

LA SALLE Parent Newsletter

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

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2020

Principal Ideas

**DEVELOPING
STUDENTS IN
FAITH,
INTEGRITY,
SCHOLARSHIP
AND SERVICE**

Parents and Guardians of La Salle,

Academic Support

Our commitment for each and every student who graduates from La Salle is to have them college ready. Regardless of what type of post-secondary pursuits our students choose, our goal is to have each student prepared to thrive in a university setting. We recognize that the course of studies our students have before them is challenging and makes great demands on them. I encourage you to ensure your students are in regular contact with their teachers to confirm they are meeting their academic expectations and learning how they can improve their performance. If you would like to contact any teacher at anytime please reach out to them via email. Every teachers email can be found in your PowerSchool Parent Portal, though your students Class Pages in PowerSchool or on our website at: <https://www.lasalleyakima.com/facultystaff->

Heroic Vow Ceremony

An important school-wide celebration coming up is the Heroic Vow Ceremony scheduled for November 23rd. This is a wonderful La Salle tradition. We will celebrate this milestone event in our Lasallian history (see page 11) and honor Mrs. Olivia Hart, our Lasallian Educator of the Year and commission our seniors as leaders of our community. You are all most welcome to join our live Zoom broadcast of the ceremony at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84192356620>

Covid-19 Precautions

Thank you for your continued support of our Covid-19 procedures. With everyone's help we are hopeful to finish our semester in a month with minimal disruptions to in-person learning.

We have been recently communicating to your students about the importance of making good decisions regarding everyone's safety as they are outside of school. Student gatherings and parties have caused a number of schools to close their campuses as students have brought the virus unknowingly (asymptotically) onto school campuses. Please ensure your children are not gathering in large groups, especially where Covid-19 safety protocols are not being practiced.



Included in this issue (see page 12) is an updated Covid-19 Symptom Flow Chart. As you make decisions about your student attending school each day please refer to this chart for guidance. As we see more colds and seasonal flu, determining which symptoms are a cause for concern becomes increasingly challenging. Hopefully, this guidance will help.

Prayers for you and you family as we enter the holiday season.

Live Jesus in our Hearts,



Ted Kanelopoulos
Principal



Dear Parents,

While COVID restrictions have kept us away from many of our traditional beginning of the year spiritual activities (ie. Mass of the Holy Spirit) and athletic events (football, soccer and volleyball), they haven't stopped us from leading the way in the valley to give young people the finest academic experience available. We are *in-person* and ending our 10th week with no infections. Credit our faculty, staff and students for adhering to our strict health and safety protocols as well as our maintenance crew for disinfecting classroom space throughout the day. We understand that we are not immune but so far so good. Please spread this good news to other prospective families!

And, as you do, tout these other accomplishments:

- 100% graduation rate
- 100% acceptance to college for 13 consecutive years
- Ranked "Best Private High School in Yakima County" by Niche
- \$1.0 Million – amount given in financial aid for the 2020 – 2021 school

year

- 100% students who feel safe at La Salle according to Niche
- 100% - number of students involved in service

Spread the word about La Salle! Your testimonial can make a difference. We're the hottest ticket in town!

Live Jesus in Our Hearts,

Tim McGree, President

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ACT/SAT Registration

Due to the current pandemic, there are many changes regarding the SAT & ACT for the class of 2021 and beyond. Many colleges (check your college for specifics) are going “test optional” for the class of 2021, meaning they may not require an SAT/ACT score to be considered for admission. However, where applicable, the SAT & ACT are still offering testing opportunities with precautionary protocols in place. When registering for the SAT/ACT, be sure to review the protocols for the testing center you have selected.

When registering for the college entrance exams, be sure to use La Salle’s School Code: **481-609**.

Please, if you or your student have any questions about registration, the test content, or any other questions about the college entrance exams or college preparation

SAT	December 5	November 5 / November 24	SAT.CollegeBoard.org
SAT	March 13	February 12 / March 2	SAT.CollegeBoard.org
SAT	May 8	April 8 / April 27	SAT.CollegeBoard.org
SAT	June 5	May 6 / May 26	SAT.CollegeBoard.org

La Salle is scheduled to offer the SAT on campus for all of our Juniors on April 27th. Freshmen and sophomores will again take the PSAT on this date.

