

LA SALLE Parent Newsletter

FOR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL OF YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

MAY 2021

Principal Ideas

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STUDENTS IN
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AND SERVICE**

The school year is quickly moving to a successful conclusion. In a few weeks, we will celebrate the many accomplishments of the class of 2021. We are excited to celebrate our graduating class at our **Baccalaureate** at Saint Paul Cathedral on **June 4 at 7pm** and for **Graduation** on campus on **June 5th at 10am**. Both celebrations this year are limited by tickets. Graduation will be livestreamed for those unable to join us.

While there is some sadness as we prepare for the departure of this class, we experience much joy in their many achievements and their successful completion of this part of their educational journey. We at La Salle are very proud of our seniors. On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff of La Salle, I would like to congratulate the class of 2021 and their families on the upcoming graduation.

As we send one class off, we prepare for the class of 2025. We will continue to accept a limited number of new applicants. Limited tuition assistance is also available for new families who are financially eligible. Please help us spread the word, as we continue to invite more families to consider La Salle. Thanks to you sharing the good news of La Salle in our community, with your efforts we anticipate our largest freshmen class in history.

This summer, La Salle will be hosting several academic programs and our annual summer athletic camps. We will hold a summer prep program for our incoming ninth graders, an online retrieval credit program for La Salle students who need to make-up credits or improve their academic standing, our annual Camp College to help our Class of 2022 and 2023 prepare for the college application process and a SAT Prep course for any returning La Salle students interested in preparing themselves

for this important assessment.

We plan on starting school next year fully in-person on August 20th and remain hopeful that with an increase in vaccinations we can resume a full offering of extra-curricular activities and perhaps even relax masking and social distancing measures.



A heartfelt thanks to all of you for your commitment to La Salle and the great deal of time, talent and treasure you have invested in a Lasallian education. I am especially grateful for your patience as we managed school amidst Covid. There was no “playbook” for what we planned and what we were able to accomplish was remarkable. Much of the credit goes to our students and parents for making so many daily sacrifices to keep everyone healthy and in school.

To our senior parents, we have been blessed by your time with us. Together we have prepared 52 soon-to-be graduates for success in college and in life. Your daily presence in our lives will be missed. Please stay in touch and know your La Salle family welcomes you back anytime!

Live Jesus in our Hearts,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Ted Kanelopoulos'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ted Kanelopoulos
Principal

Dear Parents,

I want to take a moment, as we continue to move through this difficult and extraordinary time, to express my appreciation for all you are doing to help implement our Covid health and safety protocols. I am very impressed with how we have pulled together to give a sense of normalcy to our students. This pandemic has disrupted everything we're doing as individuals, as families and as an education institution. However, every decision we continue to make is made with a commitment to the well-being of our students, our faculty and our school community. And your help has made a difference.



La Salle High School continues to take action within the guidance of our public health officials and government authorities. Implementing mask wearing and other practices to slow the virus must be high priorities for us all for the sake of all people especially the more vulnerable and the poor. We want to be part of the answer.

As I recently shared in our annual report, La Salle was made for this moment. This has been an opportunity where our Lasallian way of educating has made a unique contribution. We have led the way in how to go about teaching, communicating, and working in these unprecedented times. We have drawn strength and purpose from our shared values as we engage with young people who need us.

I am grateful to our faculty and staff who with a sense of commitment and love for their students have helped us remain in-person for the entire 2020-21 school year. And also, to our students for showing their leadership in keeping students safe throughout the year.

Thank you too for your trust in us as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters. Your support has ensured our commitment to touch the hearts of the young people you have entrusted to our care.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts,

Tim McGree, President



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Scholarship List

Please head over to the school website to see a full list of available scholarships. Many of the dates present on this list also apply to 2021, and the links will take you to the current scholarship pages. If your child needs any help with any part of the scholarship application process, please encourage them to see either of their college counselors: Mr. Carroll or Mr. Lamb.

