

LA SALLE Parent Newsletter

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

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Principal Ideas

MUSIC
MINISTRY TO
LASALLIAN
SCHOOLS

Our La Salle band just returned from a concert tour with and for four of our Lasallian schools in the San Francisco Bay Area. Besides playing at St. Mary's College for Sunday Mass with the students, St. Mary's College High School, and Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, they played for De Marillac Academy, a school in the "skid row" section of San Francisco. Their service to the students included not only an instrument demonstration with the 4th and 5th graders, but a "ministry of presence" to kids who are often overlooked and who value high school students who will encourage them to look at college preparatory schooling. Our students provided an invaluable service as well as learned that they are talented and have quite a lot of musical potential yet to be realized.

Achieving potential is a hallmark of this time of year. Here are some highlights of which to take special note:

Admissions and Registration: We continue to accept applications to grade 9, 10, and 11 for next year. Tell your friends and family to call Ms. Cuevas (225-2928). Registration fee and forms for next year are due April 16. It is important to be on time, so we can continue and conclude the scheduling and teacher assignment process. We will bid a fond farewell to our Seniors. They have been an outstanding group of young people ready to advance to the next levels of education. They are responding to their colleges and applying for scholarships.

Administrative Personnel Changes:

As the school year ends we will see the departure of at least two of our staff. Mr. Matt Schulte will be relocating to Portland after 3 years of dedicated commitment to La Salle. Mr. Loren Lund also moves on, beginning a time of

retirement after 10 years at La Salle (he was one of the founding faculty) and many more years of educational commitment to the young people of Yakima. We will recognize both of our educators at the end of the year. Though we can fill the physics position left by Mr. Lund, we will be accepting applications for the Dean of Students position left open by Mr. Schulte.

Summer: Materials for the summer programs will be available on line and in the office by the end of this week. The English department has determined the readings for the summer and are preparing the materials to distribute next month. The English Department continues to develop and strengthen its curriculum in reading and college bound writing for all students.

Parent Volunteer Hours: The final chances to fulfill the commitment to work volunteer hours are listed in this newsletter. The activities are fun ones— Follies, for example— so don't be shy about helping out even if you have completed hours.

End of year items will be addressed in the updates that will be posted with the April 15 Progress Reports (they will be mailed home and determine eligibility in co-curricular activities: sports, Follies, Student Council, etc.). One of the items is the process for book returns. We may send out one more longer *ParentNewsletter* by the end of the year.



Live Jesus in Our Hearts,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Br. James Joost FSC".

Br. James Joost, FSC

Principal



Developing

Dear Parents,



A few weeks ago, while in Spokane watching our *State Champion girls' basketball team*, I spent some time with a couple of old friends talking about how La Salle began, as well as our progress and accomplishments over the past ten years. While these friends were from Yakima, and had attended previous Catholic high schools, they had moved to Spokane to build their careers and raise their families. From Spokane, they have kept track of our growth and supported our efforts.

That conversation inspired me to look back at our original goals and take note of the progress that has been made in our academic programs, Lasallian and Catholic mission programs, enrollment, facilities, fundraising, athletic programs, academic reputation, and financial position. It has been a remarkable journey!

When we began in April of 1996, we had little more than a dream in the face of daunting challenges. The Board, with the support of then Bishop Francis George and the partnership of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, responded to those challenges with courage, conviction and a *commitment to excellence* in every facet of our efforts. A plan was developed to (1) find a temporary location to begin operations while continuing the search for a permanent home, (2) initiate a multi-million dollar capital campaign that would secure property and build needed facilities, (3) secure funding for financial aid, (4) attract high quality teachers, administrators and coaches, (5) establish quality academic programs, (6) incorporate the Lasallian mission into everything we do, (7) establish quality athletic and extracurricular programs, (8) develop an admissions program to establish and increase enrollment, (9) initiate partnerships with critical constituent groups, and (10) develop a marketing program to connect prospective students, "alumni" (from previous Catholic schools) and other potential supporters. We believed that accomplishing these goals would give us the foundation to secure our future. Thanks to our tremendous La Salle community, all of these steps have been successfully initiated and, as we prepare to celebrate our ten year anniversary, we also look to bringing our unique Lasallian education to the next level.

