



# STAR NEWS

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS  
OF THE DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

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*"We must put our trust in God's grace."*

*- Saint John Baptist De La Salle*



Dear Parents and Guardians

As we look forward to the 2019 – 2020 school year, we need to pause for a moment to give thanks to all those who have come before us and have made it possible. Brother Timothy Jones, FSC. Brother Timothy has been transferred to a Lasallian School in Albany.

We owe an incredible debt of gratitude to Mr. Alexander Vera and offer him our prayers and best wishes as he embarks on a new educational journey. Mr. Vera has moved to Washington D.C. and is teaching at the San Miguel School, a Lasallian school with a mission very much like The De La Salle School.

We wish Ms. Deanna Giovinco well as she pursues her career teaching sixth grade math at one of the local schools.

All of these teachers have added so much to our mission here at The De La Salle School. We are grateful for their contributions to our community and wish them the very best in their new ventures and assure them of our love and prayers.

I look forward to the new school year as the leader of The De La Salle School and can assure you that our team is an amazing group of people who will make sure that your sons will receive the finest education in the Lasallian tradition.

I have an open-door policy and invite you to visit anytime you wish to discuss your son's educational needs. We are a family and together, parents, faculty, administration and staff we will strive to provide each student with the knowledge that they are an amazing child of God.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and please be sure to take note of all the important events mentioned in this newsletter.

SMILE GOD LOVES YOU!

Mr. William L. Gault  
Executive Director



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that everyone enjoyed a fun filled and relaxing summer. How quickly summer concludes and our thoughts turn to preparing for the start of school. This is always one of my favorite times of the year! I love the excitement of beginning each new school year and eagerly await welcoming our students and hearing their great summer stories. I'm thrilled to be part of a team comprised of teachers, staff, parents and students who want to achieve great things! Our faculty, staff and I are looking forward to a new school year and are working hard to see that your child's learning experience at The De La Salle School is a successful and happy one. Here is some useful information for a great start of the school year:

- ☺ **READING IS FUN!!!!** Summer Reading Reports are due in school on the first day. Encourage your son to pace himself with his summer reading assignments and to write his report as soon as he finishes each book. Your son has all of the necessary information to complete this project. Reading is the MOST important thing that your son can do for his academic success now and in the future.
- ☺ School supplies are on sale! Enclosed you will find a copy of the supply list for the new school year in case you misplaced the one you received with the report card. I hope that you can take advantage of the sales that are going on right now.
- ☺ We look forward to welcoming all students back on 3 September 2019!!!! The first day of school is a half day.
- ☺ Back to School Night is 12 September 2019!!!
- ☺ **5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mandatory Parent Meeting 27 August, 6:30 pm.**
  - Please note the meeting was changed from the 29<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ☺ **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent & Student Mandatory Catholic High School Information Meeting- September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

The teachers, staff, and I are eagerly waiting to welcome you to another wonderful school year and look forward to seeing families and students very soon! Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

I look forward to another great school year and working with you and your child!

God bless,



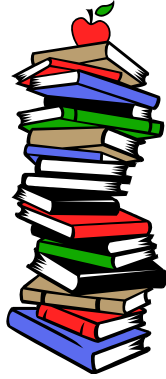
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# IMPORTANT DATES

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> Graders must attend a meeting in our school's Assembly Room on **Tuesday, 27 August** at 6:30 PM. The students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are expected to be present too.

**Tuesday, 3 September** is the first day of School for the 2019-2020 school year. It is a half-day, beginning at 7:50 AM and ending at 11:30 AM. Students are not to bring lunch.

Students are to be in uniform and have their school supplies. Their summer reading reports are to be completed. Most importantly they are to be ready to enjoy a great year.



Back to School Night is **Thursday, 12 September**. It is mandatory for all parents are to come to school at 6:30 PM to meet your son's teachers and hear about his course of study for the year.

The first day of our Extended Day Program is **Monday, 23 September**. See the announcement about this program elsewhere on this page.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent & Student –  
Mandatory Catholic High School  
Information Meeting-  
Wednesday 25 September at 6:30 PM**



**Schedule your son's back to school physical examination before the start of classes on 3 September.**

Our school year begins on **Tuesday, 3 September**.

The public-school districts might not provide a bus that day. Be sure to check with your district regarding their schedule for your son.



**Be sure your son is in school when we are in session. He should not be absent for any of the beginning days.**

## WELCOME PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2023

This newsletter, **STAR NEWS**, is published the first Wednesday of every month during the school year. Your son will bring it home in his Wednesday folder at that time. Make note of the important dates that are mentioned. It is a major way we communicate with parents.

### Welcome to our new Faculty and Staff

We would like to welcome our new faculty and staff. All are well qualified professionals who will be teaching subject material corresponding to their degree and certification.

-Mrs. Pamela Rakeman – Math teacher

-Ms. Giselle Henao – English/Language Arts and 5<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher.

-Mr. Patrick Aristhene – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Health Physical Education and assisting in Graduate Support.

-Ms. Taylor Lodespoto – Art and Technology

Mrs. June Jonza-Sormilic – Administrative Assistant

### Ms. Buttigieg is our new Director of the Extended Day Program

The first day of our Extended Day Program is **Monday, 23 September**. A \$40 fee per month is requested for this program. It occurs on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM. Teacher supervised homework help, a snack, and some recreation time are included. See Ms. Buttigieg if you have any questions regarding the Extended Day.

Your share of September's tuition payment, \$80, is now past due. If you have not yet made a September payment please send in immediately. October's payment is due Friday, 6 September. No bills will be sent at this time. Your on-time payment is much appreciated! See Mr. Gault if you need to make special arrangements.



**Saint John Baptist De La Salle – Pray for Us**

**Live Jesus in our Hearts .... Forever!**