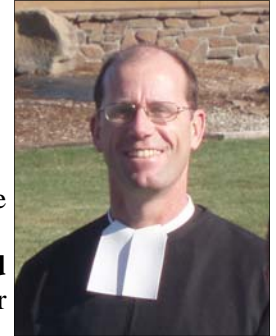


LA SALLE Parent Newsletter

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

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

Principal Ideas



PLEASE READ
ALL PARTS OF
THE SUMMER
MAILING

With a new Science Center going up out by the Chapel and an enrollment edging toward 200 students during our 10 year anniversary, we are looking forward to an exciting year. We also begin the process of doing a self study called "Focus on Learning" as preparation for renewing our accreditation with the NAAS and the WCEA in 2010. The accreditation process will require surveys and participation in discussions by all aspects of the La Salle community (teachers, students, board members, and, of course, parents). Mr. Kanelopoulos will be leading the process along with the help of Mrs. Ball and the core committee that is yet to be formed. More information to come on this process.

This newsletter outlines some of the key items to prepare for the year.

Ready for school?

By 8:00 am on Thursday, Aug. 21 the following needs to be in our hands:

The "Partnership Statement" of this mailing must be signed by each student/parents and turned in to the main office by Aug. 21. The *Parent/Student Handbook* it refers to can be found on the school website. Please print your own copy, but copies are also available in the school office. Students will receive their own copy in a student planner when they come to Orientation. The *Parent/Student Handbook* describes the policies and practices we believe provide for a school environment conducive to fostering the whole growth of a young person. We are aware that some of the policies and practices may present a challenge to students and even parents, but would hope that you would contact us in order to understand how you may continue

to work with us in the expectations.

Students who earned an "F" grade in one or two semesters last year, must have the transcript from summer courses making up those "F" grades on file in our office. ***Students will not be allowed to begin classes on August 21st unless both of these documents are on file with us at La Salle. If you have any questions or concerns, do call.***

Back-to-School Night

We expect that you join us for our Back-to-School Night on Thurs., Aug. 28. We begin at 6:30 PM in Lightning Hall with a general meeting. Parents will then follow their student's class schedule and have the opportunity to briefly visit and hear from each teacher. I look forward to seeing you on this evening.

Celebrating our 10 year anniversary

Because of our 10th anniversary we will not be joining St. Paul's and St. Joseph/Marquette for the Holy Spirit Mass. Instead we will have ours on campus on the 10th anniversary of the first day of school, Sept. 2, 1998. If you know any alums who were in that first class, encourage them to come to the Mass at 8:15 AM— we want to retake the student body picture they took back in the day.

We will be joining the two local Catholic Schools on Fri., Sept. 5 for the annual picnic before the HOLY BOWL, our rival football game against DeSales.

Volunteer Opportunities

We really need parents to fill out and send in to the main office the form in the packet of the

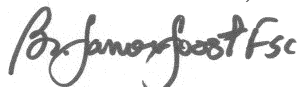
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RETURN THE
HANDBOOK
"PARTNERSHIP
STATEMENT"
BY AUGUST 21




**WELCOME NEW
FACULTY AND
STAFF**

activities and needs for volunteering throughout the year. We will continue to have detailed requests sent home with Progress Reports each six weeks, but this general list helps coordinators build a support team for events. Volunteering is more than a requirement at La Salle. Studies show that the students of parents involved in school in positive ways are more likely to achieve their potential.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts,



Br. James Joost, FSC
Principal



CIEE is an organization that recruits and places International high school students in USA schools and homes. They are also looking for a host family for two of our new international students for this year (boys from China and Korea). Please contact Ms. Cuevas if you have an interest in exploring this option. 225-2928 or rcuevas@lasalleyakim.org. She will direct you on to the local CIEE Coordinator, Molly . Expectations for host families can be found at <http://www.ciee.org/hostfamily/>. Volunteer hours are completed by hosting a student for the year.

Welcome New Faculty/Staff and New Assignments

Ms. Laura Chandler joins the finance office. She will be the point person for many things; for example, the bookstore, Liquid Lightning coffee, and the fundraisers (wreaths, raffle tickets),

Br. Jack is picking up ASB and is assisted by Ms. Laura Chandler (who will work with the class treasurers and funds) and Mr. Steve Lowry (who will work with the dances). Mr. Lowry will also be moderating the new school newspaper (yet to be named). **Ms. Rosa Cuevas** is dedicating full time to Admissions, helping with a mentor program for the new students and will be pursuing a degree in counseling.

