



# DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF EDUCATION ON THE AVENUE

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #5

October 6, 2025

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October	6	Blood Drive
	7	School Mass
	8	PSAT Testing (All Juniors and some Sophomores)
	8	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	9	<b>1st Quarter Exams (Noon Dismissal)</b>
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	11	Middle School All-State Honor Band Auditions
	14	Balfour Orders for 11th and 12th grades: cafeteria, lunch
	15	DLS Board of Trustees - <i>Lunch with Students</i>
	15	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	16	ACE Mentoring - Session #4
	16	Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
	16	9th Grade Retreat
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	18	ACT
	20	1st Quarter Report Cards available on Plus Portals



### ROTATING SCHEDULE

October 6 - 10	A Week
October 13 - 17	B Week
October 20 - 24	C Week

### LASALLIAN REFLECTION - *Lasallian Education*

Today the Lasallian Educational Mission has diverse expressions in varied works and ministries across the globe. There is a unity in this diversity. Both this unity and this diversity are celebrated. The source of its unity is in its Christian identity, the spiritual journey of St. John Baptist de La Salle, and the educational tradition that bears his name. The strength of its diversity lies in the breadth of its multi-cultural and multi-religious reality, an inclusive community that values each person, and supportive relationship at all levels of the educational experience.

### **Catholic Reflection - *Belief in God: Trinity and Divine Attributes***

At the heart of Catholic belief lies the profound mystery of the Holy Trinity: one God in three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This doctrine reveals the nature of God as a communion of love, eternally existing in perfect unity and harmony. Through the Trinity, we come to understand the infinite love, wisdom, and power of God.



As Catholics, we profess our faith in a God who is both immanent and transcendent, intimately involved in the affairs of creation yet infinitely beyond our comprehension.

Our belief in God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier shapes our understanding of the world and our place within it, instilling in us a sense of awe, gratitude, and reverence for the divine.

- Adapted from the writings of Jacob Prints

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Inka's Uniforms - Fall Sale**

One of our uniform providers, Inka's Uniforms, is having a Fall Sale. From October 6-11, Inka's is offering a 10% discount. The store is located at 1617 Hickory Avenue.

- To save online at: [inkas-uniforms.com](http://inkas-uniforms.com)
- Use Coupon Code: FALL

### **PSAT**

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) is a standardized test administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in the United States. The PSAT is structured similarly to the SAT. It has the same sections and timing, and it measures the Reading and Writing and Math skills needed to succeed in college and career.



On Wednesday, October 8, all juniors and select sophomores will be taking the PSAT at De La Salle during the school day. Those students (and their parents) who will be taking the PSAT have been notified. The PSAT will be administered digitally. Students will need their Chromebooks for the test.

If your child will be taking the PSAT, please make every effort to ensure that he/she is in school, on time, well fed before school, and ready to do his/her best. Also, please help ensure that their Chromebook is fully charged! In advance, thanks for your help.

Students who are not taking the PSAT will attend their regular rotation of classes.

## **First Quarter Exams**

As the first quarter draws to a close this week, students will have exams this Thursday, October 9, and Friday, October 10. On exam days, we will have a late start and an early dismissal.

The exam schedule is as follows:

- Thursday (10/9) - A and B Period Exams
- Friday (10/10) - C and D Period Exams

On both Thursday and Friday of this week for exams, the warning bell will ring at 8:25 a.m., and school will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. Teachers will be in their classrooms and available to help students beginning at 7:40 a.m. The second exam will conclude at 11:30 a.m.

Buses will run at the regular time in the morning and will depart from campus at approximately 11:45 a.m. following the end of the school day. Students must be off campus or with a coach or moderator in an extracurricular activity by 12:30 p.m.

First quarter report cards will be available on Plus Portals by Monday, October 20. Parents are encouraged to check Plus Portals with your child early this week so that you are both aware of any classes in which your child is particularly struggling as we approach exams. Please remember that for the vast majority of our classes, students who fail the first quarter are required to attend summer school to remediate the class.

## **Balfour Orders - Senior Graduation Announcements and Junior Class Rings**

On Tuesday, October 14, representatives from Balfour will be on campus during lunch to take orders from Seniors for graduation announcements and from Juniors for class rings. Additional order packets can be picked up at the front desk in the school lobby.