In the never-ending quest for excellence, the Board of Trustees has committed to an \$8.5 million capital effort that will bring a new science center and student center to our campus...*more impact for our students!* \$3.5 million has been committed to these facilities, with the architect in the final stages of completion of construction documents for the science facility. We expect to have a state-of-the-art high school science center and program in place for our students by fall '09. The reception for funding the student center has also been very positive with over \$2 million committed to date and many people yet to talk to.

While the achievements of the past ten years are certainly remarkable, it is actually the *culture* of success and achievement at La Salle that is even more remarkable. With a diverse student body (20% at or below the poverty level), La Salle is making a difference!

It continues to be a privilege to work with the board, parents and our entire La Salle community in this work, but, most importantly, to share in the faith, hope, friendship and love that your students aspire to bring to one another and to the world. I think we can together enjoy the accomplishments of the past and look forward to remarkable opportunities in the future.

God bless you and your families.

Tim McGree
President



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Honoring Academic Excellence

La Salle will recognize outstanding student achievement at the Academic Awards Assembly and the Senior Presentation. Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors are recognized at the Awards Assembly Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00 PM in Lightning Hall. Notification for those receiving awards will be given to the students by mid-May. Seniors are recognized at the annual Senior Presentation on Monday, June 2 at 11:15 AM.



Sophomores prepare a presentation for their World History Class.

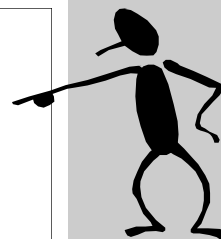
MARK YOUR
 CALENDAR FOR
 THE ACADEMIC
 AWARD
 ASSEMBLY.

A Note on Remaining Eligible

Academic Eligibility reminder from the Student-Parent Handbook: No student will be readmitted to La Salle 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 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 PRIOR to the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

F Grades: Students earning three (3) or more "F" grades and/or who have been on Academic Probation/Ineligibility three (3) or more times are subject to dismissal at the end of the school year. Official notification will occur after spring semester grades are published.

D Grades: An important note for college prep: Most four year colleges and universities do not accept "D" grades in core subjects.



LOOKING
 TOWARD NEXT
 YEAR

Summer Advantage in Academics



Summer school opportunities are available at La Salle, online and through a number of local public schools. There is no guarantee that La Salle students will be able to attend their local public school. It is important to remember that one trimester (0.34) DOES NOT equal one semester (0.50) of credit. Some of our students have experienced success with internet/packet based programs offered by *Portland State*, *BYU* and *iAcademy*. Please see the school's website under Academics – Summer 2008 Opportunities for a complete listing. Any course taken for academic credit must be approved by Brother Dan.

POWERSCHOOL

CLICK ME

Three ways to access PowerSchool:

- 1) go to www.lasalleyakima.com and follow the PowerSchool link;
- 2) go to <http://powerschool.lasalleyakima.org> (be aware this is an ".org";
- 3) go to <http://207.149.115.136>

Dean of Students

Mr. Matt Schulte
 mschulte@lasalleyakima.org
 (509) 225-2909

Notes for Spring

ATTENDANCE
 LINE:
 225-2920
 BEFORE 9 AM

As Spring enters full swing, students are reminded to be careful with the parking of their cars—baseballs fly over the fence near the field and La Salle is not responsible for any damage that might occur. Also be conscious of the speed limit in the lot (5 mph) and Lightning Way (25 mph).



Any issue dealing with absences and tardies needs to be addressed through Mrs. Paniagua in the Main Office. If necessary she will direct it to Mr. Schulte.

College Counseling

Sr. Ann Marie Lustig, OP
 sam@lasalleyakima.org
 (509) 225-2915

Seniors are reminded that the deadline for informing colleges of their intent to attend is May 1. Seniors will receive a form at their next graduation meeting to complete. They will indicate their college acceptances, scholarships and other awards. Accurate and complete information is important because it is included in various graduation events. The form is due Monday, May 12.

Scholarship information continues to come in. Check the scholarship board in Room 303 for the latest applications and information. Announcements are made in the Daily Announcements, in English class, and often to individual Seniors who would qualify for specific scholarships.

Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT this spring. Upcoming dates are on the school calendar. They have an opportunity to attend an on-campus visit by University of Washington Bothell on Wednesday, April 16.

Camp College is a four day seminar for incoming seniors. Students will be given the necessary tools to continue their college search and essay writing throughout the summer. They will become familiar with computer and internet tools available to them. They will create an organizational system for the college search and application process, complete the common application, write a personal statement (college essay) and develop an individualized college comparison chart and calendar that will help them meet deadlines. Discussions will include college visits, interviews, recommendations, FAFSA, financial aid and scholarships. Camp College will be Monday June 16 through Thursday June 19 from 9:00am to 11:30am.

For Younger Siblings: A **College Bound Scholarship** is a program of the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board which is available to eligible 7th and 8th grade students. It is designed to inspire students to begin making college and career plans without worrying about the cost of college. Eligible students sign a pledge promising to graduate from high school with at least a 2.0 GPA and be good citizens. In exchange, the state of Washington will pay for their college tuition and books. Eligible 8th grade students must apply by June 1, 2008. Current 7th grade students have until the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Students are encouraged to apply online at www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound.

CLICK ME TO REGISTER ON THE SAT/AP WEBSITE.



Students register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com. They register for the ACT at www.act.org.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
SAT May 3	April 1	April 10
SAT June 7	May 6	May 15
ACT April 12	March 7	March 8-21
ACT June 14	May 9	May 10-23

Student Life

Campus Ministry Contact: Mr. Kanelopoulos
(tedk@lasalleyakima.org)

Student Activities Contact: Mrs. Cuevas
(rcuevas@lasalleyakima.org)

In February, Lasallian Connections Northwest, an annual gathering of the three Northwest Lasallian schools, was held in Yakima this year. Our visiting Lasallians shadowed our students through class and then departed for a tour of our Valley's agriculture and the Yakama Nation. Green Acre Farms gave us a wonderful tour of a wide variety of their orchards and farms and Valley Fruit led us through their packaging operations. We ended the visit on Saturday with a service project at Northwest Harvest.

Blood Drive Success: In February our semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive set a school record of twenty-nine units of blood donated. Fifteen of the participants were first time donors! Congratulations to Student Life Leadership for all their efforts in organizing this event.

Our **Junior Retreat**, *A Lamp Unto My Feet*, was held at Camp Ghormley and was a great success. To the credit of the class of 2009 all forty-three juniors attended the retreat.

The **Yakama Nation Immersion** was held in White Swan in March. This year's group represented all four grade levels and took on the long days of service and learning with great energy. The group pulled off an "Extreme Makeover" on the home of one the Tribe's elders.

In the planning stages are the Venaver Immersion to Tijuana, Mexico in April, Founder's Week from May 12-16 and the Lasallian Youth Assembly being held this summer in San Francisco.

We are very proud of all of the candidates who ran for Student Life Executive Council for the 2008-2009 school year. After hours of counting, re-counting, and asking two non-biased counters to join me in the counting and re-counting, we discovered that no matter how many times the ballots were counted, we would come to the same conclusion.

Student Life Executive Council for 2008-2009:

President: Matt Smith

Co-Vice Presidents: Julia Kennedy and Jessica Serrano

Secretary: Maria Jin

Treasure: Andy Carroll

Campus Ministers: Cruz Garibay, and Katie Knoebel, and Cara McGree

Class Council Elections

April 11: Applications due to Ms. Cuevas by 3:30 pm

April 14-18: Campaign Week

April 21: Election Speeches

April 22: Election

April 24: Results Announced

APPLY TO RUN FOR A CLASS OFFICE



La Salle Prom, "All That Jazz"

Just a reminder that Prom is quickly approaching. This year, prom will be held at Queen Gym from 8-11 pm on Saturday April 19th. Students must be at the dance by 8:30 and must remain at Queen Gym until 10:30. Guest passes are available to be picked up in the main office and must be returned with all the proper signatures by Wednesday April 16th.



La Salle Prom Dress Code:

Boys: Tuxedo or shirt and tie with dress shoes

Girls: Be sure that dresses do not show midriff, are not shorter than two inches above the knee, and have an appropriate neck line. If you have any questions, Rosa Cuevas has volunteered to preview any dresses to determine their appropriateness.