SAT & PSAT Testing

On Tuesday, April 27, juniors participated in the SAT School Day, in which they sat for the full SAT right here at La Salle! In accordance with typical response times for scores, their scores should be available within several weeks. Though many colleges are switching to test-optional requirements for admission, taking the SAT is still beneficial for your child because it demonstrates further commitment to academic rigor on their part, and their scores might also help to bolster their candidacy in more selective schools and/or factor into consideration for merit-based scholarships.

Additionally, the freshmen and sophomores took the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 tests, respectively, on that same day. These tests are designed to give your children more grade-level-appropriate advance preparation for the PSAT-NMSQT and SAT tests they will take as juniors. Their scores should be available within 4-6 weeks.

For all students, College Board accounts are also linked to Khan Academy. Khan is an excellent (and free!) resource that can provide individualized areas of focus for further study based upon your child's score on their exam. We will utilize these tools in Advising next year, but your child can get a jump-start on test prep over the summer through Khan Academy. Given that one of the biggest keys to being successful on these tests is knowing the format and types of questions front-and-back, getting reps in and doing practice tests on Khan can be a great way to work toward boosting their scores on their tests next year!

If your child will be a junior or senior next fall and is interested in getting more direct and thorough preparation for the SAT, please consider signing them up for the summer SAT Prep class scheduled for June 21-24 (more details below).

“Camp College!” For JUNIORS: June 21-24 (9:00-11:00 a.m.); For SENIORS: June 28-July 1 (9:00-11:00 a.m.)

The great La Salle summer tradition of “Camp College” is back again – but with a new twist! This year, we will be running two separate weeks of our signature Camp College program – one specifically for rising juniors, and one for seniors. Camp College for Juniors will focus on introducing important information about the college application process and tools to help juniors get started with finding schools they might be interested in and gathering information about them. We will also devote time to assembling a timeline of important junior year tasks and a plan for putting all the pieces into place. Camp College for Seniors will also focus on the basic ins-and-outs of the college application process, but with greater emphasis on the application itself, financial aid, and writing for admission and scholarship applications. As in the junior program, we will also assemble a timeline of important tasks and a schedule for completing them. Registration forms are available on the school website; cost is \$100 plus \$15 registration fee and may be submitted to Mrs. Saenz in the main office. Please also contact Mr. Carroll with any additional questions.

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SAT



Athletics

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We have just completed the abbreviated spring season with much success. Although it was only six (6) weeks long, our students had the opportunity to participate against other schools and were able to create lifetime memories of their high school spring sports programs. I applaud the parents, coaches, students, and patrons for navigating through this unique season!

The traditional winter programs (basketball and cheer at La Salle) will begin practicing on Monday, May 3rd. The basketball season (as we had for fall and spring programs) will be six (6) weeks long. The first game is set for Tuesday, May 11th when we host the Zillah Leopards. The end date is Saturday, June 12 (yes one week after graduation). Head coaches Alyssa Goins (girls' basketball), Josh Caffrey (boys' basketball) and April May (Cheer) will head up their respective programs. April will take over the cheer program from Michaela Ferguson who has decided not to return due to work constraints. Additionally, April will continue as the cheer coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Please understand that the winter program may change pending a possible change is what COVID phase we will be in. Currently in phase three (3), our basketball teams and cheer squad can compete with other schools. Please continue to watch for updates as we navigate through the given rules for participation.

The scholastic results for the fall and spring programs are as follows.

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| Boys Cross Country - 3.49 | Girls Golf - 3.3 |
| Girls Cross Country - 3.72 | Boys Soccer - 2.906 |
| Fall Cheer - 3.523 | Softball - 3.046 |
| Football - 3.153 | Boys Tennis - 3.478 |
| Girls Soccer - 3.511 | Girls Tennis - 3.702 |
| Volleyball - 3.511 | Boys Track - 3.222 |
| Baseball - 2.978 | Girls Track - 3.368 |
| Boys Golf - 2.88 | |

Many of our sports programs will conduct summer activities. Please contact the school for coach contact information.

