

LA SALLE Parent Newsletter

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

JANUARY 2021

Principal Ideas

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

Welcome back. I hope your holidays were enjoyable and allowed for some rest time. We are off to a great start, with many activities planned for our students this month.

Catholic Schools week is fast approaching as well (January 31—February 5). This is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate the gift of a Catholic education. There will be many student activities throughout the week. You are all invited to join us via Zoom on Thursday, February 4th at 9am as we end the week with our annual Catholic School Mass broadcasted from Holy Family Church.

Some transitions to note as we begin our second semester. Mr. Jam, returned to Montana to be closer to his parents, as they require his daily support. We are indebted to him for his unyielding commitment to La Salle these past ten years. He touched many hearts and minds and his impact will live on at La Salle for years to come.

We welcome back Mrs. Heaverlo from maternity leave. We are excited to have her back in the PE and leadership classrooms. In addition to her role as ASB and Alumni Director, she will assume many Campus Ministry responsibilities. We also welcome back Mr. Brewer. He will be returning to teach in the religious studies department and has also graciously agreed to serve as our Dean of Students. In this role, he will oversee attendance, dress code and student discipline issues.

As we begin planning budgets and curriculum for the 2021-2022 academic year I ask for your help. As always, we can continue to use your help in promoting La Salle by inviting friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to consider

La Salle for their children. We wish to continue our enrollment growth into the next year and touch the hearts and minds of even more young people in our Valley. We hear time and time again how parent promotion made La Salle possible for students and families who would otherwise not have known about or chosen LHS.



Current families who wish to apply for financial aid for the 2021-2022 academic year should submit applications by February 14. The new application format is simple and all online. To apply, visit <http://www.lasalleyakima.com/online-facts-application>.

Returning families do not need to re-apply to La Salle for the 2021-2022 academic year. Information will be sent home in early March with instructions on how to register your student for next school year.

As we approach Catholic Schools week I want to express my gratitude for all you do as parents, grandparents and guardians to support the mission of La Salle High School. Since the inception of Catholic schools you have been the driving force behind the success of so many successful Catholic school programs. On behalf of La Salle High School, thank you for your untiring commitment.

Live Jesus in our Hearts,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Kanelopoulos'.

Ted Kanelopoulos
Principal

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL



Dear Parents,

First of all, as we begin this new year and new semester at La Salle, we continue to pray for your safety and health during this pandemic. Along with our larger community, I'm aware of people in our La Salle community who have been infected by Covid. And, while the virus continues to take its toll, I'm also well aware of the psychological and economic impact it has had on our students and their families. However, I'm encouraged and hopeful that we can see a light at the end of this dark tunnel.

At the same time, I've been inspired with how capably our teachers, staff and students have taken on this challenge. Mr. K worked quickly in developing health and safety protocols in coordination with the local Health Department. His leadership ensured that we would be in-person in our 2020-2021 academic year. Following his leadership, our faculty and staff then unanimously and enthusiastically prepared for in-person instruction. And, while most of our students were happy to be back in the classroom, our teachers, through our legitimate remote learning curriculum, made accommodations for those students who wanted to remain remote. In the process, we added several new transfers to our student community...young people who were excited to be back in the classroom.

La Salle High School was made for this moment. We capably moved to remote learning last March when this pandemic hit and we've safely returned to in-person instruction in the fall and now, again, as we begin our 2nd semester. We know who we are and where we're going and, most importantly, we can see the light at the end of this dark tunnel.

Thank you for your support, for standing by us as we navigated this darkness and for your words of encouragement. Please stay safe and healthy.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim McGree'.

Tim McGree, President

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Academics

SAT School Day & PSAT Testing Day

We are excited to offer the PSAT and SAT on campus this April.

Freshmen - PSAT 8/9 (same test taken in the fall)

Sophomores - PSAT 10 (similar to PSAT/NMSQT taken in the fall)

Juniors - SAT School Day w/o Essay

In preparation for this test students are highly encouraged to review their October test and recommended study plan and 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!](#)

[CollegeBoard SAT Practice Website](#)

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

[Additional SAT Prep Tools](#)

Please contact Mr. Carroll, school testing coordinator, at acarroll@lasalleyakima.org if you have any additional questions.

Academic Awards

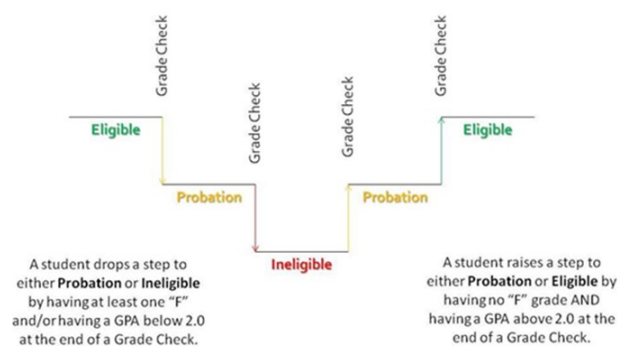
In the February Parent Newsletter students who will be receiving academic awards for their work in the Fall 2020 semester will be recognized. Additionally, there will be an Award Assembly February 18th through Zoom.