Drugs and Alcohol: For the safety of all, there will be a breathalyzer testing device at prom, and students will be randomly tested. Drug and alcohol use associated with any party or gathering sponsored by or for students is not condoned by the school nor by most parents. Please be vigilant to the planning of any parties before or after prom.

HELP MAKE PROM A "SAFE NIGHT"



PARENT
VOLUNTEER
HOURS ARE
NOW TRACKED
THROUGH MRS.
PANIAGUA IN
THE MAIN
OFFICE.

Parents Association

Volunteering Opportunities

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

President: **Jim Widhalm** at (509) 952-8891 or jimwidhalm@filtrona.com
 Academics/Arts Boosters: **Jay and Jill Carroll** at (509) 248-6030 or jcarroll@vhlegal.com
 Athletic Boosters: **Chuck Stillwaggon** 697-9660 or stillwaggon@elltel.net
 Other Executive Board Members: **Karen Cozzetto** (secretary), **Kathleen Smith** (Social and Volunteer Coordinator), **Chuck Wytko**, **Patty Nichols**

Dear Parents

Once again the year has gone by too fast; we are already looking to next year and what we can do to make improvements. This fall we plan to start a parent Mentoring Program for new parents. We will have current parents work directly with new parents who need guidance as they adjust to La Salle. We hope our efforts will make their introduction and transition in La Salle an enjoyable experience.

We plan to introduce the incoming families to a mentor in the fall during orientation and if they have any questions about the school, sports, parent hours or school requirements, the mentor will answer them directly or find the correct source for the answer. In some cases such as the freshman orientation, the mentor may accompany the new parents at the meeting so that issues are handled immediately. This will help incoming families assimilate quickly and feel welcome in our school.

We plan to make the mentors available throughout the first year but our expectations are to target the first two months in an effort to bring them up to speed quickly. La Salle continues to grow and every year we are changing to meet the needs of our families.

La Salle is our school and the involvement of everyone is what makes it what it is; if there is something that needs to be improved you need not look any farther than yourself to get it accomplished. La Salle is no better or worse than what we make it so please stay involved.

Jim Widhalm
Parents Association President

Athletic Booster Notes

—from Chuck Stillwaggon

The spring sports are in full swing (a pun on my daughter playing softball). A big thanks to all of the coaches, parents, and students for the great year and all the hard work; our success shows in our students. As we finish out this year we need to be grateful for the special effort by those who have helped with the sports in an extraordinary way. We have started planning for next year already and those plans need the involvement of all of our student athlete parents. The best way to be involved is to serve on the Athletic Booster Board; we currently are looking for two people to step up and take on the role as President and Treasurer. Both of these terms are ending at the completion of this year. On Monday May 5th at 6:00 p.m. we are going to have our last meeting for 07/08 school year. If you are interested please let me know or contact the school.

The school website will soon have a link to order your favorite Lightning apparel. Please check this out as your NEW source for t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other stuff. This site will make it easy to order, customize, and the bonus is the school will receive 10% of the total order.

On a personal note I want to thank everyone for helping me this year as the President of the Athletic Boosters. It HAS been a privilege to serve and I am honored to have been asked. Thank you. God Bless. Most importantly...GO LIGHTNING!!!!!!



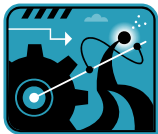
From The Finance Office

There is an error on the English version of the Tuition and Fees Contract that was sent out on March 14th. It says the additional amount to pay the full cost is \$3900 (Selection A). It should say \$3800, which matches all the other information you received. Sorry for the confusion. If you have questions, call Mrs. Robin Soptich at 225-2992.

Summer Jobs



We always have students looking for summer work. If you have need at your business for a summer employee, call Mrs. Paniagua in the Main Office (225-2900) and we will get word out to the students about your job opening.



Zirkle Field Dedication

With a generous donation from the Zirkle family, our baseball field will bear their name. "Zirkle Field" will be dedicated before the Sat., April 12 game. The many people who helped build and care for the field over the years will also be thanked and recognized.



Upcoming Opportunities for VOLUNTEER HOURS

Some big events remain in the year where parent volunteers are desperately needed to contribute their time and talent.

