



# DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

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## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF EDUCATION ON THE AVENUE

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #14

March 9, 2026

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

March	9	Blood Drive
	9	Class of 1963 Luncheon
	<b>10</b>	<b><i>Standardized Testing Day, noon dismissal</i></b>
	<b>11</b>	<b><i>Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal</i></b>
	11	Lenten Evening of Confession: New Orleans Catholic Churches, 5:00 - 6:30
	<b>12</b>	<b><i>Special Schedule, 11:15 dismissal</i></b>
		<i>Note: Exams originally scheduled for today have been moved to Monday!</i>
	12	Board of Trustees Meeting
	<b>13</b>	<b><i>3rd Quarter Exams, noon dismissal</i></b>
	13	Alumni Crawfest
	14	District Literary Rally
	<b>16</b>	<b><i>3rd Quarter Exams, noon dismissal</i></b>
	17	School Mass
	<b>18</b>	<b><i>Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal</i></b>
	18	Lenten Evening of Confession: New Orleans Catholic Churches, 5:00 - 6:30
	19	ACE Mentoring - Session #12
	19	St. Joseph's Altar
	20	Cafeteria closed before school and during break
	21	Gala
	23	3rd Quarter Report Cards available on Plus Portals

#### ROTATING SCHEDULE

March 9 - 13	A Week
March 16 - 20	B Week
March 23 - 27	C Week

#### LASALLIAN REFLECTION - *Living Lasallian Spirituality*

Scripture, the Word of God, is a main reference point for the prayer of Lasallians. John Baptist de La Salle tells us “to read and listen to the reading of the Holy Scripture frequently.” Today, as in the past, Lasallian spirit life passes through the prayerful reading of the Word of God, quietly engaged at the personal and community level, assumed as a source of community discernment, and appropriate as part of one’s own life and mission. It is necessary to listen to the Word of God and

to put it into practice in order to respond to the “sign of the times” and the “movements of the Spirit.” Word and life are part of the single vitality that runs through the Lasallian spirituality.

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

**CATHOLIC REFLECTION - *A Letter from Archbishop Checchio***

March 2026

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

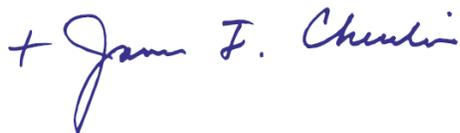
I pray that your Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to His invitation to conversion through increased prayer, fasting, almsgiving and works of mercy.

A worthy tradition of Lent is to partake in the Sacrament of Penance. God’s love for us is always bountiful and He desires us to turn away from sin, be forgiven and be faithful to the Gospel. Lent is the perfect time for us to stand before our merciful God and asking for His forgiveness through Confession.

A beautiful tradition takes place here in our Archdiocese. A priest will be available in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on the following Wednesdays during Lent from 5:00 PM til 6:30 PM: March 11, March 17, and March 25. Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has been many years, the heart of Jesus is open and He invites you to know and accept His mercy.

Know of my prayers, love and gratitude for you, and please pray for me as we journey through this Lent to the joys of Easter!

With renewed best wishes, I remain  
Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ James F. Checchio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Archbishop of New Orleans

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Schedule Change for Thursday, March 12 and Monday, March 16**

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team on their 47-46 playoff victory over Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy this past Friday. The team's next game will be played on Thursday, March 12 at 2:45 p.m. The game will be played at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles. With a win on Thursday, the team will play for the state championship on Saturday!

To support the team, the Band, Cavalettes, and Cheer team will perform at Thursday's game. We are making plans for a student fan bus. There will be limited seats available on the fan bus. For more information, please contact Tony Taffaro at [ttaffaro@delasallenola.com](mailto:ttaffaro@delasallenola.com).

To accommodate student participation at Thursday's game, there will be a change to the exam schedule that will affect this Thursday (3/12) and next Monday (3/16). The schedule change is as follows:

#### **Thursday (3/12) - 11:15 dismissal (Students must be off campus by noon.)**

- No exams
- Thursday's schedule will include all classes meeting for 40 minutes.
- The cafeteria will be open before school and at break. Lunch will not be available.
- There will be no afternoon bus service on this day.

#### **Friday (3/13) - Noon dismissal (Students must be off campus by 12:30 p.m.)**

- C and D exams
- Normal exam schedule with a late start and early dismissal
- The warning bell will ring at 8:25 a.m. and school will start promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- The cafeteria will be open before school and at break. Lunch will not be available.
- Buses will leave campus shortly after dismissal
- Note: Attendance at Thursday's game will NOT excuse students from Friday's exams! Students should plan accordingly and begin studying now.

#### **Monday (3/16) - Noon dismissal (Students must be off campus by 12:30 p.m.)**

- A and B exams
- Normal exam schedule with a late start and early dismissal
- The warning bell will ring at 8:25 a.m. and school will start promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- The cafeteria will be open before school and at break. Lunch will not be available.
- Buses will leave campus shortly after dismissal
- Note: This day was originally a full day. Please make the appropriate arrangements to accommodate the early dismissal.

GO CAVS!

## **Eighth Grade Speech Night Results**

Congratulations to all of our Eighth Grade students for participating in the speech night process. Below is a list of this year's winners and the speech that they performed. Congratulations to all of those who participated!

