

# **Letter from the Principal**

May, 2017

#### Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe, but there are only three and a half weeks remaining until the official end of the 2016-17 school year! As our students become more and more excited about the approaching end of school, we ask that you continue to partner with us to keep your student disciplined and focused as we move toward final exams. It is an exciting time for all of us, and we anticipate a smooth end to a tremendous year.

#### SCHEDULES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Parents, you should have recently signed your student's tentative class schedule form for next year. Signed schedules were turned in on Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Final schedules will be mailed home in late June/early July.

#### **SERVICE HOURS FOR THE 17-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

We are very excited to announce that beginning next school year,  $10^{th}$  grade students and  $11^{th}$  grade students will be required to complete service hours in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Some particulars are as follows:  $10^{th}$  graders will need to accumulate 15 hours of service;  $11^{th}$  graders will need to accumulate 20 hours of service; we will provide and post a list of acceptable agencies to which students can volunteer their time; students can begin accumulating hours over the upcoming summer months, and hours will need to be completed before April of 2018. We are still working out details, and we expect to fully roll out the program in the middle of this month. More information will be posted to Edline and sent home with students before the conclusion of the year. For now, please email any questions to me at <a href="mailto:pkelly@delasallenola.com">pkelly@delasallenola.com</a>.

#### BROTHER'S DAY, MONDAY, MAY 1ST

We are excited to welcome a number of Christian Brothers to our campus on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Brothers will present to our junior class in the morning and eat lunch with a small group of students. We welcome their presence on our campus.

### SPRING BAND CONCERT, WEDNESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 7:00 PM

Come join us for our Spring Band Concert this Wednesday night in the cafeteria. Our band will perform for all guests, and Mr. Pray will repeat the concert for the entire student body the following morning.

### ALL SPORTS BANQUET, THURSDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30 PM

All participating De La Salle student-athletes will be honored this Thursday at our year-end Sports Banquet. Cost is \$20.00 per student and \$25.00 for guests.

### SENIOR AWARDS BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 AM

This ceremony is mandatory for seniors. Contact Mrs. D'Antoni at <a href="mailto:mdantoni@delasallenola.com">mdantoni@delasallenola.com</a> if you have any questions.

### UNDERCLASSMEN AWARDS CEREMONY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00 PM

Invitations will be sent home later this week for this event. On this evening, we honor the lead students in all of our academic course offerings, as well as all club and extra-curricular activity participants. Please contact Mr. Justin Martineau, Director of Student Activities, at <a href="mailto:jmartineau@delasallenola.com">jmartineau@delasallenola.com</a>, if you have any questions about this event.

### FOUNDER'S DAY AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY, FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to attend this ceremony, which begins at 10:30 am on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony includes Mass, the presentation of a "golden diploma" to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary graduates of De La Salle's class of 1967, and the recognition and promotion of each current 8<sup>th</sup> grade student. The day usually concludes at approximately 12:30 pm for all students, so please make the necessary plans to accommodate this early dismissal.

#### GRADUATION, MONDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00 PM, XAVIER CONVOCATION CENTER

Graduation takes place at the Xavier Convocation Center, 7900-7998 Stroelitz Street, New Orleans, LA, 70125. Congratulations, seniors and senior parents!

### FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, AT DE LA SALLE

Please come out and join us for the first ever Food Truck Friday here at De La Salle. Admission prices include a wristband to eat as much as you like at all of the food trucks. Adult beverages will be available and can be purchased from the bar, cash only. An ATM will be available onsite.

Listed below are the pre-sale admission prices. Prices will increase by \$10 each on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ms. Jessica Atwood at <u>jatwood@delasallenola.com</u> with any questions. <u>Click here for more information</u>. Yard signs are available at the front desk!

Adult Admission \$20 (12+ years)
De La Salle Student Admission \$15 (valid DLS ID needed for entry to event)
Child Admission \$15 (11 and under)
Faculty/Staff Admission \$15 (valid DLS ID needed for entry to event)

### FINAL EXAMS, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup>

Reminder that final exams fall on a Tuesday and Wednesday this year. Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, students will take their C and D period exams; Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, students will take their A and B period exams. **Dismissal for all students will be at 11:00 am on these exam days.** 

#### FINAL GRADES

Please be reminded that **we do not mail home final grades**. All grades should be available via Edline by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL

Any student who fails the equivalent of .5 credits of a course (or more) must remediate those credits in summer school at De La Salle. Please refer to the Student Handbook for further clarification. Summer school registration is Friday, June  $2^{nd}$ , from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Any questions regarding grades and summer school can be directed to Mrs. D'Antoni.

## ACT PREPARATION COURSE, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>

We are pleased to announce that De La Salle will again offer an ACT Preparation Course in the weeks leading up to the June ACT date. All rising seniors and juniors are invited to participate. Mr. Hussein Dossaji will lead the session, and the cost is \$300.00 per student. Students who took this course last year found it tremendously beneficial.

As always, we thank you for entrusting your children to us, and we wish you and your child a happy and healthy May.

Take care, and may God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

Paul Kelly, '83

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