Thanks to all for your continued support for all the athletic programs of La Salle High School. Lasting memories have been made!

Go Lightning!



Student Life

Campus Ministry and the Associated Student Body (ASB) continue to join together their leadership skills this year to build a stronger relationship between the student body and our Lasallian values.

Student Life Contacts:

Mrs. Emily Heaverlo (eheaverlo@lasalleyakima.org)

Mrs. Olivia Hart (ohart@lasalleyakima.org)

Our Student Life department is busy this month! Our final immersion group will be spending a week serving in the Lower Valley and learning about the Yakama Reservation and cultural celebrations. During the middle of May we will be celebrating Founder's Week, where one Core Value will be celebrated each day. Finishing off the great week with our Founder's Day celebration, which will include a day of service, delicious food, and fun activities.



We have selected from the junior applicants, the new 2021-2022 ASB, which will help with the planning and implementing all student events next year. This new group will spend all summer preparing and planning for the new school year ahead. Looking to summer, the normal district leadership events will be taking place with a hybrid model. Lasallian Youth Assembly will be taking place in June with a focus on concern for our environment and world. Lasallian Student Leaders will be focused on our Lasallian Core Values and leadership skills for all newly elected student officials. Finishing off the summer of training, there will be a zoom gathering of youth for the RELAN-wide Lasallian Youth Assembly. A full month of May and summer ahead!



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May 10-15, 2021

Our Lasallian Heritage



TWINNING
 LASALLIANS OF NORTH AMERICA & AFRICA
Walking Together in Solidarity

Twinning is an initiative of the [De La Salle Christian Brothers](#) (Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools) that encourages [Districts](#) that are financially able to aid those most in need. In the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN), [middle and secondary schools in United States and Toronto](#) are twinned with [14 ministries in four countries in the Lwanga District of Africa](#): Kenya, Nigeria, Eritrea and Ethiopia. While the RELAN schools help support the Lwanga ministries financially, the students also build relationships as brothers and sisters in the Lasallian family to share challenges, accomplishments, stories and experienc-

La Salle High School's Twin School since our founding in 1998 has been St. Paul's Secondary School

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St. Paul's Secondary School in Marsabit, Kenya was established in 1990 with the intention of providing Christian leadership to local, Catholic young men who in return would provide leadership to the region. Currently, the school has 180 students, ages 14 to 22, enrolled in grades nine through 12. The students come from nomadic communities of northern Kenya, which means they have makeshift homes near churches where women and children settle. Most students are the only ones in their family who have gone to school. The greatest challenge students face in getting an education is paying school fees, in some cases because their parents/guardians are illiterate and do not value education. Fees are about \$800 per year, and the church provides a subsidy of \$200 per student. St. Paul's has used recent twinning donations to provide scholarships to students in need, increase security due to local disputes, and improve farming. The school also used donations for its silver jubilee celebration. Its most urgent needs are to financially support students in need, send students on field trips, and purchase furniture and equipment to create a night study space for students who live in poverty-stricken neighborhoods. [Learn more about St. Paul's >](#)



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Learn more at: <https://lasallian.info/what-we-do/twinning/st-paul-secondary-school-marsabit-kenya/>

Admissions

Dear Friends,

I pray this message finds you and your family well as we close-out the school year!

It has been a crazy year indeed, but thanks to God, we have much to be grateful for as we are poised to welcome one of our **largest** incoming freshman classes in school history. In fact, we **only have 6 spots available for the class of 2025!!** There are many factors in this enrollment success—a great learning environment, thanks to La Salle’s leadership, faculty, staff and students—but also in large part due to the amazing parents and families that have become champions for La Salle High School!



La Salle is blessed with parents and students who are enthusiastic to share their experience and stories with others. For all this, I am grateful! Thank you!

We still have a few spots open in the freshmen class as well as other classes. If you know someone who is interested in being a part of Bolt Nation, please send them my way. Applications are available online at <http://www.lasallejakima.com/admissions---online-app> as well as Scholarship and Financial Aid information.