Academic Support

Academic Guidance Class and Academic Intervention Class are options for students who may be struggling academically. Students may attend 8th period Academic Intervention at any time for a quiet place to study where teacher support is always available. This class meets daily in room 305.

Academic Eligibility

Students who wish to participate in extra-curricular activities at La Salle must be academically eligible (GPA above a 2.0 with no F grades). With Lightning Athletics slated to start soon, please be mindful of this school requirement.



College Counseling

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Dear Students and Parents,

We know that many of you had plans to visit colleges during Spring Break. Though many 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.

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.

Mr. Lamb | clamb@lasalleyakima.org

Mr. Carroll | acarroll@lasalleyakima.org

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	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.

Athletics

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Not much has changed since my last newsletter. Contests with other schools are still in a holding pattern due to the status of the COVID virus. The most current information is that we plan for a February 1st start date for our traditional fall programs (cheer, volleyball, football, cross-country and girls' soccer). This, of course, is pending a change in the reported COVID cases. If, and when, we can return to play, our students and staff will need to follow all the safety guidelines that the WIAA and the DOH will have in place. Guidelines for spectators at events will also be determined by the WIAA and DOH. Please continue to be patient and watch for updates.

The plan for a start date for our winter programs (basketball and cheer) and our traditional spring sports (baseball, softball, golf, tennis, track and boys' soccer) is still being determined by the WIAA. The earliest possible start date for one of these seasons (winter or spring) is mid-March.

We (league AD's) continue to meet weekly to develop schedules that are in line with the state guidelines. These schedules will be published as soon as they are approved by all parties.

As we hope and prepare to return to play, it is very important that students that are planning on participating in a sports program this year complete all necessary paperwork as soon as possible. Participation forms are available in the main office. Also, now is a good time for participants to get a current physical. Failure to meet these requirements prior to the beginning of the season(s) will cause a delay in start time for those out of compliance.

Booster club meetings are still on hold. Please watch for updated information.

Fall Sports Parent/Student Meeting

Tuesday, February 2nd at 6pm

VIA ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84044196222>

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)

Student Life Newsletter Update-

In the world of Student Life, we have been busy, busy, busy. We finished last semester with one of our favorite service projects, The Giving Tree. Thanks to the very generous community of La Salle, and the amazing leadership of our service department, we were able to sponsor five families with gifts and a Christmas dinner for all the family members. This was the most successful year we have had with the event, and truly a blessing for a year that was so difficult for so many.

As we look to our second semester, our department has been working diligently to find creative ways to fill the halls of La Salle full of Faith, Service, and Community, our FSC model of Student Life. In the area of Faith, we are working on planning a special celebration for Ash Wednesday that will be taking place on February 17th and will host our postponed event of Heroic Vow Ceremony on January 28th. In the sector of Service, we have begun a toilet paper drive to help benefit Catholic Family Charities and their needs, which will conclude on February 12th, we are also planning a service project for Valentine's Day to help support our elderly in the Valley, and also looking to the future of a Blood Drive in April. In the realm of Community, our Spirit Leaders and Lasallian Ambassadors have been working hard to welcome our many transfers that have joined us, along with planning some pretty awesome spirit shirts, here is a hint: famous rock bands.

We are also looking to have spirit competitions on campus starting the first of February. Stay tuned as the fun has just begun in our Student Life department. GO Lightning!

ENTER TO
LEARN
LEAVE TO
SERVE

Our Lasallian Heritage



Since the mid 1990s, Lasallian Volunteers has provided men and women with opportunities for long-term service to Lasallian ministries with high-need populations across the country and the intentional accompaniment to grow throughout the experience.

Today Lasallian Volunteers responds creatively to the educational needs of those in poverty by providing volunteers who are:

generous and talented

well trained and supported

from diverse backgrounds across the United States

interested in a unique and rewarding experience

A unique dimension of the program is that volunteers live in community with Brothers and other Lasallian Partners. This intentional faith-based community builds relationships that support members in service and spirituality—deepening the volunteers' experience and enlivening the community. **To date more than 750 volunteers have participated in this intense program of faith, service and community.**



Hear from LVs in Lasallian Ministry through the LV Blog: <https://www.lasallianvolunteers.org/category/shared-blog/>

Several alumni of La Salle High School of Yakima have served as Lasallian Volunteers over the years. Mr. Kanelopoulos served as a LV in Philadelphia from 1992-1993.

La Salle grad and LV alum Michael Phipps '05 has just recently been hired to join the LV staff headquartered in Washington DC.



