



# DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF EDUCATION ON THE AVENUE

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #9

December 8, 2025

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

December	8	School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation
	9	Peanut Butter and Jelly Service Project
	10	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	10	Winter Concert: cafeteria, 6:30 pm
	11	La Troupe De La Salle performance, 6:00
	11	Board of Trustees Meeting
	12	La Troupe De La Salle performance, 6:00
	13	Saturday School, 8:00 - 2:00
	13	Breakfast with Santa: lobby, 9:30 - 11:30
	13	La Troupe De La Salle performance, noon
	16	Principal's Assembly
	17	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	17	Class of 2025 Yearbook Party: lobby, 4:00
	17	Tacky/Ugly Christmas Sweater Dress Down Day
	18	<b>2nd Quarter Exams, noon dismissal</b>
	19	<b>2nd Quarter Exams, noon dismissal</b>
	22	Christmas Holidays begin



December 22 - January 5      **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – NO SCHOOL**

January	6	School Resumes
	6	School Mass
	8	Mini-Schedule Night and Junior Parent Meeting

#### ROTATING SCHEDULE

December 8 - 12	A Week
December 15 - 19	B Week
January 6 - 9	A Week

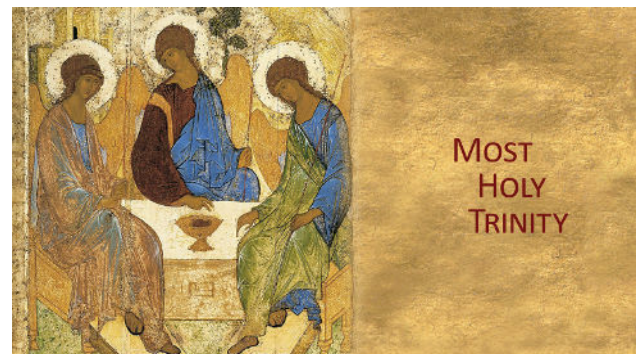
## **LASALLIAN REFLECTION - *The Dynamics of Lasallian Spirituality: The Holy Presence of God***

The prayer that begins Lasallian activities provides a starting hope and a defining end: “Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God.” Some form of this prayer is used each day in Lasallian schools, communities, and ministries throughout the world. From the earliest times, this prayer “will help the teachers to recollect themselves and recall the presence of God; it will serve to accustom the students to think of God from time to time and to offer God all their actions, and to draw upon themselves God’s blessing.” In very few words, and with habitual frequency, it is a statement that invites intentional reflection, renewed awareness, and a change in perspective. The words are the setting of the jewel of that shared silence. This central Lasallian prayer and invocation encapsulates an essential dimension of our Lasallian identity, mission, community, and charism. It invites us to do what we say and to live what we believe.

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

## **CATHOLIC REFLECTION - *Jesus as the Son of God and Savior***

At the core of our faith is the belief in Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God, the second person of the Holy Trinity. He is not merely a prophet or moral teacher; rather, He is the fulfillment of God’s promise, the Word made flesh, who came into the world to save us from sin and reconcile us to the Father.



In Jesus, we encounter the fullness of God’s love and mercy. Through his sacrificial death on the cross and glorious resurrection, He conquered sin and death, offering humanity the gift of eternal life. Embracing Jesus as our Savior is an invitation to enter into a personal relationship with the Divine, experiencing forgiveness, redemption, and the hope of salvation.

- Adapted from the writings of Jacob Print

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Winter Concert**

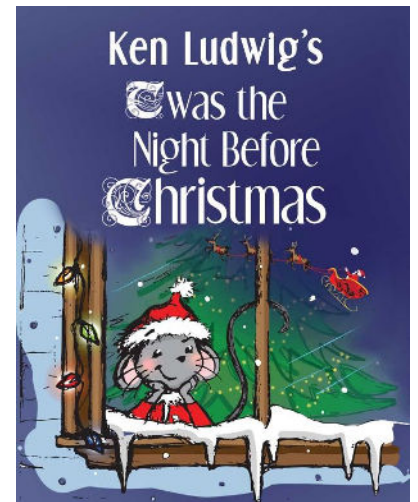
The De La Salle Band, String Orchestra, and Choir present their annual Christmas Concert. The performance is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Attendees are asked to make a \$5 cash donation to help support these groups. Come out and enjoy an evening of musical entertainment provided by our talented musicians and singers.