Please note the **Class of 2025 Orientation Night is scheduled for Monday, August 16th at 6:00pm in the Gamache Commons** for all incoming freshmen and their families, dinner will be provided.

Thank you for all you do to make our school great! Please keep our new and all students in your prayers! Continued blessings to you and your families!

LA SALLE LIGHTNING FOOTBALL CAMP
JULY 12-14



LA SALLE LIGHTNING SOCCER CAMP
JULY 20-21



LA SALLE LIGHTNING VOLLEYBALL CAMP
JUNE 16-18



Academics

Course Selection | April 22-May 9

Course selection opened up on PowerSchool on April 22nd after all students received an orientation to the sign up process in Advising. Course selection ends Thursday, May 9th. If necessary, students may change courses up to week into the first semester. Students are encouraged to visit with their Advisor or Mr. Kanelopoulos if they have questions.

Last Grade Check—May 7h at 3pm

The last grade check of this academic year is May 7th. Eligibility to play basketball, cheer or participate in any extra-curriculars is determined with this check.

Honoring Academic Excellence

La Salle will recognize outstanding student achievement at the Academic Awards Night and the Senior Presentation. The two top students in each course are recognized at the Awards Night on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM in the Gamache Commons. Students receiving an award will receive a formal invitation in early May. Seniors are additionally recognized at the annual Senior Presentation on Tuesday, June 1st at 11:15 AM.

A Note on Academic Grades

Academic Eligibility reminder from the Student-Parent Handbook: No student will be readmitted to La Salle in the fall with an “F” for a semester grade in any subject. All semester “F” grades must be made up by attendance at a summer school approved by the Dean of Studies. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the grade(s) and credit(s) earned in summer school be sent to Mrs. Ball for inclusion on the transcript prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

F Grades: Students earning three (3) or more “F” grades and/or who have been on Academic Probation/Ineligibility three (3) or more times are subject to dismissal at the end of the school year. Official notification will occur after spring semester grades are published in mid-June.

D Grades: An important note for college prep: Some four year colleges and universities do not accept “D” grades in core subjects. Also, students who have D’s in Spanish and/or math and are taking courses in those subjects next year, should attend summer school to improve their foundation in those areas.

Credit Retrieval Summer School

Students receiving an F at any time during the academic year will be required to retrieve the failed class and credit. **MANDATORY** Summer School will begin on June 14th, and physically attending and completing the course at La Salle will be required until the credit is retrieved. Most courses cost \$200/semester to complete online through Red Comet. Contact Mr. Kanelopoulos to arrange for enrollment into the credit retrieval courses. Courses must be registered and enrolled prior to June 14th.

The following students received academic awards for their outstanding academic achievement at the Academic Awards Night on May 12th in the Gamache Commons. Per the La Salle HS Handbook, teachers may award one Excellence and one Merit Award to two selected students. The following procedures are used:

The Excellence Award is given to the student holding the highest average earned in the course.

The Merit Award is given to the student holding the second highest average earned in the course.

In some cases, there were statistical ties and, in those classes, additional awards are presented.

