

La Salle High School

Parent Newsletter

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November/December 2023



A Word from our Principal



It was great to see many of our parents and families on campus for Fall Fest 2023. Fall is certainly upon us (as is Winter with recent snow in the mountains!), and I am pleased to see the dedication and commitment of our students and parents in school related events. Let's continue to be involved greatly in these types of events as it is pivotal that we continue to work together to build and enhance our school! One other area I would like to discuss and begin building are the parent groups we have that can facilitate and be ambassadors for our Lasallian community. We cannot do this work alone and with your support, we are able to reach out to other members within the Yakima and nearby communities. Please stay tuned for more opportunities to support!

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

Academic commitment and support

Our commitment for each and every student who graduates from La Salle is to have them college ready and prepared to serve with life skills. Regardless of what type of post-secondary pursuits our students choose, our goal is to have each student prepared to thrive in a university setting and within the real world. We recognize that the course of studies our students have before them is challenging and makes great demands on them. I encourage you to ensure your students are in regular contact with their teachers to confirm they are meeting their academic expectations and learning how they can improve their performance. Every teacher's email can be found in your PowerSchool Parent Portal, through your student's Schoology dashboard or on our website at: <https://www.lasalleyakima.org/about/faculty-staff>. Also, period 8 for after school academic support is available to any student who wants or needs it.



Parent and Student Surveys

Our Student and Parent surveys for Springtide will be completed the week of 10//23/23 in Religion classes along with a parent survey sent out on the week of 10/29/23. Please help by completing the survey as this will give us the data we need to compare to last year's results. We thank you for your participation and support to making La Salle the best school of excellence that it can be! It is also essential that our students feel welcomed and "known" here on campus, and I will continue to challenge myself to find ways to connect with our students and school community.

Diversity on Campus

I also want to take time to highlight some of the diverse activities we had and will have on campus! To start, I was very proud of several members of our ASB group who participated in a presentation on Day of the Dead which took place Friday 10/20. Our student leaders did a fabulous job presenting to all of our religion classes and got every student working on a questionnaire related to the event. We also had a beautiful ofrenda which was set up by a few of our parents. I was proud to witness how our student body embraced the activity and wrote thoughtful reflections regarding our core values on the questionnaire assignment. I thought this was a great example of how we respect all persons and incorporate an inclusive community here at La Salle. We also have had confessions heard by our Chaplain, Fr. Edgar Quiroga, twice in the chapel and will celebrate mass with him on Wednesday, November 1st for All Saints Day. Finally, we had the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on campus last week which is one shrine that was blessed by Pope Francis. We were blessed to have the Shrine on campus for a week before it was taken to Richland, Washington. Please check page 4 to have further updates on upcoming events at La Salle.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts,

Matthew Hayosh
Principal
La Salle High School

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**GIVE BLOOD.
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**BLOOD DRIVE
LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL**

3000 Lightning Way
Union Gap, WA

Friday, November 3, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Schedule at RedCrossBlood.org
then enter lasalleuniongap

ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 30TH

TO PLACE AN ORDER EMAIL LEDA AT LSAENZ@LASALLEYAKIMA.ORG

	WREATHS 22" - \$25 30" - \$45 42" - \$100		SWAG - \$25
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**PICK UP DAY
11/16/23**

GARLAND - 5 FEET = \$12.50 SOLD IN 5 FOOT INCREMENTS



Inclement Weather Late Start or Snow Day
La Salle High School
2023-2024

Students of La Salle High School come from a very large geographic area. Our van drivers to the lower and upper valley and designated weather spotters call in to a central person in order for us to determine whether or not we will call a Late Start or Snow Day. The school will use Power Announcement (voice, text, or email) to communicate to staff, parents, guardians, and students about possible late starts, snow days or emergencies this winter.

In the case of inclement weather:

By **6:30 am**, an official **Late Start** will be reported through Power Announcement, Facebook, and the school website.

By **8:00 am**, if necessary, an official **Snow Day** will be reported through Power Announcement, Facebook, and the school website.

If you have not done so, please remember to log onto PowerSchool to identify your preferred modes of communication through Power Announcement. Your student has already verified their own communication preferences. Please remind your student to drive slowly in the event of ice or snow. Most weather-related accidents are caused by teenagers driving too quickly for conditions.