Ms. Elizabeth Pillari will teach the grade 9 and 10 Religious Studies classes as well as help out with Campus Ministry and moderate the Freshmen class.

Ms. Rose Daum will teach the Contemporary World Studies course, grade 10 English and moderate the Sophomore class. She will also help with Campus Ministry and become editor of this newsletter.

Mr. Manual Pedroza continues work with keeping the school clean. He and Mr. Greg Kilseimer formed a dynamic duo of school maintenance and upkeep amidst the trucks of a new building going up.

Qualified Staff Statistic

Of our 17 teachers:

- 8 have at least one Masters degree.
- 3 are in the process of attaining one.
- 1 teaches at the college level

**HOST AN
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT**



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Building a Legacy of Excellence

Dear La Salle Parents and Friends of La Salle,

Greetings! I look at the calendar and it doesn't seem possible that the beginning of our 11th school year is just around the corner! Yet, even in the middle of summer, our campus is a flurry of activity.



For those of you who have stopped by, you've seen some big equipment breaking ground for our new science center. This newest addition to our campus is scheduled to be completed by this winter or early spring next year and will include a physics lab, chemistry lab, biology lab and a "swing lab" room. Jake Jundt, who is managing the construction, is pushing for a January 2009 opening. The cost of this new building is \$2.5 million, which was led by a \$1.0 million gift from a local family. Many other gifts are pouring in including an expected \$500,000 of gifts-in-kind from people who have the equipment and talent to make a big difference. As we progress with construction, everybody in our community will have a chance to participate and have a little "ownership" in this magnificent, state-of-the-art facility! Stay tuned as the heavy lifting begins...

And, as we take a breath to celebrate success and thank our investors, we continue to work on the *next steps* of our campus...a new student center which will include a gym, locker rooms, an assembly place and space for the students to "hang out." Already, \$2.0 million has been committed to this facility. Projections for completion are \$6.5 million. While that's a lot of money, we continue to build relationships with people who have the ability to make that dream a reality. In the meantime, we can be thankful that we have a place to play ball...and, based on what's in the trophy case, it certainly doesn't seem to have hurt our performance!

Finally, as I mentioned in my previous letter, this year, the 2008-09 school year, will be a year of celebration of our 10 year anniversary. The entire year will commemorate the first decade of work to make Catholic high school education available, accessible and affordable to families in the Yakima Valley. There are so many people to thank for this wonderful gift...the Christian Brothers, Cardinal Francis George, our community, you as parents...this will be a year to remember the many passionate people who brought this dream to reality, and to be grateful.

Yes, even in the middle of the dog days of summer, the campus is busy. But, it's a busyness that enriches the life of La Salle. With students, families and faculty coming and going, it's a busyness that sends a message that La Salle is "home" for our growing Lasallian community.

God bless you and your families.
Sincerely,

Tim McGree
President



A view from the soccer field of the foundation prep for the new Science Center (southwest corner).

**GENEROUS
DONORS HELP
LAUUNCH LA
SALLE INTO A
NEW DECADE
WITH A NEW
SCIENCE
CENTER**

Dean of Studies

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College Counseling

Sr. Ann Marie Lustig, OP
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At Camp College, Sr. Ann Marie walked Seniors through college and scholarship searches on the web.

PowerSchool

As school begins we will be upgrading our PowerSchool from "Pro" to "Premier." Anticipating a required upgrade in 2009, we chose to do it now in order to save a lot of money. Unfortunately, PowerSchool is upgrading many schools and we are slated to have the "migration" (transferring data from the old to the new) happen Aug. 25-27. As such, teachers will not be able to post any grades until AFTER Aug. 29. We will be asking your patience during those first 5 days of school— you won't see grades.

PowerSchool passwords will be available once school begins. New Parents will receive an orientation to PowerSchool at their meeting the evening of the Frosh Lock-in (Fri., Aug. 15 @ 7:00 pm)

**POWERSCHOOL
 MIGRATION— NO
 GRADES
 AVAILABLE
 UNTIL AFTER
 AUG. 29**



**SCHOOL
 LOCKS MUST
 BE USED**

Camp College

Camp College was offered for the first time this summer. Eighteen seniors spent four mornings in June discussing and working on various aspects of the college search and application process. They reviewed PSAT follow-up information, completed a practice college application, wrote the first draft of their personal statement, and set up internet accounts that make the college and scholarship searches easier and less time-consuming.

Seniors are encouraged to register now for the first ACT and/or SAT fall test dates.

