St. Patrick's Day Gala link on the La Salle High School website
www.lasallejakima.com or call 509.225.2904.*



First Honor, GPA 4.0-3.5

Grade 12

Charlene Alaniz
 Theresa Anderton
 Julie Aubrey
 Mackenzie Cottle
 Jill Duffy
 Philip Gamache
 Trey Heffner
 Tess Julian
 Nick Kennedy
 Emily Kilseimer
 Laramee Marquis
 Molly McGree
 Claire Miller
 Megan Newell
 Katie Paganelli
 Josh Perrault
 Michael Pleger
 Brooke Riel
 Holly Sawyer
 Jessi Sullivan
 Scott Wall
 Andrew Weedin
 Jonathan Weedin
 Jaime Ziegler

Grade 11

Alexis Bonny
 Megan Bonny
 Lauren Chambard
 Melissa Champoux
 Katie Eschbach
 Javier Estrada
 Katie Fuchs
 Carlee Gibbons
 Ariana McElrath
 Lauren Nichols
 Minerva Perez
 Max Picatti
 Nicole Rivard
 Joe Roy
 David Sabry
 Monica Schneider
 Jasmine Stohr
 Melissa Taylor
 Yuka Yagura

**Congratulations
 To Our First
 Semester Honors
 Students!**

Grade 10

Andrew Carroll
 Julie Cozzetto
 Jake DeGooyer
 Erin Doherty
 Maria Jin
 Melissa McCanna
 Darcy Morford
 Sarah Palacios
 Evan Sawyer
 Matt Smith
 Emily Stillwaggon
 Aubrie Widhalm

Grade 9

Whitney Anderson
 Ross Anderton
 Hanna Fischer
 Kristi Fischer
 Steve Gasseling
 Seth Gibbons
 Tori Gonzalez
 Wes Holden
 Julia Kennedy
 Katie Knoebel
 Sam LaFramboise
 Michael McGree
 Olivia McLaughlin
 Siena Noe
 Amy Nuñez
 Julia Riel
 Taryne Rightley
 Dylan Sattler
 Jessica Serrano
 Katie Vickers
 Dane Voelker

Honors, GPA 3.49-3.0

Grade 12

Simon Blodgett
 David Bonny
 Jeremy Bouchey
 Lawrence Cacchiotti
 Emily Cornell
 Jessica Herrera
 Josie Honanie
 Jennaé Jessup
 Kate Kunkler
 Crystal Nuñez
 Michael Perez
 Seth Pleger
 Michael Vavricka
 Zach Zeutenhorst

Grade 11

David Guyer
 Lucinda LaCour
 Anna Reuber
 Josie Rhoton
 Maria Wytko

Grade 10

Joe Fischer
 Jonathan Kirkland
 Spencer Marquis
 Cara McGree
 In Tae Moon
 Noah Pfeifer
 Katie Roy
 Diana Soto
 Danielle Sullivan
 Stephanie Wytko

Grade 9

Chelsea Adkins
 Max Anokin
 Audriana Castillon
 Kyle Crow
 Danielle Juarez
 Matt Kuribayashi
 Kayla Long
 Matt Mahony
 Gabriel Martinez
 Jessica Munguia
 Alex Richardson
 Jose Romero
 Michael Stiekema
 Kateri Town
 Nathan Woodard

Catholic School Week *January 29-February 2*

Fri., Feb. 2: SPECIAL SCHEDULE/LOCATION -- DRESS UP DAY

This special liturgy takes place at Holy Family Church on Tieton and 56th. Do not come to La Salle that morning. GO TO Holy Family Church (parking lot is along Tieton Avenue on the North side of the street or off Chestnut at Marquette Stadium/Queen Gym where we will have the bus drop off).

All Catholic Schools Mass and Academic Assembly will take place at Holy Family Church. We will also do the Course Preferences Survey explanation for Fall courses.

- 8:00 Students meet in assigned section in church with Period 1 teacher
- 8:30 Mass
- 9:30 Grade 9, 10, 11 meet to go over the Course Preference Survey for 2007-2008 courses while Grade 12 meets to go over Senior events leading toward graduation
- 10:00 Academic Awards Assembly
- 10:20 Dismissal

- January 31
Follies Auditions—3pm
- February 1
Follies Auditions—3pm
- February 2**
Special Schedule— 8am-11:20
DRESS UP DAY
- February 6
Course Preference Surveys Due
Arts/Academics Boosters Mtg—6pm
Follies Informational Mtg
Parent Association Mtg—
Islam Presentation 7pm
- February 8-11
La Salle Pasadena and Yakama Immersion
- February 9
St. Patrick's Day Raffle Tickets DUE — Lunch
- February 10
Admissions Student Interviews
Admissions Test II
- February 12
Parent/Player Spring Sports Meeting — 7pm
- February 13
Sophomore Service Retreat —All Day
- February 15-17
Lasallian Connections Northwest in Portland
- February 19**
No School — President's Day
- February 19
Athletic Boosters Mtg— 7pm
- February 21**
Block Liturgy Schedule
- February 29
Frosh Parent Looking Ahead Workshop — 7pm
- March 2**
No School Possible Snow Make Up Day
- March 5**
Late Start Schedule
Arts/Academics Boosters Mtg—6pm
Parent Association Mtg— 7pm
- March 6
St. Patrick's Day Raffle Tickets DUE
- March 7-9
Junior Retreat — Camp Ghormley
- March 14**
Early Dismissal Schedule
Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 1-4 pm
- March 15
Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
- March 16
Admissions Acceptance Letters
- March 17
St. Patrick's Fun Run — 9am
St. Patrick's Gala—6pm

Take Note

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**Raffle
Tickets
Are Due at
Lunch on:
Feb. 9th
And
March 6th**

Follies!

An Invitation to Follies Participants and Volunteers...

Mister requests your presence at a very important meeting for all adults and students involved with the 2007 La Salle Follies on Monday, Feb. 6th from 6-7 pm in Lightning Hall. Information regarding the 2007 production, including the show line up and volunteer opportunities, will be discussed.

All participants are to attend.

See you there!

Questions? Contact...

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