Digital Learning Day

If a **Snow Day** is called, students will be required to complete the day's coursework assigned to them. On these digital learning days, assignments for the day will be posted by instructors to their PowerSchool Class Pages by 10am. Students will be expected to have this coursework completed by the next school day, unless otherwise directed by their teacher.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Day Liturgy and Winter Sports Meeting

November 1

Blood Drive:

November 3, 9-2pm

Veterans Day:

November 10 - No school

Service Week

Week of November 13

All School Thanksgiving Lunch

Monday, November 20

Heroic Vow Ceremony:

Tuesday, November 21

Thanksgiving Break

November 22-24

Senior Retreat

November 29 - December 1

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

December 11

Final Exams

December 13-15

Christmas Break

December 18- January 1

Semester Begins

Tuesday, January 2

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



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From the Desk of the President

Parents and Guardians,

One of my favorite traditions at La Salle is our gathering each November for the *Heroic Vow Ceremony*. On this day we recognize the pivotal event in the history of our Institute when Saint La Salle and two Brothers gathered in November of 1691 to make their public commitment to the fledging network of Lasallian schools known (see page 7). This witness serves as an important reminder of the heroic commitments being made in our community each day to ensure we at La Salle are reaching the hearts and minds of the young people entrusted to our care.

On Tuesday, November 21st we will recognize **Mr. Andy Carroll** our **Lasallian Educator of the Year** nominated by the faculty and staff of La Salle, and **Mr. Eric Desmarais** our **Lasallian Supporter of the Year** nominated by the La Salle student body and school administration. While we will be recognizing both of these Lasallians during the ceremony, I know they represent a great many in the present and in our school's past history that have made heroic commitments of their own to ensure La Salle's success. Thank you for your commitment in sending your child to La Salle and thank you for all you do as parent volunteers to meet the many needs of our school community.



We have been blessed with an abundance of support and commitment and for that I am most grateful.

Live Jesus in our Hearts,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Kanelopoulos'.

Ted Kanelopoulos
President

Dignity – You Got It

The most excellent and important creatures God brought into being are angels and human beings; in fact it was for their sake that He created all the rest.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the person who organized the Brothers more than 300 years ago in France, and the person who started schools like the one we are in right now, knew that the dignity of people was one of the most important things they had. The poor people of that time were often too involved in simply surviving to even think of their dignity, let alone know what it involved.

As part of the education that De La Salle and the Brothers introduced, they included all sorts of ways of bringing students and parents to realize their dignity. For example:

- Each student was interviewed with his parents before being able to come to school, so that the teachers would be able to respect the uniqueness of that student and his family situation.
- The first book that students read after learning to read was a book on politeness and civil behavior, so that they could gradually feel comfortable in all sorts of social situations and know how to treat others with dignity (which would lead to themselves being treated with dignity).
- Students were expected to treat one another with respect and dignity. Classrooms were arranged so that all social distinctions were removed; everyone sat together according to their ability in class, not according to their rank in society; students were placed in charge of class responsibilities based on their character, not based on their possessions; teachers were never to receive any gifts from students, so that they would not have favorites or show preference to some students over others; and so on.
- Before a correction or punishment was given for some misbehavior, the teacher had to make sure that it was fair and wasn't given out of anger, and the student had to agree that he had misbehaved, and that the punishment was deserved.
- If a student gave the wrong answer in class, teasing and laughing were not tolerated.

Instead, the teacher had another student give the correct answer and would then return to the first student to have him answer a question very closely related to the first one, so that each student could achieve something positive and learn in the process.

Through school structures like these, it quickly became clear to both new students and parents that in this school, the dignity of the person was something real, something worth building up, and something that was part of what it meant to be a child of God.



Heroic Vow

November is the month we celebrate the Heroic Vow

This month we celebrate the Heroic Vow, a defining moment in our Institute's history and moment in our Lasallian narrative which serves as a great source of encouragement to a young school community, like our own.