FOLLIES (at W. Valley Middle School)
 Dress Rehearsals
 April 26-27 from 1:00-4:00 pm
 Performance
 May 2-3 from 5:30-10:00 pm

Campus Beautification Day
 (landscaping and cleaning)
 May 3 8:30-Noon
 Greg Kilseimer (388-6273)

Founders Week All School Service Day
 (drivers needed)
 Fri., May 16 (morning)
 Mr. K at 225-2914 or tedk@lasalleyakima.org

Graduation
 (set up, parking, clean up)
 Sat., June 7 at La Salle
 Br. James (225-2998)



*A St. Patrick's Day Gala
 Thank You!!!*

*A thanks to the many Parent and Student workers who made the evening enjoyable and memorable for our guests.
 A special thanks to Carol Schneider who chaired the event and led a great team of coordinators.*



Raffle ticket winners...

- 1st Prize (\$7,000)- Brenda Kuribayashi
- 2nd Prize (\$2,000)- Murray Judge
- 3rd Prize (\$1,000)- Denise Carter

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Upcoming Events

Tue., April 8
7:00-8:30 P.M. Incoming Frosh Registration Night

Wed., April 8
6:00-7:00 P.M. Executive Board Mtg.

Fri., April 11 Early Dismissal Schedule

Mon., April 14
3:15 P.M. Curriculum Committee

Tue., April 15
11:30 A.M.- 1:30 P.M. La Salle Foundation Board Mtg.

Wed., April 16
Registration for 2008-2009 Due
7:00 P.M. Venaver Immersion Parent Mtg.

Thur., April 17
7:00 A.M. Board of Trustees Mtg.

Fri., April 19
8:00-11:00PM **PROM**

Sat., April 26
1:00- 4:00P.M. Follies: Dress Rehearsal

Sun., April 27
1:00- 4:00P.M. Follies: Dress Rehearsal

Thur., May 1
4:00-8:00P.M. Follies: Dress Rehearsal

Fri., May2 NO SCHOOL (Final make up snow day)
7:00 P.M. Follies

Sat., May3
8:30-Noon Campus Beautification Day
7:00 P.M. Follies

Mon., May 5 Late Start Schedule
6:00 -7:00 P.M. Arts/Academics/Athletic Boosters Mtgs.
7:00 P.M. Parent Associations Mtg.

Mon., May 12
3:15 P.M. Curriculum Meeting
6:00-7:00 P.M. Executive Board Mtg.

Thur., May 15
11:15 A.M. Feast of Saint John Baptist de La Salle Liturgy

Sat., May 17
8:00-11:00P.M Founder's Farewell Dance

Wed., May 21
7:00-8:30 P.M. Spring Concert with Local Catholic Schools

Mon., May 26 NO SCHOOL: MEMORIAL DAY

Wed., May 28
7:00-8:00 P.M. Academic Award Assembly

Mon., June 2
11:15 A.M. Senior Presentation

Thur., June 5
6:00 P.M. Senior Potluck

Fri., June 6
8: A.M.-2:15 P.M. Senior Community Day
7:00 P.M. Baccalaureate Mass

Sat., June 7
11:00 A.M. Eighth Annual GRADUATION



Apple Bowl on KYVE (Channel 47)

La Salle's run to the Apple Bowl Semi-Finals is being broadcast on KYVE. The Apple Bowl is an annual quiz show and this year the Lightning brain trust did quite well in the competition:

April 14 7:00 PM (vs. Sunnyside)
TBA (vs. Wenatchee)



The **2008-2009 Calendar is online** (at the end of this year's calendar. Events are still being added and moved, but the essential dates of the beginning and end of year as well as the holidays are set.



Host an International Student

CIEE is an group that recruits and places International high school students in USA schools and homes. They are also looking for a pool of families they can call on to act as host families. Though next year seems far away, now is the time to consider being a host family for a student for 2008-2009. Parents who host an international student for the year receive all their volunteer hours.

Please contact Ms. Cuevas if you have an interest in exploring this option at 225-2928 or rcuevas@lasalleyakima.org. She will direct you on to the new local CIEE Coordinator. Expectations for host families can be found at <http://www.ciee.org/hostfamily>.

