



# STAR NEWS

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS  
OF THE DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

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**“Often ask God for the grace to touch hearts.”**

**Saint John Baptist De La Salle**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I pray that the holidays brought you and your family great joy, love, and togetherness. I would like to thank all parents that attended or participated in all of the holiday festivities. It was great to see so many smiles on the faces of both the parents and students at the Hot Cocoa and Book Night, Advent Prayer Service, and the International Luncheon. Again, thank you to all our families who contributed to this amazing and delicious feast. Our Advent collection was very successful and I was very proud that the boys raised almost \$988.35 to send to our Lasallian school in Port-au-Prince Haiti. For me it was a great way to enter into the Christmas season.

We will soon be recruiting our next group of fifth graders, the Class of 2023. Coming soon in the Wednesday Folder will be a form you can use to sign up to help Mrs. Becker and I when we visit parishes to speak about our school. ***Before we begin the public phase of our recruiting I invite you to let people you know who currently have a son in the fourth grade that it is time to apply for admission to The De La Salle School. Since the number of available seats is limited I want to be sure that if you have a son, a family member, or a friend interested in enrolling a young man in our fifth grade in September they should act now and call the school at 516-379-8660.***

On behalf of all the faculty and staff, thank you to all who sent us gifts this Christmas. We are most grateful for your generosity and appreciate that you thought to include us in your gift giving. We would like to take this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year to all of our De La Salle School family! As we begin a new year and chapter in our life, I pray that each of our families continue to be blessed and that 2019 be a year of peace, happiness and health.

Sincerely,

William L. Gault  
Executive Director

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A New Year—a fresh start—a blessed opportunity for the year 2019. Hopefully, all have had joyful Christmas and New Year ’s celebrations. Each new year brings us new opportunities to come to know God more, to walk in faith, and grow by his gracious mercy. Now let us pray for a peace-filled year, not only for us, but for the entire world.

The ringing in of the new year signals the school year's halfway mark, which means it's time for Midterm exams for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students. The students will be tested on what they have learned from the beginning of the year to now. The teachers will be handing out exam reviews to the students so that they can study at home for their Midterm exams, in addition to doing extensive reviewing in the classroom. Over the next few weeks, your child should study the exam reviews each night to prepare for the exams. The exam schedule will be sent home in the Wednesday Folder.

The Advent Prayer Service was an early Christmas gift to all who attended. Mrs. Rainone and the boys lead us in a beautiful and moving Advent Prayer Service, touching the hearts of all. It definitely put everyone in the holiday spirit, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

The International Luncheon was a wonderful celebration. A huge thank you to the parents/guardians who contributed foods, desserts, and drinks. The students, alumni, and faculty were treated to a tasty and delectable feast, with a wide variety of food dishes and desserts to choose from.

On behalf of our teachers and staff, I want to say thank you to all who gifted us this Christmas season. We are most grateful for your kindness and generosity and pray that you too may be blessed in turn during 2019.

God bless,

Mrs. Becker  
Principal



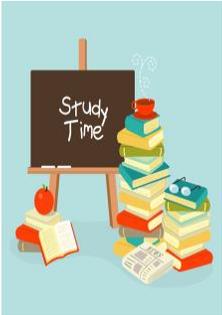
## **CONGRATULATIONS GENTLEMEN**

The following students were honored as Gentlemen of the Week during the month of December: Willie Diaz '21, John Velasquez '19 and Cobby Vasquez'22.

# IMPORTANT DATES

Dismissal on **Friday, 11 January** is at 11:30 AM to allow the teachers to participate in a Faculty meeting. We will be meeting with members of DENA as we make preparations for our Lasallian Ministry Assessment. This process happens every 5-7 years and allows us to examine our policies to ensure we are committed to our stated mission.

Mid-year exams for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders begin **Monday, 14 January** and continue through **Thursday, 24 January**. Be sure your son does some extra studying, gets sufficient rest, and eats a good breakfast so he will do his best on these tests beginning next week.



There is no school on **Monday, 21 January** as we honor the memory and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

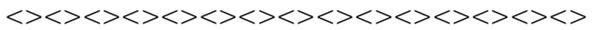


Catholic Schools Week begins **Sunday, 27 January**. We will publicly start recruiting our next group of fifth graders at that time. However, if you have a family member who is currently in fourth grade and you would like him to apply for our school, call Mrs. Padilla to request an application starting **NOW**.



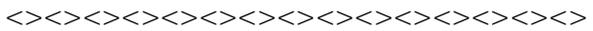
Parent-Teacher Conferences are on **Thursday, 31 January** from 5:00 PM until 8:30 PM and on **Friday, 1 February** from 1 PM until 2:00 PM. Each student is expected to come with at least one parent to pick up his report card. There is no Extended Day on **Thursday, 31 January**.

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*Our International Luncheon was spectacular! Because of your generosity we had an abundance of delicious food to enjoy as we celebrated Christmas as a school community.*



**WINTER WEATHER REMINDER**



**If it is necessary to cancel school or delay the opening time because of bad weather, you will receive a REMIND text message from the school informing you of any change in our schedule. You can also check our website, [www.DeLaSalleSchool.org](http://www.DeLaSalleSchool.org).**

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**\$\$\$ REMINDER \$\$\$**

**Your payment of your share of your son's tuition for February was due on Friday, 4 January. Do not fall behind in meeting this obligation. All payments for September through February 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.**



If your son needs any items of winter clothing please let Mr. Gault or Mrs. Becker know. We have some resources we can tap into!