Scores from student’s October 14th test will be available in January. In Advising students will review their scores and recommended action plans for study and improvement.

Students are highly encouraged to utilize [Khan Academy’s Official SAT Test Prep](#) tool to study, re-learn concepts students are struggling with, and take full-length practice tests! [Studying for the SAT for 20 hours on Khan Academy is associated with 115-point score increase!](#)

[College Board SAT Practice Website](#)

[Khan Academy, the Official SAT Practice provider Website](#)

[Additional SAT Prep Tools](#)



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Dear Students and Parents,

We know that many of you had plans to visit colleges during upcoming breaks. Though most colleges and universities are closed for tours because of the outbreak, you can still “see” many of them from the comfort of your own homes!

Virtual Tours

[Here is a document](#) (compiled by a Lasallian colleague at La Salle Catholic College Prep in Oregon, Rebecca Chabrow), that includes a list of more than 900 colleges and universities including links to virtual tours and to additional college and university information housed in Big Future on the College Board website. It also highlights unique facilities on each of the campuses.

College Deposit Dates and College Admissions Events

As a service to students and families, the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is providing [this online tool](#) as a central resource for information about changes in college admission events, deposit dates, and more as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

Scholarships

The break is a great time to work on scholarship applications! You can find more information and links to scholarships on [the La Salle website here](#).

Individual College Guidance Counseling and Support

We’re still hard at work to serve you and your family in preparation for life beyond La Salle. If you would like to connect one-on-one with a college guidance counselor, email Mr. Lamb or Mr. Carroll to arrange an appointment that is convenient for you.

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Academics

Grade Check/Progress Report #3 & Academic Support

The third grade check/progress report for the fall 2020 semester is **Friday, November 13th at 3:00PM**. It’s super important for students to have a GPA above 2.0 with no F grades to remain academically eligible for co-curricular activities.

Add/Drop Spring

Student schedules have been set for the Spring Semester. Any changes to student schedules can only be done if a student completes an Add/Drop Form. Only necessary changes will be made. Many classes are closed due to Covid class size regulations.



Athletics

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Many of our athletic programs have been practicing for the past few weeks in preparation for a possible return to play. We remain optimistic that we will be able to offer competitive programs with other schools beginning in January 2021. The league continues to work on reduced schedules for all our programs.

The WIAA (Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association) executive board will meet the first week of December to review the return to play proposal and provide us with their decision of any updates/changes on December 4th. We are hopeful that they will allow the WIAA member schools to return to play beginning January. Safety protocols are being put into place when we conduct competitive athletic events. We will follow the guidelines presented by the state, WIAA, school and league. We will publish the plan prior to any participation.

In preparation for the return to play, students are encouraged to complete the necessary paperwork to participate in athletics at La Salle. That paperwork is provided by Leda in the main office. Additionally, students must have a current physical on file with Leda in the main office. Now is a great time to take care of these requirements.

We will have an all-sports parent meeting (as needed) after we receive more information on November 18th from the WIAA. That parent meeting will most likely be virtual. Please watch for additional information.

The booster club meetings are still on hold. You will be notified when they resume.

And, most importantly, La Salle High School is very appreciative of all the things that the parents and community continue to do to support our athletic programs. We are truly blessed!

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.

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Happy November from Student Life!

We had a marvelous October—a special thanks to all those who helped drive for Freshman Retreat. The two days spent with the Class of 2024 was powerful and fun. Thank you also to our amazing group of Seniors who led such meaningful sessions:

- Kathryn Snyder
- Christian Malsam
- Sofia Perez
- Andrea Nava
- Flor Godinez
- Nathan Do
- Yajaira Valentez

Please be aware of the upcoming student life Events:

Thanksgiving Lunch Tuesday, November 24th. 11:40 am-12:40 pm; Gamache Commons

A special lunch organized by Student Life and provided to by our families to honor the spirit of Thanksgiving and the Virtue of Gratitude as we begin the Thanksgiving Holidays and the Holy Season of Advent and Christmas beyond. Thanks-giving lunch will be catered to the students and faculty. This is due to keeping things COVID friendly for every one. There will be a special Food Allergy table.