Social Studies Department		
World History	Excellence	Chris Ortiz
	Merit	Annika Richardson
	Merit	Jack Pietrusiewicz
United States History	Excellence	Dane Needham
	Merit	Kathryn Snyder
EWUHS United States History	Excellence	Rosa Alcala
	Excellence	Isabella Alegria
	Excellence	Melissa Nava
	Merit	Christian Roybal
	Merit	Genevieve Newstead
EWUHS	Excellence	Sofia Almodovar Montero
Western Heritage	Merit	Eva Saenz
Contemporary World Issues	Excellence	Reese Vetsch
	Merit	Julianna Peterson
Visual and Performing Arts Department		
Band	Excellence	Patrick Gehlsen
	Merit	Jacob Rettig
Orchestra	Excellence	Azul Ponce
	Merit	Tania Flores
Choir	Excellence	Talina White
	Merit	Joncarlo Palomo
Drama	Excellence	Kian Lancaster
	Merit	Chris Ortiz
Yearbook & Digital Journalism	Excellence	Aiden Bliesner
	Excellence	Elizabeth Lopez
	Merit	Aun Tungpiatpaiboon
	Merit	Courtney Standley
Art	Excellence	Jorge Adame
	Merit	Sarah Busey
Advanced Art	Excellence	Annika Richardson
	Merit	Milo Nedrow
Video Production	Excellence	Reese Vetsch
	Merit	Mailee Osorio
Film Studies	Excellence	Sofia Almodovar Montero
	Merit	Isabella Roberts
World Languages Department		
Spanish 1	Excellence	Ian Judd
	Merit	Sonya Manjares
Spanish 2	Excellence	Jack Pietrusiewicz
	Merit	Annika Richardson
Spanish 3	Excellence	Kaylee Truhler
	Merit	Patrick Gehlsen
Spanish for Speakers	Excellence	Jason Ramos
	Merit	Jorge Adame
Spanish for Speakers 2	Excellence	Talina White
	Merit	Corina Quiroz
AP Spanish	Excellence	Melissa Nava
	Merit	Rosa Alcala
Language & Culture		
French 1	Excellence	Sarah Busey
	Merit	Dominik Tamez

English Department		
English 1	Excellence	Justus Barker
	Merit	Jason Ramos
Foundations of English 1	Excellence	Laysie Gonzalez
	Merit	Luke Martinez
English 2	Excellence	Talina White
	Merit	Jack Pietrusiewicz
English 3	Excellence	Isabella Alegria
	Merit	Rosa Alcala
English 4	Excellence	Reese Vetsch
	Merit	Trista Hull
UWHS English Composition	Excellence	Eva Saenz
	Merit	Joceyln Verhey
Math Department		
Algebra 1	Excellence	Ayana Gallegos
	Merit	Genevieve McCoy
Geometry	Excellence	Sarah Busey
	Merit	Ian Judd
Algebra 2	Excellence	Annika Richardson
	Merit	Talina White
Pre-Calculus	Excellence	Isabella Alegria
	Excellence	Rylee Goins
	Excellence	Nathan Do
	Merit	Cailey Wells
Senior Math	Excellence	Juliana Peterson
	Merit	Isabella Roberts
Personal Finance	Merit	Dylan Bangs
	Excellence	Ellie Richardson
	Merit	Isabella Roberts
AP Calculus AB	Merit	Juliana Peterson
	Excellence	Juliana Peterson
	Merit	Reese Vetsch
Health and Physical Education Department		
PE/Health 1	Excellence	Justus Barker
	Merit	Jason Ramos
Fitness for Life	Excellence	Amy Mendoza
	Merit	Dalene Pittman
Weight Training o Period	Excellence	Dylan Bangs
	Merit	Jared Ball
Weight Training	Excellence	Roman Petruncio
	Merit	Dominic Sowers

