



STAR NEWS

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS
OF THE DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

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*"You have received talents
and graces from God."
St. John Baptist De La Salle*

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Wow! We already have seventeen fourth graders who have scheduled visits to our school as part of their process of application for acceptance. Thank you for sharing the story of our school with your friends and family members and for assisting me when I visit the local Catholic churches to recruit new students. A special thank you to Mr. Vera and Mrs. Padilla who have assisted me in letting people know about The De La Salle School at each of the parishes I have visited. I remind you that we will be welcomed at Saint Boniface parish in Elmont on Elmont Road the weekend of 11-12 March. Help is still needed at the 10:30 AM Haitian Mass and 1:00 PM Spanish Mass.

It was so great to have so many of you join us for the Valentine day dance. These are special moments that your sons will treasure for many years to come. I know that it was a wonderful evening for me to be with you and to see how much the boys enjoyed it.

Acts of charity are part of our lives as Christians and during this time of year we are particularly encouraged to act kindly towards others. One of the affirmations our students say every morning at Assembly is "I give back to help those less fortunate than myself." During the season of Lent our students will be asked to make sacrifices to benefit our Lasallian school in Nyeri, Kenya.

May this season of Lent be a blessed time for you and your family to grow together in the holy presence of God.

Prayerfully,

William Gault
Executive Director

 **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY** 



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to express my gratitude to all of those families that attended Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 2nd and 3rd. It is so important for your son to share these meetings with you and his teachers.

Thanks also to all of the families that attended the Mother/Son Valentine Dance. Although we had to reschedule this annual event attendance was excellent and all had a wonderful time. A special thank you to the teachers, particularly Miss Pagano and Mrs. Rosner, for organizing this special evening.

Today is Ash Wednesday and we attended the 12:10 PM Mass at Our Holy Redeemer Church as a school community. We also began our annual Lenten collection for our twin Lasallian School in Africa. As a Lasallian school we encourage our students to remember that it is important to help those who are less fortunate than we are.

Progress Reports will be going home on March 15, 2017 in the Wednesday Folder. Please look at them with your son and discuss his academic progress. It is also a wonderful time to assess his goals and revise them if necessary.

Please continue to encourage your son to read each and every day. Remember that reading is the most important part of his education.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Boniello
Principal



Happy
Feast of St. Joseph
-19 March -

Spring begins 20 March!



IMPORTANT DATES

Lent begins today **Wednesday, 1 March**. Ashes were distributed when we joined the parishioners of our Holy Redeemer for the 12:10 PM Mass.



Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, 12 March**. Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night.

Progress Reports are in the Wednesday folder on Wednesday, **15 March**. Review your son's activity at this midpoint of the third quarter. Complement him on his successes and encourage him to improve where he is lacking. Contact his teachers to obtain their help and suggestions.

Dismissal is at 11:30 AM on **Friday, 17 March** to allow teachers time to meet as a group.

Friday, 1 April is the deadline for requesting free bus transportation for the 2017-2018 school year. Be sure you go to your local Public School District headquarters before that date to arrange for your son to get to and from school next year.



CONGRATULATIONS GENTLEMEN
The following students were honored as Gentlemen of the Week during the month of February: Marcos Rodriguez '19, Matthew Sotelo '17 and Jaime Aguilar Guzman '18.

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Many thanks to those of you who are up to date with your payment of your share of your son's tuition. If you have fallen behind and need to discuss your situation, please make an appointment to speak with Mr. Gault.

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Congratulations to these students for their achievement in the second quarter of the school year!

Dean's List: MATTHEW SOTELO '17

High Honors: ERIC GOMEZ '17, DANIEL LOPEZ '17, DANIEL ROSARIO '17, RANULFO TURCIOS '17, AUGUSTO LEBRON '18, GIANNI ZUNNA '18, MARCOS RODRIGUEZ '19, JOHN VELAZQUEZ '19, JAN-MARCO DURON '20, BRAYAN ESPINAL '20, JEFFREY LEMUS '20, KENNETH MEJIA '20, ERIC RODRIGUEZ '20.

Honors: ANTHONY QUININONEZ '18, JAIME AGUILAR GUZMAN '19, DEREK GOMEZ '19, GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ '17.

Servant of God - Brother James Miller, FSC



Each Monday during morning assembly, the students of The De La Salle School are introduced to a new "Saint of the Week." Monday 13 February, the 35th anniversary of his assassination in Huehuetenango, Guatemala students were introduced to, Servant of God Brother James Miller, FSC.

Brother James Miller, a De La Salle Christian Brother, who was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, ministered to the people of Nicaragua and Guatemala as well as having taught at Cretin High School in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Hermano Santiago, as his students knew him was brutally shot to death by masked gunmen as he was repairing a wall at the De La Salle Indian School in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on 13 February 1982. It is thought that this occurred because the Brothers were relentless in their efforts to keep the Indian boys from being conscripted into the military. Brother James was very aware of the oppression of the Guatemalan Indian people and worked to provide training in job skills as well as leadership skills.

Brother James' cause of martyrdom was undertaken by the Diocese of Huehuetenango in 2009 and received the Decree of Validity in Rome in July 2010 when he was designated a "Servant of God" and martyr for the faith. The process leading to his beatification continues at the Vatican.