Please be aware that Balfour has established deadlines to order these items! After the deadlines have passed, Balfour cannot guarantee the items will be ready in time for graduation or ring mass. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Frankie Taffaro at [ftaffaro@delasallenola.com](mailto:ftaffaro@delasallenola.com).



## **DLS Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

The De La Salle High School Sports Hall of Fame recognizes individuals for exhibiting athletic excellence and bringing distinction to De La Salle and its athletic programs. De La Salle is pleased to announce the 26<sup>th</sup> class of inductees for this year's Sports Hall of Fame: Frank Melito ('61), Jay Fazande ('89), Brian Carter ('04), and Jason Hardesty ('07).

You are invited to join us as we celebrate these inductees. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 16, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the CAVS Center. To purchase tickets for the ceremony, go to the school website ([delasallenola.com](http://delasallenola.com)) and in the "Upcoming Events" section under "Hall of Fame", click on the link: "Click Here to Purchase Tickets".

## **9th Grade Retreats**

On Thursday, October 16, and Friday, October 17, our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be on retreat. While on retreat, the students explore their gifts, the ways they can serve and encourage their peers, and the means by which they can accept support from their classmates through the LOOP NOLA City Park Challenge Course. The day concludes with a time for students to create a spiritual profile reflecting on who they are as children of God and who they hope to become over the next four years of high school.

Students whose last names begin with A-Jam will be attending retreat on Thursday and last names Jas-Z will be attending retreat on Friday. Please make sure your child knows which day he/she is going on retreat.

The students on retreat are allowed to dress down following the guidelines in the school handbook for a “Maroon and White Dress Down Day”. Please make sure your child follows the guidelines for dressing down on retreat.

The students are required to have their parents electronically submit two permission forms. One is the De La Salle form and the other is the LOOP NOLA form. If you have not submitted your child’s forms, please do so as soon as possible. The permission slip can be accessed via this link: [Retreat Permission Slip](#). If you have questions about the forms, please contact Dr. Behan at [tbehan@delasallenola.com](mailto:tbehan@delasallenola.com). Students cannot attend the retreat unless these forms have been submitted! Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Finally, the students on retreat are to leave their book bags at home or keep them in their lockers. Lunch will be provided. Students are allowed to bring a clear refillable water bottle on retreat.

Please keep the students, the retreat team, and the teachers in your prayers for a safe and successful retreat experience.

## **Tuxedos to Geaux to Visit DLS for Homecoming Suits & Blazers**

On Wednesday, October 22, representatives from Tuxedos to Geaux will be on campus during lunch to measure students who want to purchase a new suit or blazer. Once they measure the interested students, they will contact each parent individually to approve the order that the student placed. The suits will be delivered to school.

Message from Tuxedos to Geaux:

*“Tuxedos to Geaux is a formal wear store that offers your students and their families a cost-effective and time-saving service. Our motto is ‘DON’T RENT IT, OWN IT!’*

*Your convenience is our priority. We come to school and measure any student who is interested in purchasing a suit or blazer. Our experienced alteration team tailors the items to fit perfectly. We then return to school with the altered items and deliver them to the students. All purchases from our store come with free lifetime alterations. We return to school each year to see if any alterations are needed at no charge.*

*Note: The suit color options are solid black, navy, indigo blue, and charcoal. We also have a beige suit (limited availability). The package will include a white dress shirt and an assorted necktie.*

<b>Suits</b>	New Suit, Dress Shirt & Tie \$179 plus tax
<b>Blazers</b>	Navy Blazer \$129 plus tax

*No deposits are required.*

*We accept cash, credit cards, debit cards, checks, and Venmo @TuxToGeaux."*

For more information, please contact Tuxedos to Geaux directly. You can text any questions to Sarah at 504-388-2910.



### **DLS Open House - Tuesday, October 28**

Our annual Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28...and your help is needed! We recognize that word-of-mouth goes a long way in promoting De La Salle High School. Consequently, please invite any families who may be considering DLS to attend our Open House. Also, please have your child bring home an Open House yard sign to display in front of your house and/or place of business. You are also welcome to stop by school and pick up a sign yourself.

### **Save the Date**

- Parents Day of Service - Saturday, October 25
- Open House - Tuesday, October 28
- Sophomore Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, December 6

Sincerely,

Richard Neider  
Principal