In 1691, John Baptist de La Salle, at the age of forty, took stock of his situation. Ten years had passed since he had first brought the schoolmasters to live with his family. He had little cause for joy. It was true that there were eight charity schools functioning and giving general satisfaction. On the other hand, there had been quite a number of deaths among the Brothers, idealistic young men carried off by the exhausting nature of their work in deplorable conditions. The fact that their deaths had been uniformly edifying did not compensate for the loss of such men. How, John wondered, was he to keep the schools staffed? How was he to meet the requests that came to him to open more? The training establishment for lay teachers had now produced sufficient village schoolmasters for the needs of the rural areas in the vicinity of Rheims and had ceased to operate. Vocations to the Community had almost dried up. It began to look as if the whole enterprise might crumble in the hands of its founder. Understandably, John felt the need of support and encouragement and for this he turned to two of the Brothers in whom he had special confidence. Convinced, in spite of everything, that the work of the Christian Schools should go forward, he persuaded these two Brothers to join with him in making a vow that even if everybody else abandoned them they would cling together and try to keep the Institute going, even if it should mean begging for their meals, even if it meant living on bread alone. This heroic vow they pronounced on the feast of the Presentation of Our Lady, 21st November 1691. For John Baptist de La Salle it was a key-moment in his journey of faith.

(From The Teacher's Saint, St. John Baptist de La Salle. By Lawrence O'Toole. Page 27.)





Academics

Vice Principal of Academics

Mrs. Olivia Hart

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1st Semester Grade Checks

September 22

October 20

November 17

UPCOMING EVENTS

VISIT FROM SEATTLE U, NOV. 2

GRADE CHECK #3 NOV. 17

FINAL JOSTENS ODERS, NOV. 3

Seniors:

Transcript evaluations will be completed by November 15, talk to Mrs. Hart about your schedule next semester!

ELIGIBILITY REMINDER:

From the October 20th grade check, any student 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.

FINAL EXAMS

No final exam will be administered before the designated final exam time. Absolutely no exceptions. Failure to complete a final examination will result in an "Incomplete" mark in the course, which will be treated as an F in computing a student's Grade Point Average (GPA), resulting in no credit for the course.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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College Counseling:

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Academic Awards

The following students received academic honors at the Academic Awards Ceremony on October 12th. Honors were based on Spring 2023 grades at the conclusion of the semester.

Academic Letter Award Winners Based on Spring 2023 Grades



First Academic Letter (Earning a Letterman's Patch)

Diana Alegria
Olivia Alegria
Marisa Badillo
Jackson Dhane
Tyler Do
Dominic Dufault
Kai Hanrakan
Mason Herald
Owen Kane
Hailey Lopez-Diaz
Kailyn Masters
Jocelyn McCoy
Samuel Rettig
Vincent Santucci
Johan Valladares
Bevani Yrigoyen
Aditya Agrawal
Grace Federspiel

Third Academic Letter (Earning a Second Lightning Bolt Pin)

Mya Ball
Justus Barker
Ian Judd
Genevieve McCoy
Mailee Osorio
Jason Ramos

Academic Award Winners

Based on Spring 2023 Grades



First Honors

Quincey Abrams
Aditya Agrawal
Bianca Aguilera
Diana Alegria
Olivia Alegria
Marisa Badillo
Mya Ball
Justus Barker
Abigail Brown
Ariana Brown
Alyssa Camp
Sofia Castillo
Thomas Cobar
Jacksin Dhane
Lourdes Diefenbach
Tyler Do
Dominic Dufault
Grace Federspiel
Benjamin Freshwater
Maximus Gerstenberger
Kai Hanrahan
Mason Herald
Mataya Hull
Alexander Jacoby
Ian Judd
Mason Herald
Mataya Hull
Alexander Jacoby
Ian Judd
Owen Kane
Karsen Kidder
Hailey Lopez-Diaz
Kailyn Masters
Genevieve McCoy
Daniel Mendoza
Freddy Mendoza
Edi Nava
Brock Needham
Ariah Northrup
Ruby O'Connor
Mailee Osorio
Rihana Palomo

Heath Pengilly Jr
Sienna Pollock
Jason Ramos
Samuel Rettig
Natalie Richardson
Vincent Santucci
Elijah Sauer
Isaac Sauer
Isabela Schneider
Gianna Sowers
Michael Sowers
Gabriel Tamez
Bryan Tran
Techin Tungkiatpaiboon
Violet Tunstall
Hallie Tunstall
Eder Valentez
Johan Valladares
Bevani Yrigoyen