ADMISSIONS

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DO CURRENT STUDENTS NEED TO REAPPLY FOR NEXT YEAR?

Nope! Current Freshmen (or any current student) do not need to reapply. Your registration packet for the 21-22 school year will be mailed in the Spring. Just fill it out and send it back to save your spot.

Incoming Freshmen— Save \$100!

Know a student that would like to attend La Salle next year? Apply before **Jan 21st** and receive \$100 off registration fees! 2021-2022 Application

SENIOR PARENTS!

LET ME HELP YOU SHARE THE NEWS! AS THE ACCEPTANCE LETTERS ROLL IN, EMAIL OR TEXT ME (509)439-1513, WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE IT ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA! WE ARE PROUD OF THE WORK THEY PUT IT AND WE WANT TO SHOUT THEIR SUCCESSES FROM THE ROOFTOPS!

FINANCIAL AID FOR 2021-2022

It is the mission of La Salle to ensure that anyone who wants a Catholic Education with us, will have one, regardless of ability to pay. That being said, NOW is the time to apply for financial aid for next year, for new **or** current students! you have a child who is a current student and will have another incoming child, simply add your child to your current profile online. FACTS applications can be found by clicking here.

Lightning GEAR

FOR THE LATEST IN FAN AND SPORTS SPIRIT WEAR, BE SURE TO VISIT THE ONLINE STORE ON OUR WEBSITE OR BY CLICKING [HERE](#).



St. Joseph Marquette



Counseling Department

Ms. Hanna Fischer

Ms. Fischer is an alumni of La Salle High School, class of 2010. This is her 6th year as La Salle's School Counselor.

She earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Communications from Central Washington University, and her Master's degree in Counseling through Grand Canyon University. She is specialized in Addictions and has further certifications in Cognitive Fitness (Harvard), Motivational Interviewing (ASCA), and Race-Based Stress and Trauma (ASCA).

Ms. Fischer is on campus 3 days per week and located in the Science Building, between Room 502 & 504. She is available all Mondays and Tuesdays from 8-3, as well as an additional 3rd "float day" that varies week to week.

If you would like to schedule an appointment with Ms. Fischer, her email is hfisher@lasalleyakima.org



Calendar Highlights

Fri., January 22

Early Admissions Deadline for Class of 2025

Thurs., January 28

Heroic Vow Ceremony Commons and Zoom 10:45am

Sun., January 31—Friday, February 5

Catholic Schools Week

Tues., February 2

Season 1 (fall sports) Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting

Via Zoom at 6pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84044196222>

Thurs., February 4

Catholic Schools Mass Zoom to Advising 9am

Fri., February 5

Catholic Schools Week Holiday—No School

Sat., February 6

Class of 2025 HS Placement Exam

Fri., February 12-15

Presidents Day Weekend/Winter Break Holiday

Tues., February 16

First Collection Day for St. Pat's Gala Raffle Tickets

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:
SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

LA SALLE'S ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY GALA AND AUCTION IS ON!

Please join us on-line for an exciting auction and
\$10,000 raffle drawing!

Order a traditional Irish dinner catered by D'lish Catering for pick-up at La Salle or become a Major Sponsor and have it delivered!

More information is coming soon...

Please contact Debbie Moorer at 509-945-3123 or debbiemoorer@msn.com
for sponsorship opportunities or to donate an auction item.

Parent hours will be offered for each.

IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR **IRISH** ON!!!



22nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Raffle Raffle Selling Instructions for Students/ Parents

Each family required to sell 180 tickets (\$2.00 each)...the TOTAL sales per family is \$360 (cannot be added to tuition accounts)

Raffle raises \$50,000+ for Student Programs at La Salle and helps bridge the Tuition Gap

Raffle Prizes will be drawn Saturday, March 13th on the La Salle campus.

Prizes are as follows:

1 st Prize	\$7,000 Cash
2nd Prize	\$2,000 Cash
3rd Prize	\$1,000 Cash

Selling dates are now through March 2nd.

First Ticket/Money Collection Date: Friday, February 12th
Students who turn in all 180 tickets and \$360 total earn a pizza lunch!

Final Ticket/Money Collection Date: Tuesday, March 2nd

**MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PURCHASE TICKETS
AND/OR WIN**

ALL SOLD TICKET STUBS AND UNSOLD TICKETS
MUST BE RETURNED BY THE FINAL TURN IN DATE - MARCH
2nd.

AS PER GAMBLING COMMISSION RULES - EVERY TICKET MUST
BE ACCOUNTED FOR!!!

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE STAPLES FROM TICKET BOOKS!!!
PLEASE TURN IN TICKETS/CASH IN NUMERIC/TIDY ORDER

Remember...La Salle's Top Ticket Sellers will receive cash prizes!!

1 st place---	\$150.00
2 nd place---	\$100.00
3 rd place---	\$50.00

May the Luck o' the Irish be with you!