Postponed

Heroic Vow Ceremony/Giving Tree Monday, November 23rd. 11:10am-12:15pm;

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This year, the Ceremony will be Live-streamed to advising groups, and recorded to posted on social media. To reduce people in attendance, only ceremony participants will be at the event itself.

- The Heroic Vow Ceremony is a Non-Eucharistic Liturgy that celebrates four things:
- The unique and heroic vocational/spiritual heritage stemming from John Baptist de La Salle and the Brothers of the Christian Schools.
 - The coming transition of the Senior Class into position of more intentional leadership in the post-high school communities they will soon be choosing.
 - A heroic member of the faculty-staff who is recognized for the contribution to our unique Lasallian educational mission.
 - A heroic member of our extended community whose work directly serves our mission and school, but in a way that is behind the scenes.

Additionally, the event kicks off the Giving Tree, a Student Life (ASB) service initiative in partnership/alliance with Catholic Charities (CC) that serves as one of the year’s biggest Direct Service projects. The project focuses on providing CC Client Families during the holiday season with needed items.

ADMISSIONS

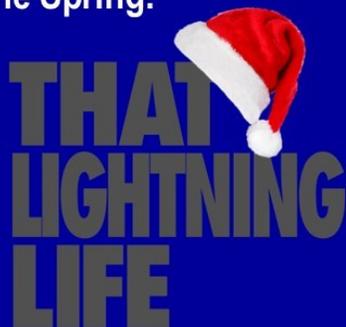
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ENROLLMENT FOR 2020-2021

Know a student that would like to attend La Salle next year? The application for 2021-2022 academic year, is open ! Apply before Jan and receive \$100 off registration fees! [Click her for 2021-2022 Application](#)

Current Freshmen do not need to reapply, simply lookout for registration forms that are mailed out in the Spring.



Need holiday gift ideas?
 Give Lightning Gear!

Click on the image for La Salle's official Lightning Store

STUDENT SHADOWS

STUDENT SHADOWS ARE BACK!! In order to maintain health and safety protocols there will be some slight changes. Students (grades 7 -11) interested in shadowing, are welcome to contact me to set up a day-in-the-life of the Lightning! Shadows will be placed with our student ambassadors (grades 10-12) and go to classes, meet teachers and see what makes this a great place to learn! Shadow requests will need to be made at least 2 days in advance. Call or email today to schedule a shadow!

[Shadow Permission Form](#)

LOOKING FOR A PRE-K—8TH GRADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

St. Joseph Marquette



Student Life

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Christian Service

This semester has been a blessing as we continue to learn more about serving others, even when there are limitations. November, being the month of thankfulness, we are dwelling on how thankful we are to be at school and still able to creatively service others. This month we are working toward a can food drive in December, tying blankets for homeless and foster kids, writing letters to elderly,

We are also gearing up for this year's "Giving Tree." We are teaming up with Catholic Family Charities to "adopt" families in need. Each class will come together to help support and give to a family in need this holiday season. This is such an important and vital ministry; we are so grateful for Cath-

We are always so thankful for the love and support of our wonderful Lasallian families and students and all you continue to do to lead the way with Servant Leadership.

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TRADITION
2021

Our Lasallian Heritage

LASALLIAN WOMEN OF HOPE (LWH) FOSTERS EDUCATIONAL ACCESS, EMPOWERS GIRLS AND WOMEN, AND CREATES SUSTAINABLE CHANGE.



Mission

The mission of Lasallian Women of Hope is to ensure girls and women enjoy full access to Lasallian education. A project of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools' Solidarity and Development Secretariat, LWH began as a small project providing grassroots female empowerment while developing sustainable solutions to mitigate obstacles impeding educational access. Through its grants, LWH delivers creative, effective and durable solutions to educational inequities for girls and women.

History

LWH started in 2016 with the Pad Project at Mwangaza College in Nakuru, Kenya. It resulted from the discovery that young women would engage in "situational prostitution" to purchase personal hygiene products needed to attend classes during their menstrual periods. "Period poverty" is one of many gender-specific obstacles girls and young women confront in accessing quality education.