Second Honors

Beauchene Abeyta
Thomas Allard
Makela Avelar
Samantha Barrera
Andrew Berger
Elise Bukowiec
Emiliano Camarillo
Jaidy Castro
Ella Craig
Camila De La Rosa
Thomas Elliot
Karen Flores
Josiah Gonzalez
Allison Howes
Kaylee Jensen
Costas Kanelopoulos
Mozart Malsam
Andrew Mauch
Juan Morales
Alexis Morrier
Lillian Nielsen
Braxton Ortiz
Natalie Overby
Julia Pelaez
Natalie Petersen
Anelisa Ramirez
Jacob Redifer
Genesis Rodriguez-Robledo
David Romero
Aezilyn Shirazi
Jackson Snow
Lucas St Hilaire
Natalia Valladares
Jackson Wetch

Academic Improvement

Shayla Galeana
Roman Manrique
Julia Pelaez
Grecia Valentez

STUDENT LIFE

ENTER TO LEARN
LEAVE TO SERVE

Vice Principal for Student Life
Mrs. Emily Heaverlo
eheaverlo@lasalleyakima.org

FAITH

ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO OUR ALL SAINTS DAY LITURGY ON NOVEMBER 1ST @10:40AM IN THE GAMACHE COMMONS.

FRESHMAN RETREAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 9TH AT CAMP GHORMLEY. THIS WILL BE A ONE DAY RETREAT. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT TO FAMILIES.

CONFESSION ON CAMPUS - NOV. 16TH FR. EDGAR WILL BE WITH US FROM 10:45AM TO 11:45AM TO HEAR CONFESSIONS. ALL FROM OUR COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME.

HEROIC VOW CEREMONY - A BLESSING AND CELEBRATION OF OUR SENIOR CLASS, EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR, AND HERO IN THE COMMUNITY WILL TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 21ST AT 11:45AM. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SERVICE

- Blood Drive on campus Friday 11/3 - parents can donate too! Email Ms. Maiocco for information or to volunteer.
- Serve-a-Thon: Monday 11/13 - Thursday 11/16 - all students need signed permission slips, sophomores will need rakes on Tuesday.
- Fall Leaf Rake - Saturday 11/18
- Project 700 (support for low-income elementary school students) - Saturday 11/18

COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving Lunch: On November 20th our entire school community will gather in the Gamache Commons to share a Thanksgiving themed lunch together.

We are in great need of donations of food, please see the sign up link for ways to donate and receive parent hours!

https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?groupkey=105702085305546407#group_page

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



Mrs. Lisa Kanelopoulos
admissions@lasalleyakima.org
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ADMISSIONS

2024/2025 Applications Now Open!

(Only NEW students need to apply)

Save \$100 by early deadline of January 12, 2024

lasalleyakima.org/admissions/apply

NEW Newsletter

We have started a new Admissions newsletter.
If you'd like to sign up to receive it, please email:
admissions@lasalleyakima.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



Basketball and Cheer Camp will be happening this winter, as well as *Future Lightning* Basketball.
Be watching for those dates!



Student Shadows

Schedule a Shadow Day for 7th - 11th grade students!
Email Mrs. K to schedule.

Know a family looking for a Catholic school for Pre-K through 8th grade students? We have 2 partner schools in Yakima, Christ the Teacher Catholic School and St. Joseph Marquette.



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www.instagram.com/lasallelightning/

La Salle Athletics

Mr. Don Erickson,
Athletic Director



The fall sports season is winding down and all programs are heading to post-season play. The football team beat Naches in a thrilling come from behind win (21 to 14) in their last regular season game and will now play Connell (at Marquette) on Friday, November 3rd in a district cross-over playoff game. Volleyball recently beat Naches (3 to 0) and will now travel to Connell on Tuesday, October 31st for a first-round district match. Girls' soccer recently beat Wahluke and will now play at Toppenish on Tuesday, October 31st for a third-round district match. Cross-Country competed in the district event on Friday, October 27th. Andrew Berger placed 10th overall and has qualified for the state tournament that will be held in Pasco (Sun Willows Golf Course) on Saturday, November 4th. Andrew is only the 2nd cross country participant for La Salle that has made it to the state tournament.