Occupational Department		
Lightning Prep	<i>Excellence</i>	Sarah Busey
	<i>Merit</i>	Genevieve McCoy
Introduction to Business	<i>Excellence</i>	Zachary Silva
	<i>Excellence</i>	Garrett Judd
	<i>Merit</i>	Rosa Alcala
	<i>Merit</i>	Tatum Marang
ASB Student Activities Leadership	<i>Excellence</i>	Isabella Roberts
	<i>Merit</i>	Kathryn Snyder
Campus Ministry Leadership	<i>Excellence</i>	Reese Vetsch
	<i>Merit</i>	Christian Roybal
Christian Service Leadership	<i>Excellence</i>	Leah Ashby
	<i>Merit</i>	Marcus Cobar
Introduction to Robotics	<i>Excellence</i>	Garrett Judd
	<i>Merit</i>	Zachary Silva
Introduction to Computer Science	<i>Excellence</i>	Juliana Peterson
	<i>Merit</i>	Emma Christianson
Religious Studies Department		
Religious Studies 1	<i>Excellence</i>	Justus Barker
	<i>Merit</i>	Ian Judd
Religious Studies 2	<i>Excellence</i>	Annika Richardson
	<i>Merit</i>	Talina White
Prayer and Spirituality	<i>Excellence</i>	Melissa Nava
	<i>Merit</i>	Isabella Alegria
Justice and Peace	<i>Excellence</i>	Tyler Brown
	<i>Excellence</i>	Dominik Tamez
	<i>Merit</i>	Juliana Peterson
Science Department		
Physical Science	<i>Excellence</i>	Ian Judd
	<i>Merit</i>	Justus Barker
Biology	<i>Excellence</i>	Talina White
	<i>Merit</i>	Annika Richardson
UWHS Chemistry	<i>Excellence</i>	Nathan Do
	<i>Merit</i>	Rosa Alcala
CWU Physics 1	<i>Excellence</i>	Reese Vetsch
	<i>Merit</i>	Juliana Peterson
Environmental Science	<i>Excellence</i>	Gigi Newstead
	<i>Merit</i>	Tatum Marang
Marine Science	<i>Excellence</i>	Jared Ball
	<i>Merit</i>	Sofia Almodovar Montero
UWHS Physiology	<i>Excellence</i>	Reese Vetsch
	<i>Merit</i>	Kathryn Snyder

Academics

National Honors Society Inductees

Juniors

1. Jorge Adame
2. Tia Cunningham
3. Paris Diefenbach
4. Maddie Levesque
5. Elizabeth Lopez
6. Amy Mendoza
7. Moses O'Connor
8. Jack Pietrusiewicz
9. Dalene Pittman

10. Jessica Ponce
11. Corina Quiroz
12. Annika Richardson
13. Devin Seaman
14. Zachary Silva
15. Kaylee Truhler
16. Talina White

Seniors

1. Sofia Almodovar Montero
2. Paige Falk



Final Exams

	Tues., June 1 Seniors		Wed., June 2 Frosh-Seniors	Thurs., June 3 Frosh-Seniors	Fri., June 4 Frosh-Juniors
7:55	<i>Warning bell</i>	9:00	<i>Warning bell</i>	<i>Warning bell</i>	<i>Warning bell</i>
8:00-9:25	Period 5	9:05-10:35	Period 1	Period 3	Period 5
9:25-9:35	<i>break</i>	10:35-10:50	<i>break</i>	<i>break</i>	<i>break</i>
9:40-11:05	Period 6	10:55-12:25	Period 2	Period 4	Period 6
11:15-12:10	Senior Present.	12:25-12:55		<u><i>lunch</i></u>	
12:10	Senior Dismissal	1:00-2:30		Period 7	

Parent Volunteers

Parent Hours

If you have not already turned in your parent hours for the year, please submit them to Ms. Leda in the front office (Isaenz@lasalleyakima.org) so they can be properly assigned to your account.

Calendar Highlights

Wed., May 12

Academic Awards Night 6pm

Fri., May 14

Founder's Week Service Day

Mon., May 24

No School = Snow Day

Mon., May 30

No School - Memorial Day

Tues., June 1

Senior Presentation 11:15am

Tues.-Thurs., June 1-3

Senior Final Exams

Thurs., June 3

Senior Class Dinner 6pm

Wed.-Fri., June 2- 4

Frosh-Junior Final Exams

Fri., June 4th

Baccalaureate Prayer Saint Paul Cathedral 7pm

Sat., June 5th

Graduation 10am (by ticket only)

Mon-Thurs., June 14-July 8

Retrieval Credit Summer School

Mon.-Thur., June 21-24

Camp College 9-11 Class of 2023

Mon.-Thur., June 21-24

SAT Prep Course 11:30-2pm

Mon.-Thur., June 28- July 1

Camp College 9-11 Class of 2022

Put Yourself in the Loop

- Download our school calendar onto your mobile device or personal computer.
- Import the calendar into your personal calendar .
- Email calendar events to yourself
- Set-up email event reminders

