



STAR NEWS

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS
OF THE DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

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*“Follow the inspirations that come to you
from God.”*

-Saint John Baptist de La Salle

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The reason that school was closed for two day last was for all of our staff to participate in a Lasallian workshop. We joined with our colleagues from similar Lasallian schools in Providence, RI, Philadelphia, PA, and Washington, DC for a two-day conference in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. We assembled for times of prayer, heard presentations from very distinguished presenters, shared best practices with one another, were reminded of some of the key teachings of St. John Baptist De La Salle, and built our association as “ambassadors of Jesus Christ”. We gathered as a community of Lasallians who are committed to the education of the young in the tradition of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The theme of this year’s conference was **“Great Things Are Possible.”** It was an amazing educational and spiritual experience for all the staff here at The De La Salle School.

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 us during those services, and a special thank you to the parents and students who helped us out and of course Mrs. Becker 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.

Smile God Loves YOU!!!!

William L. Gault
Executive Director



Dear Families,

“Today is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

This is how I feel every day that I get to be with your sons serving as the principal at The De La Salle School. I also rejoice in the great start of our newly formed Family-School Partnership Association.

A huge thank you to all the families who were able to join us at our first two meetings. Together we discussed important topics and needs for your sons. One such need was selling lunch on other days of the week, which is now why we offer empanadas on Thursday’s. This has been a great addition for students and families. I am encouraged and excited to see what we can accomplish as an association, working together as a community and school family. I invite all families to join us at our next meeting on February 27 at 6:00 PM.

Parent-Teacher Conference sessions take place this Thursday and Friday. These conference days are among my favorite meetings of the school year. The teachers and I appreciate the opportunity to see and spend time with each of you. Together, working as partners in your sons’ education, positively impacts their academic performance and achievement.

I am excited to announce that all De La Salle 8th-grade students were accepted into the Catholic High Schools of their choice. 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.

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

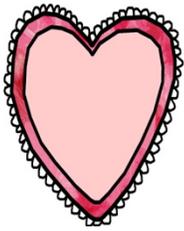


IMPORTANT DATES



Parent-Teacher Conferences are on **Thursday, 6 February** from 5:30 PM until 8:00 PM and on **Friday, 7 February** from 1 PM until 2:00 PM. Each student is expected to come with at least one parent to pick up his report card. There is no Extended Day on **Thursday, 6 February**.

Dismissal is at 11:30 AM on **Friday, 7 February** to allow for Parent/Teacher conferences to be held. Please remind those who pick up your sons.



Our annual Mother-Son- Special Persons Valentine's Dance is **Thursday, 13 February** from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Each student is invited to attend with an adult female who is significant in his life as his guest.

Winter recess begins with dismissal is at 3:30 AM on **Friday, 14 February**. School reopens on **Monday, 24 February**.

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, 26 February**. Talk with your son about how to make this holy season special. **Please join us at the 12:10 P.M mass.**



Picture Day- The photographer will be here on **Thursday, 27 February** for class and individual photos. Eighth grade Graduation pictures will be taken at this time also.

Thursday, 27 February at 6:00 PM we will have our next meeting of the Family Partnership Association. We encourage all of our families to participate so that your voice can be heard when decisions concerning your son's education are being made.

CONGRATULATIONS GENTLEMEN

The following students were honored as Gentlemen of the Week during the month of January: Jameer Nathan '23, Cobby Vasquez '22; Joel Bonilla '20 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, 7 February. Please 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.

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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 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 religion classes 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