



# DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF EDUCATION ON THE AVENUE

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #3

September 8, 2025

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

September	10	1st Quarter Progress Reports available on Plus Portals
	10	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	10	8th Grade Retreat
	10	Board of Trustees Meeting
	12	<b>No School - Faculty Retreat</b>
	16	Principal's Assembly
	17	Yearbook Picture Retakes
	17	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	17	Evening of Confession: New Orleans Catholic Churches, 5:00 - 6:30
	18	Fire Drill, 9:45
	18	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30 - 6:30
	19	Sibling and Sidekick Day
	19	Pep Rally
	19	Class of 2000 Reunion: Lobby, 6:00 - 8:00
	21	Catechetical Sunday

#### ROTATING SCHEDULE

September 8 - 12	A Week
September 15 - 19	B Week
September 22 - 26	C Week

#### LASALLIAN REFLECTION - *Lasallian Mission (cont.)*

There can be no Lasallian mission without people who live a Lasallian spirituality. The Lasallian spirituality that drives the mission is empowered and shaped by the character, charism, and vision of St. John Baptist de La Salle and the first Brothers. Their shared experiences and collaboration shaped their charismatic path and established the Institute. It is deeply rooted in Jesus Christ and the Gospel. Further primary historical sources for Lasallian spirituality include the Catholic heritage, our Institute's founding story, the Gospel journey of St. John Baptist de La Salle, and the long-line of Brothers who dedicated their lives to its realization.



Finally, the Lasallian Family has contributed to the development and incarnation of spirituality in multiple cultures and in dialogue with other spiritualities.

- Lasallian Resource Center
- [www.lasallianresources.com](http://www.lasallianresources.com)

## CATHOLIC REFLECTION



### **A Message from Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond**

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:*

*It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening in September near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.*

*I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity.*

*This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches on Wednesday, September 17, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please consider inviting the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.*

*Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Blessing "Urbi el Orbi," May 8, 2025, he reminds us: "God loves us, God loves you all and evil will not prevail!"*

*Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 17.*

*Wishing you God's blessings, I am*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans*

## Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on September 21, 2025. The theme for 2025 is “Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15), calls all Catholics to be prepared to share their faith.

The day is meant to recognize and celebrate the role of catechists in the parish community, and to reflect on how each person can share the faith and witness to the Gospel. It’s also a time for the Church to recommit to this mission as a community.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Eighth Grade Retreat

The eighth grade retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10. The eighth grade retreat will be held at The Cenacle on the Lake in Metairie. The theme for the eighth grade retreat is “The Lasallian Five Core Principles”. While on retreat, the students will explore the Five Core Principles of Lasallian Education and specific and practical ways in which those can be lived out authentically in our school community. Please keep our students and teachers/retreat leaders in your prayers for a safe and successful retreat experience.

The students on retreat are allowed to dress down following the guidelines in the handbook for a “Maroon and White Dress Down Day”. The students are to leave their book bags at home or keep them in their lockers.

### Safe Environment Training for Students

Within the next several weeks, all students in a fall semester religion class will receive the Safe Environment training required by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This training explains signs of abuse, appropriate boundaries, and policies related to mandated reporting.

This training will take place during religion classes. If you have any concerns about your child receiving this information, please contact me or Ms. Rogers as soon as possible, and we can provide you with the official opt-out form.

### Progress Reports - Wednesday, September 10

Teachers will submit grades for progress reports today, and you should be able to access those by the end of the day on Wednesday. To see these letter grades, please go to the homepage of Plus Portals. To the right, you will see a heading titled “How to Access Progress Reports and Report Cards.” You can click below that to see the instructions for accessing progress reports.

These progress reports are not official grades, but they do provide a sense of where your child stands in classes at approximately the midpoint of the quarter. These grades are only a

“snapshot” of your child’s average at this point in the quarter. Ample time remains for your child’s average to be affected in the balance of the quarter.

If your child appears to be struggling in any class, please feel free to reach out to that teacher at any point. We will have Parent/Teacher Conferences from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. next Thursday, September 18.

### **Alumni Football Game vs. Holy Cross**

Calling all football players, trainers, managers, band members, Cavalettes, cheerleaders, and flag team/color guard alumni! Join us on Thursday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tad Gormley Stadium for our Alumni Game! You must register to be recognized at the halftime presentation. Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/2025DLSAlumniGameRegistration>. The deadline to register is Tuesday, September 9, at 12:00 p.m.



There will be tailgating from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Be a part of the fun! Show off your cooking skills by helping cook at the alumni tailgate. Food and drink will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions about the Alumni Game, please send an email to [alumni@delasallenola.com](mailto:alumni@delasallenola.com).

### **Principal’s Assembly - Tuesday, September 16**

Our first Principal’s Assembly of the school year will be held next Tuesday, September 16. At the Principal’s Assembly, we gather as a school to celebrate the accomplishments of both individual students as well as various student groups. If your child had any significant accomplishments and experiences over the summer or outside of school that we may not be aware of (such as the successful completion of an internship program, a scouting award, etc.), please have your child let me know as soon as possible for possible mention in the assembly.

There will be several of these assemblies throughout the year. Therefore, if we do not receive your child’s information in time for the first assembly, there will be other opportunities for your child to be recognized.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences - Thursday, September 18**

On Thursday, September 18, from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., we encourage all parents to come to campus for individual conferences with teachers. All teachers will be available in their classrooms at that time and will meet with parents on a first come, first served basis. We ask that you limit your individual time with teachers to a maximum of eight (8) minutes, and please be conscious of time if a line has formed outside a teacher’s door. Of course, if you feel like you need more time with a teacher, you are always welcome to set up a conference by appointment with that teacher for another day.

Maps and student schedules will be available in the lobby.

### **Pazos Education Fund**

The Pazos Foundation has reached out to us regarding scholarships they provide to students attending schools in the New Orleans Archdiocese who are impacted by diabetes. These scholarships are available to students who either live with Type I Diabetes themselves or who have an immediate family member (Mother, Father, Brother, Stepbrother, Sister, Stepsister) with Type I Diabetes.



If your child meets one of these qualifications, we would encourage you to look for full details of the scholarship application process by visiting the Pazos Education Fund website at

[www.pazoseducationfund.com](http://www.pazoseducationfund.com). Applications are being accepted until November 30, 2025.

De La Salle has no role in determining scholarship recipients, but the fund has reached out to us seeking applicants.

### **Save the Date**

- 1st Quarter Exams - October 9 and 10
- DLS Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony - Thursday, October 16
- Parents Day of Service - Saturday, October 25
- Open House - Tuesday, October 28

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Neider".

Richard Neider  
Principal