Get Involved

During the 2020-2021 academic year, the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN) highlights LWH as part of a worldwide effort to provide inclusive, equitable and quality education for all. [The campaign, "Education: Let's Build Our Future Together," was developed by the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools' Solidarity and Development Secretariat network.](#) The campaign encourages Lasallian schools to host classes, financially support and energetically promote the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) to "ensure universal access to inclusive and equitable quality education."

[LEARN MORE HERE.](#)

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

EDUCATION
let's build our future together

GOAL 2030
Ensure universal access to inclusive and equitable quality education.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

PROUDE, PROCLADE, SIL, and other Lasallian organization logos.

November is the month we celebrate the Heroic Vow

This month we celebrate the Heroic Vow, a defining moment in our Institute's history and moment in our Lasallian narrative which serves as a great source of encouragement to a young school community, like our own.

In 1691, John Baptist de La Salle, at the age of forty, took stock of his situation. Ten years had passed since he had first brought the schoolmasters to live with his family. He had little cause for joy. It was true that there were eight charity schools functioning and giving general satisfaction. On the other hand, there had been quite a number of deaths among the Brothers, idealistic young men carried off by the exhausting nature of their work in deplorable conditions. The fact that their deaths had been uniformly edifying did not compensate for the loss of such men. How, John wondered, was he to keep the schools staffed? How was he to meet the requests that came to him to open more? The training establishment for lay teachers had now produced sufficient village schoolmasters for the needs of the rural areas in the vicinity of Rheims and had ceased to operate. Vocations to the Community had almost dried up. It began to look as if the whole enterprise might crumble in the hands of its founder. Understandably John felt the need of support and encouragement and for this he turned to two of the Brothers in whom he had special confidence. Convinced, in spite of everything, that the work of the Christian Schools should go forward, he persuaded these two Brothers to join with him in making a vow that even if everybody else abandoned them they would cling together and try to keep the Institute going, even if it should mean begging for their meals, even if it meant living on bread alone. This heroic vow they pronounced on the feast of the Presentation of Our Lady, 21st November 1691. For John Baptist de La Salle it was a key-moment in his journey of faith.



Honoring our Lasallian Educator of the Year 2020-2021

Mrs. Hart has been nominated by La Salle High School's faculty and staff as the 2020-2021 Lasallian Educator of the Year.

The Lasallian Educator of the Year is a faculty or staff member who embodies the best of what it means to be Lasallian as expressed in our core values:

Faith in the Presence of God, Respect, Quality Education, Inclusive Community, Concern for the Poor and Social Justice. We see the values active in their everyday interaction with us, with parents, and especially with the students confided to our care.



Transforming Lives Since 1680



Inclement Weather Late Start or Snow Day La Salle High School Winter 2020-2021

Students of La Salle High School come from a very large geographic area. Our van drivers to the Lower Valley and designated weather spotters call in to a central person in order for us to determine whether or not we will call a Late Start or Snow Day. The school will use Power Announcement (voice, text or email) to communicate to staff, parents, guardians and students about possible late starts, snow days or emergencies this winter.

In the case of inclement weather:

By **6:30 am**, an official **Late Start** will be reported to the radio and through Power Announcement.

By **8:00 am**, if necessary, an official **Snow Day** will be reported to the radio and through Power Announcement

