



STAR NEWS

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS
OF THE DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

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“How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter.”

-Saint John Baptist de La Salle



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Catholic Schools Week, 28 January – 3 February 2018 is a national celebration of the presence and success of Catholic Schools in our society. The De La Salle School is one of those success stories. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and celebrate the members of our eighth-grade class. Through much hard work and dedication, each one has been accepted to a Catholic high school of his choice. The schools they were accepted to include; Chaminade, Kellenberg, Holy Trinity, Saint Anthony’s and Saint Mary’s. These students have been presented with many challenges and obstacles and some have had to overcome major hurdles, yet all have achieved their goal of being accepted at a Catholic high school for the 2018-2019 academic year.

As you know, we are now looking for our next class of fifth graders. The public phase of our recruiting effort began with weekend presentations at all the Masses at Our Holy Redeemer Church and Our Lady of Loretto. Thanks to those who assisted me during those services, and a special thank you to Mrs. Becker, Mr. Vera and Mrs. Padilla for their efforts. I am happy to report that we are doing very well recruiting fifth graders for next year’s incoming class. If you know someone who is interested in enrolling their son please encourage them to act promptly. We only have 18 places open and we have enough interest to fill more than half of them already!

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Know that you and your family have a place in my prayers.

William L. Gault
Executive Director

“The world tells us to seek success, power, & money.
GOD tells us to seek humility, service, and love.”
- Pope Francis

Dear Parent/Guardian,

There is an old saying, “Time flies when you’re having fun.” These words reflect perfectly for me how I feel the first half of our school year has gone. I don’t know where the time has gone, but know I have loved every minute of my time here at The De La Salle School. As I stated at the start of the school year, and I will repeat now, I truly feel blessed to be the principal of TDLSS!!!!

The Parent-Teacher Conference sessions this quarter were well attended. Conference days are one of my favorite times of the school year. The teachers and I appreciate the opportunity we get to see and spend time with each of you. Together, working as partners in your son’s education, positively impacts his academic performance and achievement.

I am excited to announce that all our 8th grade students were accepted into a Catholic High School of their choice. This is a very proud moment for our school family, they were accepted into Kellenberg Memorial, Holy Trinity Diocesan, Chaminade, St. Anthony’s and St. Mary’s High Schools.

I am looking forward to our Annual Mother/Special Person/Son Valentine’s Day Dance this Friday, 9 February 2018. It’s a special night to create a memory to cherish for a lifetime.

It is recruitment time, and we have already received a good number of enrollment applications for next year. If you know of a family with a son entering fifth grade in the Fall, please encourage his parents to call the office (516-379-8660) to get an application to enroll with us. While we are still accepting students, it won’t be long before we have reached the number of students that we can enroll, so be sure to tell the parents to follow up with us promptly. Thank you for all your support during this time; it’s your voice and your recommendation that The De La Salle School continues to grow, and fulfill its mission of educating, inspiring and nurturing young minds.

As always, I thank you for entrusting your children to our care and I remind you that I am here to work with you as your child grows academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally.



God bless,

Mrs. Becker
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES



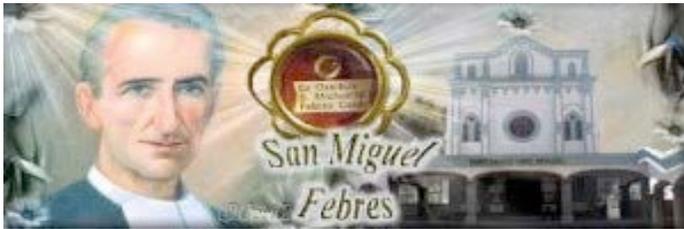
Our annual Mother-Son Valentine's Dance is **Friday, 9 February** from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. Each student is invited to attend with an adult female who is significant in his life as his guest.

Lent begins on **Wednesday, 14 February**. Talk with your son about how to make this holy season special. Please join us at the 12:10 mass.



Winter recess begins with dismissal is at 11:30 AM on **Friday, 16 February**. School reopens on **Monday, 26 February**.

There will be an 11:30 dismissal on **Friday, 16 February** to allow teachers time to gather for a faculty meeting.



WHO WAS SAN MIGUEL?

San Miguel Febres Cordero was born in Cuenca, Ecuador in 1854. Crippled from birth, he had to overcome family opposition to realize his vocation to be a lay religious, the first native of Ecuador to join the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

Brother Miguel was a gifted teacher from the start and a diligent student. When he was almost 20 years old, he published the first of his many books, a Spanish grammar that soon became a standard text. In time his research and publications in the field of literature and linguistics put him in touch with scholars all over the world and he was granted membership in the National Academies of Ecuador and Spain. Despite high academic honors, teaching remained his first priority, especially his classes in religion and for the children he prepared for first communion. His students admired his simplicity, his directness, his concern for them, and the intensity of his devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Virgin Mary. He died in Spain in 1910 and his feast day is 9 February.

San Miguel, pray for us

CONGRATULATIONS GENTLEMEN

The following students were honored as Gentlemen of the Week during the month of January: **Brian Hernandez '21; Alan Turcios '21 and Christian Portillo '21.**



Happy Valentine's Day



\$\$\$ REMINDER \$\$\$

Your payment of your share of your son's tuition for March is due this **Friday, 9 February**. Do not fall behind in meeting this obligation. All payments for September through March should have been received by the office and be up to date no later than Friday. Extended day payments should also be up to date. Contact Mr. Gault if you wish to discuss special arrangements.

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

Principal's List: Gianni Zunna '18; Zacarias Guevara '20; Jeffrey Lemus '20; Kenneth Mejia '20; Brian Hernandez '21; Frank Hernandez '21;

High Honors: Matthew Green '18; Jorge Guerrero '18; John Velasquez '19; Joel Bonilla '20; Brayan Espinal '20; Anye Espinosa '20; Jonathan Knight '20; Eric Rodriguez '20; Danny Bonilla '21; Kelvin Lopez '21; Jose Munguia '21; Steven Zavala '21.

Honors: Ajani Abreu '18; Emil Figueroa '18; Marcus Guillaume-Sam '18; Luis Jimenez '18; Augusto Lebron '18; Derek Gomez '19; Jamie Aguilar Guzman '19; Cristian Cantor '20; Nicholas Aguirre '21; Justin Bishop '21; Ronnie Lopez '21; Christian Portillo '21.