**La Troupe De La Salle presents - *Twas the Night Before Christmas***

It is almost show time! The members of La Troupe De La Salle have been hard at work on their production of *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Performances will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 13 at 12:00 p.m. in the Phil Harris/Alice Faye Theater which is located on the 3rd floor of the Arsenius Center.

Admission will be \$10 for general admission and \$5 for ages 10 and under. No advanced ticket sales; tickets will only be sold at the door. DLS students are admitted free with their school ID! Concessions will be available for purchase.

Come enjoy the show and support our students.



**Breakfast With Santa**

Bring your little ones and join us on Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the school lobby for a delightful morning filled with Christmas crafts and activities for kids of all ages. We will be serving donuts, milk, and coffee. Portraits with Santa Claus will be available!



For more information and tickets, go to the school website ([delasallenola.com](http://delasallenola.com)) and in the "Upcoming Events" section under "Breakfast With Santa", click the "Purchase Tickets Now!" link. Children 3 and under are admitted free! Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the day of the event.

**A Message for Seniors from Balfour**

The deadline for Seniors to order Graduation Announcements is Friday, December 12. Orders can be placed at <http://www.balfournola.com> or scan the Balfour QR code.

If you have any questions, please call the Balfour store at 504-833-7330.



## **Second Quarter Exams**

As the second quarter draws to a close next week, students will have exams on Thursday, December 18, and Friday, December 19. On exam days, we will have a late start and an early dismissal. Please make sure your child is in class and on time for all exams!

The exam schedule is as follows:

- Thursday (12/18) - C and D Period Exams
- Friday (12/19) - A and B Period Exams

On both the Thursday and Friday exam days, 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.

Second quarter report cards will be available on Plus Portals after we return to school in January. Parents are encouraged to check Plus Portals with your child at this time so that you are both aware of any classes in which your child is particularly struggling as we approach exams.

## **Lasallian Season of Giving Annual Giving Campaign**

The Lasallian Season of Giving, our month-long annual giving campaign, continues until January 1, 2026. Please be on the lookout for video messages from our students and President Paul Kelly asking for your support of this fundraising campaign!

If you are able to give, please do so! All proceeds go toward directly impacting our students' educational experience.

To participate in the Lasallian Season of Giving, please click here: [Lasallian Season of Giving](#).

Thanks, in advance, for your support of De La Salle High School and the Lasallian Mission.



## **Grandparents Day**

Grandparents Day will be held on Friday, January 23 from 12:45 - 2:45 p.m. The program will begin in the cafeteria with refreshments and light snacks. In lieu of a professional photographer, photo stations will be set up for our staff to take a photo using the grandparent's and/or the student's phone or camera.

In order to adequately prepare, registration is required by Friday, January 16. We are asking the parents to register the grandparents. Please use this link to register:

<https://forms.gle/ct4ybwnYb4bAn9bQ9>

### **Raffle Ticket Sales**

Friendly reminder to encourage your child to sell the ten raffle tickets recently distributed in support of De La Salle's Maroon and White Gala in March of 2026. Students who sell all ten raffle tickets will receive a school holiday on Friday, February 13. Tickets are \$10 each, and we will hold a drawing for the \$5,000 cash prize in the new year! Please turn in the sold tickets and cash to Mr. Kelly or to the receptionist's desk at school, and reach out to [advancement@delasallenola.com](mailto:advancement@delasallenola.com) should you have any questions.

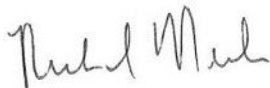
### **Save the Date**

- School Resumes - January 6, 2026
- 2nd Semester Mini-Schedule Night - Thursday, January 8, 2026
- Grandparents Day - Friday, January 23, 2026
- Maroon and White Gala - March 23, 2026

### **Merry Christmas!**

On behalf of the faculty, staff, administration, and the Christian Brothers, may you and yours have a wonderful, safe, and blessed *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Sincerely,



Richard Neider