Sept. 13 ACT: Register at www.act.org
 (registration deadline
Aug. 12; late registration
 deadline Aug. 22)

Oct. 4 SAT: Register at www.collegeboard.com
 (registration deadline
Sept. 9; late registration
 deadline Sept. 16)

The La Salle High School code is **481-609**.

All Students: All students will receive grade specific information during the orientation on Wed., Aug. 20 to help them in their college preparation and planning .

**PARKING
 PERMITS
 AVAILABLE
 FROM MRS.
 BARRY**

Parking on Campus

La Salle Student Parking Permits: Students driving to school are required to register for a parking permit. The permit is free of charge (but if it is lost, a new one will cost \$10). Students can pick up a registration form (or multiple forms if they drive multiple cars) at the Orientation on Aug. 20 and will then receive a permit by the following week. Cars without permits displayed during the school day beginning Fri., August 29 will be subject to towing at the owners expense.



RED Curb— no parking: The curbs along the circle in front of the school mark a no parking zone. It is a pick-up/drop-off and emergency vehicle zone as well as the bus stop. **Cars are not to be left sitting there without a driver in them.** Just drive another 30 feet and park in the Visitor parking for those short "drop off stuff to the office" stops. Also, the area behind the buildings along the gravel road is for Faculty/Staff parking only everyday all day. Please do not park there during parent and sports meeting nights. A loading/unloading space will be available behind Lightning Hall and as loading is finished, the car must be moved to the parking in the main lot. Please remember this on meeting nights.

Dean of Students

Mrs. Teresa Barry
 tbarry@lasalleyakima.org
 (509) 225-2909

Campus Security

Once students arrive on campus, they are not to leave campus without checking in with Mrs. Barry. Also, students are not allowed to go out to their cars during the school day, **including lunch**, without the permission of Mrs. Barry .

Locks and Lockers

Students will continue to be required to purchase a school issued lock (the \$6 price is added to the book bill) which they will use for all their years at La Salle. Students returning from last year can use last year's lock. As was the case last year, **all lockers are assigned**. Any request for a change must be extremely reasonable and can be made with Mrs. Barry the day of Orientation, Aug. 20.

Student-Parent Handbook

The Student-Parent Handbook is included in the student planner all students will receive on the day of orientation. The planner highlights college prep items and is a fitting upgrade from last year's. The split cost for the planner is covered by parents (\$5) and the school (a bit over \$5). Copies of the handbook can also be found on the school website and at the main office of the school.

Union Gap Public Bus Stop: La Salle!

The Union Gap public bus service has changed hands to a new company recently and the bus schedules are still being worked out. We anticipate the bus stopping at La Salle as it did last year and will post the information on our website once we find out.

La Salle School Bus:

We will offer transportation to our Lower Valley students with the regular stops in Sunnyside and Toppenish. The enclosed forms are to be returned by Orientation (Wed., Aug. 20).



Car Pool: Coming to Parents Nights at school and other school events is a great way to network and set up car pooling if that is a need for your student.

REMINDER:

Lightning Way speed limit: 25 mph
 Parking Lot speed limit: 5 mph

Also, do not go into the parking lot of the business on the corner of Lightning Way and Goodman.



**SLOW DOWN,
 WATCH FOR
 BUSES, VANS,
 AND WAYWARD
 IGUANA
 LOOKING FOR
 A HOME IN THE
 NEW SCIENCE
 CENTER.**



Changes in the Handbook

The following indicates some of the areas of the handbook that have changed for this year. Please consult the website for a more detailed description of the changes and also, read the handbook with particular attention to these parts. Remember: the "Partnership Statement" of the handbook needs to be turned in by Aug. 21 for your student to begin school.

- Pg. 3: use of student photos in advertisement
- Pg. 7: What an "I" is as a grade.
- Pg. 8: affect of "N" and "U" conduct markson honors status
- Pg. 8-9: progress reports now every 6 weeks: affects probation/eligibility**
- Pg. 9: common codes used in PowerSchool
- Pg. 10: academic award explanations

- Pg.16: Type 2 absences defined**
- Pg. 17: determining credit affected by excessive absences
- Pg. 21: Dress Code changes, mainly for girls**
- Pg. 23-24: Harassment policy additions
- Pg. 28: Impact on final exams for not paying tuition
- Pg. 29-31: New names, positions, etc.

**"PARTNERSHIP
 STATEMENT"
 OF HANDBOOK
 DUE WED.,
 AUG. 21**

Student Life

Campus Ministry and the Associated Student Body (ASB) continue to join their leadership skills together this year to build a stronger relationship between the student body and our Lasallian values.