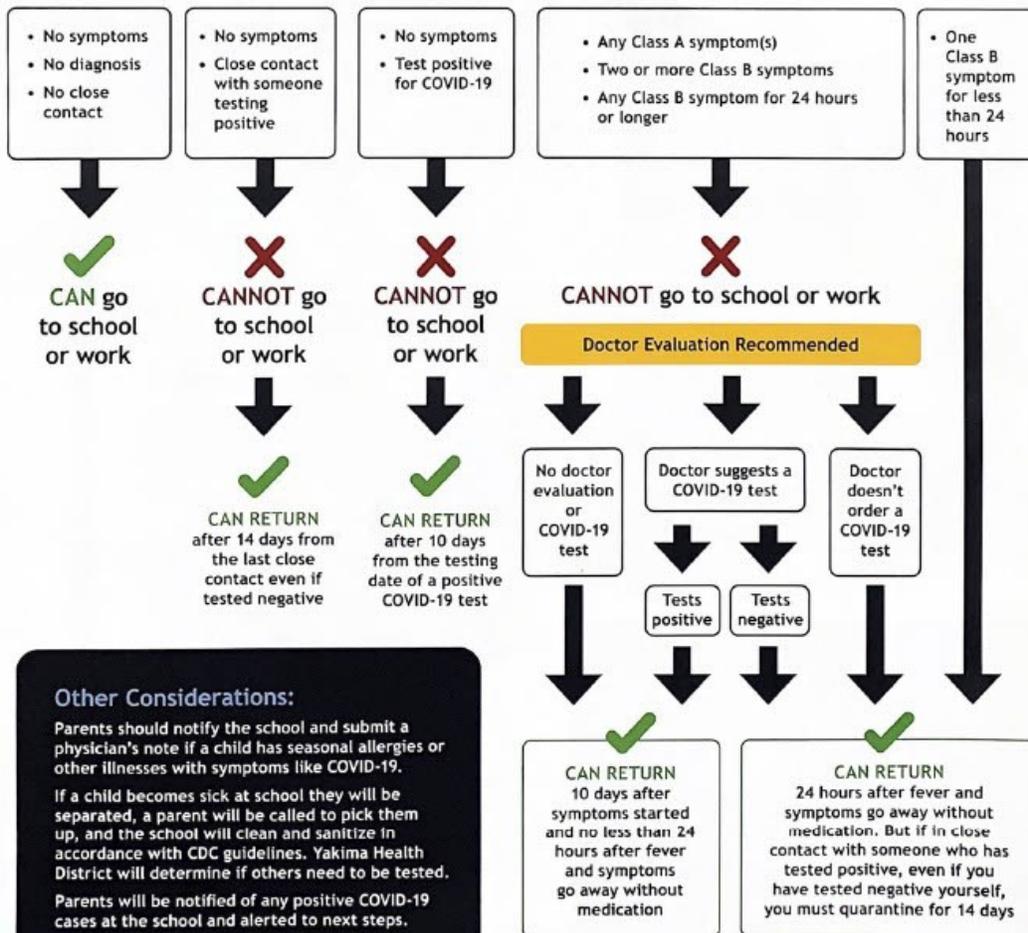
If you have not done so, please remember to log onto PowerSchool to identify your preferred modes of communication through Power Announcement. Your student has already verified their own communication preferences. Please remind your student to drive slowly in the event of ice or snow. Most weather-related accidents are caused by teenagers driving too quickly for conditions.

Digital Learning Day

If a **Snow Day** is called, students will be required to complete the day's coursework assigned to them. On these digital learning days, assignments for the day will be posted by instructors to their PowerSchool Class Pages by 10am. Students will be expected to have this coursework completed by the next school day, unless otherwise directed by their teacher.

Do you have symptoms or have you come into contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19? Follow the chart below.

COVID-19 Symptom Flow Chart



Other Considerations:
 Parents should notify the school and submit a physician's note if a child has seasonal allergies or other illnesses with symptoms like COVID-19.
 If a child becomes sick at school they will be separated, a parent will be called to pick them up, and the school will clean and sanitize in accordance with CDC guidelines. Yakima Health District will determine if others need to be tested.
 Parents will be notified of any positive COVID-19 cases at the school and alerted to next steps.

Calendar Highlights

Mon., Nov. 23

Heroic Vow Ceremony (available via Zoom)

Wed.-Fri., Nov. 25-27

Thanksgiving Holiday

Mon., Dec 14

Christmas Band Concert/Drama Production via Zoom 7pm

Wed., Dec 16

Final Examinations 1-2

Thurs., Dec 17

Final Examinations 3,4,7

Fri., Dec 18

Final Examinations 5-6

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



SAVE THE DATE:

XMAS WREATHS DELIVERAY DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 2020

FROM NOON TO 5 P.M.