Winter sports (boys' and girls' basketball) will begin practice sessions on Monday, November 13th. The first games will be Tuesday, November 28th (girls at Quincy and Boys at Kittitas).

The next sports booster club meeting is set for Wednesday, November 15th. Booster club meetings are 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.

The winter sports parent meeting (basketball) will be held on Wednesday, November 1st. The meeting will begin at 6 PM in the Gamache commons.

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 and click volunteer sign up, check for new opportunities and sign up for shifts.



Coming Up:

Wreath Day & Thanksgiving lunch

Volunteers-

Distribute wreaths, help with set up & clean up of Thanksgiving lunch.

Thanksgiving Lunch Menu Item

Contributions

Every family is asked to sign up for a meal to bring.

Sports- Concession, Ticket sales,

Merchandise sales, and clean up-

For all home games: boys and girls basketball.



Ongoing

- Grant writing
- Electrical work
- Landscaping donations/help



Questions?

email Sabra Nelson

SNelson@lasalleyakima.org

or call 509-225-2990



COLLEGE GUIDANCE COUNSELING



College Entrance Exam Testing

I want to remind you and your student in advance about the upcoming ACT and SAT test dates. When registering for the college entrance exams, be sure to use La Salle's School Code: 481-609. Please, if you or your student have any questions about registration, the test content, or any other questions about the college entrance exams or college preparation, please be sure to contact Mr. Lamb [clamb@lasalleyakima.org].

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline/Late Fee Deadline	Register Online
SAT	August 26	July 28 / August 15	SAT CollegeBoard.org
ACT	September 9	August 4 / August 18	ACTStudent.org
SAT	October 7	September 7 / September 26	SAT CollegeBoard.org
ACT	October 28	September 22 / October 6	ACTStudent.org
SAT	November 4	October 5 / October 24	SAT CollegeBoard.org
SAT	December 2	November 2 / November 21	SAT CollegeBoard.org
ACT	December 9	November 3 / November 17	ACTStudent.org
ACT	February 10	January 5 / January 19	ACTStudent.org
SAT	March 9 (Digital)	February 23 / TBD	SAT CollegeBoard.org
ACT	April 13	March 8 / March 22	ACTStudent.org
SAT	May 4 (Digital)	April 19 / TBD	SAT CollegeBoard.org
SAT	June 1 (Digital)	May 17 / TBD	SAT CollegeBoard.org
ACT	June 8	May 3 / May 17	ACTStudent.org
ACT	July 13	June 7 / June 21	ACTStudent.org

College Campus Visits

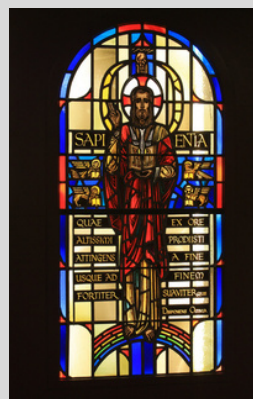
Are you planning on visiting colleges? Contact Mr. Lamb to pick up a "College Visit Checklist/Worksheet." The form has information you can fill out during your visit to help you remember details about the school, as well as things you liked or didn't like. It will especially come in handy if you plan on visiting a lot of colleges. This checklist will help you remember specifics from each school, preventing any confusion that may occur from visiting multiple schools.

All Students: Advising, College Prep Workshops and College Admission Reqs

Each class will receive grade specific information to help in their college and post-high school preparation at various times throughout the school year. College Prep workshops and numerous college admission representatives will be on campus throughout the school year to help prepare La Salle's students for life after high school. While a majority of the workshops are specifically geared toward upper-classmen, all students are encouraged to attend.

Free Course on College Admissions

Khan Academy has created an interactive course that provides students timelines, real-life student stories, resources, tutorials, and more to help students learn about the entire college admissions process: Making High School Count, Exploring College Options, Applying to College, and Paying for College. Simply add "College Admissions" to your Khan Academy account, click [HERE](#) to access, or talk with Mr. Lamb for assistance.



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