Student Life Contacts: Mr. Kanelopoulos (tedk@lasalleyakima.org) or Br. Jack (brojack@lasalleyakima.org)

PICK-A-THON SPONSORSHIP FORMS ARE DUE BY SEPT. 11.



La Salle Joins Lasallian Schools

Two District wide youth events gathering students from more than a dozen of our Lasallian schools took place this summer.

In June, Mr. K and Mrs. Barry took 14 students to San Francisco for the annual Lasallian Youth Assembly. The assembly sent students into the poorer areas of San Francisco to assist with food distribution, cleaning, painting and other service activities. The group also gathered back at home base, the University of San Francisco, for prayer, discussions, community building and social justice education.

At the end of July, Ms Cuevas went on the road with nine students to Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA (our Lasallian college on the West Coast) for the 5th Annual Lasallian Student Leader conference. After skill training in leadership the group designed and ran the activities of the final two days.

Learning much about working together toward the service of fellow students and those in need, both groups of students come back to La Salle ready to pump up the activities organized for the year.

ENTER TO LEARN LEAVE TO SERVE

Service Immersion applications are due on Fri., Sept. 5: Students seeking to go to any of the Service Immersions (Seattle, Yakama Nation, De La Salle Blackfeet in Montana, and Tijuana) must have their applications in to Mr. K in room 301. Service Immersions are 3-6 day experiences combining service to a very poor area, simple community living, prayer and social justice education.

PICK-A-THON II



Last year we picked over 100 bins of apples for Northwest Harvest— distributed all over the State— and raised over \$3,500 in our Pick-a-thon. We did not get near our goal. Having had last year's experience we are ready to adjust and approach this year with renewed vigor.

First— The per student goal is \$50 (half the amount of last year but everyone is encouraged to do more).

Second— 95% of the funds will go to class operations and Student Life programs and 5% (as has been the policy of ASB for 10 years) will go to our Twinning School, St. Paul's Secondary School in Marsabit, Kenya.

Third— we will prepare students better for the actual picking day, so they can approach viewing a pick for quality over quantity.

Fourth— classes that hit or surpass their sponsorship AND the picking goals will receive a day off in the Spring.

The picking dates are September 30, October 1, 2, and



Suggested Minimum Donation: \$10

3 with a grade level going on each day.

Students will meet at school at the regular time and then be bussed to the orchard sites (we still need to find some orchards— one will be a piece of last

year's near 40th and Powerhouse. The pickers return to school by the end of the regular school day for most students (the end of the period before 7th). At the site, they will:

- Have a prayer service
- Pick apples
- Have a learning moment connecting the picking to some curricular lesson.
- Have lunch
- Have a community building activity.

We want to make it as much a class unifying experience as a service experience. We will need parent volunteers too!



Parents Association

Parent Volunteering Opportunities

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



President: **Jay and Jill Carroll** at (509) 248-6030 or jcarroll@vhlegal.com
 Academics/Arts Boosters: **Greg and Connie Weedin** at (509) 966-3652 or gweedin3652@charter.net
 Athletic Boosters: **Randy Fenich** at (509) 834-2440 or randy.fenich@mossadams.com
 New Parent Mentor Program: **Jim Widhalm** at (509) 952-8891 or jimwidhalm@filtrona.com
 Volunteer Opportunity Coordinator: **Kathleen Smith** at (509) 952-8063

Ongoing Fundraising Ventures

LIQUID LIGHTNING
DOUBLE BOLT BOLD
COFFEE

Order forms

available at school and on the website. Sponsored by Arts/Academics Boosters.

La Salle's Apparel Store
Spirited Clothing

Order shirts, hats, sweatshirts— any kind of La Salle wear you can imagine. Orders through our website provide to La Salle Athletic Programs 10% of the sale.

Yakima Catholic Schools Back to School Picnic/ Tailgate Party

Fri., Sept. 5 from 5-6:30 pm
 Burgers and Hot dogs provided. Drinks can be purchased. Parents pot luck. Last names beginning with:

- A-M Bring a salad
 - N-R Bring a large bag of chips
 - S-Z Bring a dessert
- Stay for the HOLY BOWL— La Salle vs. DeSales at 7:00.

