



# STAR NEWS

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS  
OF THE DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

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*“The more we ask God, the more he gives, because he takes great delight in granting our prayers.”*

*-Saint John Baptist De La Salle*

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The school year began with great enthusiasm and energy as the faculty and staff welcomed your son back early on Tuesday, 3 September.. Many new faces in the building, room changes, and class changes but the same diligence and care is being put into your son’s education.

As we begin our journey together we are optimistic for a successful year for your son. By working together we will be a strong support system for his academic goals. You can show your son that his education is a priority by checking his homework daily and by participating in school meetings and events. Take the time to go over the Wednesday Folder each week with your son. Discuss his work with him and ask about the announcements that we send home.

I look forward to a great year and please be sure to contact the school with any good news or concerns that you might have. If we can help you in any way please call the office at 516-379-8660 to speak with either Mrs. Becker or myself.

My prayers for another successful school year!

Respectfully in Saint La Salle,

Mr. William L. Gault  
Executive Director



*“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; TOGETHER we can do great things” - Mother Theresa*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope you enjoyed a summer filled with fun, laughter and time spent with loved ones. We start this school year with a pledge to you, both our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special family and school events, uniting us as a school family. Your participation is essential to the success of your De La Salle gentleman throughout the school year. We are thrilled to welcome each student to a new school year of learning and growing.

I look forward to a positive and productive year together! You can help make that a reality by accepting my invitation to participate in and attend as many school activities and events as possible. Through your participation and involvement, you and your child will create memories and experiences and establish friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime.

As principal, please know that I value strong communication. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student’s success. I encourage you to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns and to stay informed of your son’s studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our faculty. We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Rakeman, Ms. Henao, Mr. Aristhene, and Miss Lodespoto. Mrs. Rakeman will be teaching Mathematics, Miss Henao will be 5th-grade Homeroom, English Language Arts and 7 & 8 Reading, Mr. Aristhene 5 & 6 Health and Physical Education, 5Reading, and 5-8 Academic Lab & Self Defense, and Miss Lodepoto 5-8 Art and Art Technology.

I personally invite you to attend our **Back-to-School Night, September 12 from 7-8: 30 PM.** This will be a great time to strengthen our De La Salle School Family, meet the teachers and other families, and learn about the upcoming school year.

Here’s to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to learn each day! It is my prayer that we all have a blessed year filled with JOY.

God bless,



Mrs. Becker

# IMPORTANT DATES

Join us for Mass on **Friday, 6 September** in Our Holy Redeemer Church at 12:10 PM. We will gather to ask God's blessing on our new school year.

Mandatory Back to School Night for all grades is **Thursday, 12 September** at 7:00 PM. You will meet your son's teachers and receive important information about the school year.

Spring Brook Farm, Reading, VT will welcome our fifth graders on **Monday, 16 September** when they arrive with Mr. Donodeo and Mr. Aristhene for our annual week as participants in the Farms for City Kids program. It is a week of labor and hard work, but a very illuminating and positive experience for our students. Learn more from [www.FarmsforCity Kids.org](http://www.FarmsforCity Kids.org).



The first day of our Extended Day Program is **Monday, 23 September**. The Program occurs Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM. This program costs only \$40 a month. It is a great opportunity for your son to get help with his homework, to have time to play with his schoolmates, and to get involved in some special activities like sports, music, or writing. Milk and a snack are provided. Please see Ms. Buttigieg if you have questions about our Extended Day Program.

Mandatory 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent meeting, **Wednesday, 25 September** at 7:00 PM. This is an important night that will provide information about Catholic High School and register your son for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam.

Dismissal on **Friday, 27 September** is at 11:30 AM to allow the teachers time for a faculty meeting.



Our annual Golf Outing will occur **Monday, 30 September** at the Lawrence Golf Club. In their art classes our students are making signs to acknowledge the generosity of our benefactors

## VISIT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

### WHEN THEY HAVE OPEN HOUSE

**Eighth graders** and their parents, as well as **seventh graders** and their parents, are urged to attend the Open Houses sponsored by the Catholic High Schools. You will be receiving shortly information about the dates for these opportunities that occur during September and October. Please take time to visit these schools.

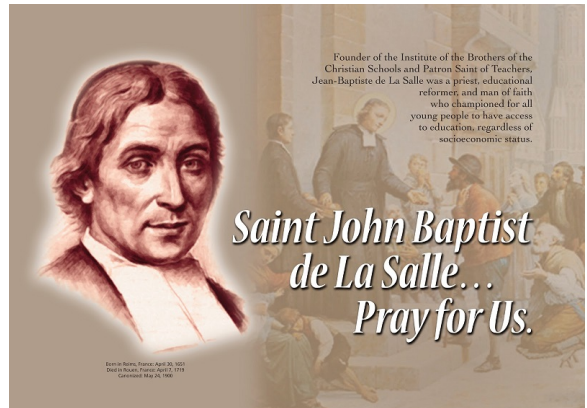


### REMINDER

Payment of your share of your son's tuition for **October** is due no later than this **Friday, 6 September**. Please do not fall behind in meeting this obligation. All payments for September and October should have been received by the office and up to date by Friday. Farm payments are also past due. Extended day payments are now being accepted for September and October. Contact Mr. Gault if you wish to discuss special arrangements.



If you have not scheduled your son's back to school physical examination, please do so immediately. He must have a new physical every year.



## VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

[www.DeLaSalleSchool.org](http://www.DeLaSalleSchool.org)

AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK



**Stay Cool – Autumn is coming soon!**