Fall Fest

Sponsored by the Athletic Boosters

Tickets (on sale at La Salle events and in the Admin. Office):

- \$30 includes entrance and 13 scrip for food and beverage
- \$60 includes entrance and unlimited food and beverage
- \$800 includes entrance, table for 8, VIP service and unlimited food and beverage

For Ticket Information call: 225-2904

An evening of music on the lawn. Food and Wine/Beer
 Participants must be 21 and older only

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008
4pm to 10pm
@La Salle

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

- Bring a Blanket
- Bring a Chair
- Bring a Friend

Special Opportunity to Support La Salle: Sponsor an athletic uniform for \$150 (Girls Soccer, Baseball or Cheer): forms available on the website or call Ms. Laura Chandler at 225-2995 (lchandler@lasalleyakima.org)

Athletics Physicals

Physicals: During this past June La Salle provided an opportunity for students to complete their physicals to play athletics. If you do not have a current physical (they are good for two years) you will need to see your family doctor or go to the Medi-Center. Forms are available in the school office.

Thank you to the Athletic Boosters who coordinated the efforts of providing the June physicals and ice cream. Thanks also to the team of medics led by Dr. Ray Snyder and Mr. Ray Zeutenhurst who donated their services. The school is receiving over \$1,000 from the efforts. Go Lightning!!



BOOK PRICES
ARE ON THE
WEBSITE



SCHOOL
PHOTOS/ID'S
ARE ON SEPT. 2
THIS YEAR



Calendar Highlights

Wed., August 13

Book Sales in Lightning Hall (1:00-4:00 PM)

Thurs., August 14

Book Sales in Lightning Hall (9:00 AM-Noon)

Fri., August 15

9th Grade and New Parent Orientation Night

7:00-8:00 PM Lightning Hall

9th Grade Lock-In

7:00 PM-7:00 AM begin in Lightning Hall

Sat., August 16

9th Grade Lock-In (cont. to 7:00 am)

Mon., August 18

6:00-7:00 PM Athletic Boosters Meeting

7:00-8:30 PM Mandatory Fall Sport Parent/Player Meeting

Wed., August 20

All Grades Orientation (Handbook Form Due)

Grade 9: 9:00-10:00 AM Room 105

Grade 10: 10:00-11:00 AM Room 105

Grade 11: 11:00-Noon Room 105

Grade 12: Noon-1:00 PM Room 105

Book Sales in Lightning Hall (9:00 AM-Noon)

Thurs., August 21 Modified Schedule

Classes begin at 8:00 AM (out at regular time)

Thurs., August 28

6:30 PM Parent Back-to-School Night Lightning Hall

Fri., August 29 Late Start Schedule

10:00 am classes begin

8:00-11:00 PM Back-to-School Dance

Mon., September 1 Labor Day School Holiday

Tues., September 2 Dress Up Day (8:00-11:30 AM)

8:15 AM Holy Spirit Mass

9:15 AM "Ground Breaking" for the Science Center

Class meetings and student photos/ID's

Academic Assembly

Wed., September 3 Regular Schedule

Thurs., September 4 Regular Schedule

Fri., September 5 Regular Schedule

5-6:30 Catholic Schools BBQ at Marquette Stadium (the

HOLY BOWL vs. DeSales follows)

Sat., September 6

"Mister" O'Brien Golf Tournament at Sun Tides

Mon., September 15

Senior Parent Night & College Info

7:00 PM Lightning Hall

*Updated Calendar (sortable and printable)
and information is always available on the
school website:*

www.lasalleyakima.com

Freshman Lock-In

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 15-16

The "Freshmen Lock-In" is a very special event that will help Frosh get to know their new classmates and begin building the unified class we hope they will become. It is also a time to continue learning about the values and expectations we hold at La Salle.

The event begins at 7 PM on Friday, Aug. 15 and ends at 7 AM the next morning. They will need to bring a sleeping bag (girls and boys will be sleeping in two separate buildings). Breakfast will be provided.

Any questions? Contact the Ms. Cuevas (who is helping get things set up for the new Freshman Moderator, Ms. Pillari) at 225-2928 or rcuevas@lasalleyakima.org



Orientation Day—

Wed., Aug. 20

Orientation this year will provide an opportunity to receive all the important information for beginning school as well as complete some basic practical "chores" for school prep, such as:

- Turning required forms
- Getting a locker and lock
- Getting a parking permit
- Buying books
- Addressing needs with your schedule
- Receive the **Student-Parent Handbook**
- Learning about school expectations
- Receive information about Student Life activities coming up (immersion applications, dance, etc.)

Sports are starting

Contact Mr. McMillan if you need help contacting a coach for Volleyball (Ms. Heffner), Girl's Soccer (Ms. Newell), or Football (Mr. McMillan).