1st Place - Maeve Graffagnini, "Coffee is for Closers"

2nd Place - Morgan Mason, "Quitting Scene"

3rd Place - Jacob Roberts, "The Grinch"

Honorable Mention - Marlee Armstead, "Single Man Monologue"

Honorable Mention - Clark Foster, "The Raven"

Honorable Mention - Aphril Pineda, "Bacon"



## **Standardized Testing Day**

Students in grades 8 through 11 will be taking Standardized Tests on Tuesday, March 10. Please keep in mind and share with your child the importance of their attendance and best effort on this day.

The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> students will be taking the PreACT 8/9, and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the PreACT. These are digital tests, and students need their Chromebooks. Please remind your child to bring his or her fully-charged Chromebook to school tomorrow.

The 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking an actual ACT. This will be a paper and pencil test.

On Standardized Testing Day, any 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who has not yet applied to a college or is still waiting for an admission decision is required to attend school to meet with Ms. Simmons and work on those applications. Any 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who has already received admission to college is not required to attend school on this day!

School will dismiss at approximately 12:00. There will be no lunch service on this day. Buses will leave campus shortly after dismissal. Students must be off campus or with a coach or moderator in an extracurricular activity by 12:30 p.m. Please remember to make the necessary transportation arrangements.

## **Third Quarter Exams**

As the third quarter draws to a close, students will have exams this Friday, March 13 and Monday, March 16. On exam days, we will have a late start and an early dismissal.

The exam schedule is as follows:

- Friday (3/13) - C and D Period Exams
- Monday (3/16) - A and B Period Exams

On both 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.

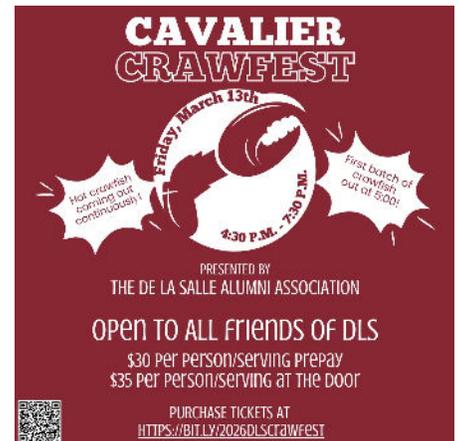
Buses will run at the regular time in the morning and will depart from campus at approximately 11:45 a.m. following the end of the school day. Students must be off campus or with a coach or moderator in an extracurricular activity by 12:30 p.m.

Third quarter report cards will be available on Plus Portals by Thursday, March 26. 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 third quarter are required to attend summer school to remediate the class.

### **Cavalier Crawfest**

The De La Salle Alumni Association welcomes you to join us for our Annual Cavalier CrawFest on Friday, March 13 at De La Salle from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.! Crawfish will be \$30 per person/serving (prepay) and \$35 per person/serving at the door. To purchase tickets, go to the school website ([delasallenola.com](http://delasallenola.com)) and in the “Upcoming Events” section, under “Cavalier Crawfest”, click the “Tickets Available Now!” link.

We will have drinks for sale and activities for everyone in the family. All proceeds will benefit the DLS Alumni Association. We hope to see you there!



### **District and State Literary Rally**

For over a century, LSU has hosted State Rally with the goal of providing Louisiana high school students the opportunity to showcase their academic and performance abilities in fair and friendly competitions. In recent years, more than 4,000 students from over 350 schools have participated in State Rally after advancing from their District Rally.

This year’s District Rally will take place on March 14 at Southeastern University in Hammond. Nearly sixty of our students will be competing in the District Rally. Each of these students will take a test in a specific subject area, competing against students from other local schools. Top performers have the opportunity to advance to the State Rally in March.

Good luck to all of our District Rally participants!

### St. Joseph's Altar

Once again, De La Salle will host a St. Joseph's Altar on Thursday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, our patron. The altar will open at 7:50 a.m. with a blessing from our chaplain, Father Jeff, and will remain open to the students and the public until 4:00 p.m. We will be collecting donations this Wednesday, March 11, for the altar. Donations needed include Italian cookies, cakes, flowers, and vegetables. Monetary donations will be put toward the purchase of these items. Anyone interested in helping set up the altar or make a donation should email Mrs. Fitzmorris at [rfitzmorris@delasallenola.com](mailto:rfitzmorris@delasallenola.com). Please stop by school on the 19th to visit the altar.



### DLS Maroon and White Gala

The "Breakfast at Tiffany's" *Maroon & White GALA* is Saturday, March 21. We hope you can join us for this wonderful event - lots of fun, food, libations, and dancing! All proceeds will benefit current and future Cavaliers. To purchase tickets, go to the school website ([delasallenola.com](http://delasallenola.com)) and in the "Upcoming Events" section, under "Maroon and White Gala", click the "Tickets Available Now!" Link.

For more information, please contact [advancement@delasallenola.com](mailto:advancement@delasallenola.com) or call 504-895-5717.



Important Gala preparation note for students: On Friday, March 20, the cafeteria will be closed before school and during break! Students will be able to purchase lunch on this day.

### A Message from the Gala Committee

We hope you are well!

We are reaching out for your support of De La Salle's Maroon and White Gala on March 21!

Each class at De La Salle will create a themed basket to be auctioned both online and at our Gala, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. The splashier the basket, the more enthusiastic the bidding! Proceeds from the auction will support the Gala's fundraising goal. To participate, please click on one of the following links.

12th - Gift Cards

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A82CA1FC1-61193505-maroon>

11th - Mardi Gras

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A82CA1FC1-60567775-maroon>

10th - Beach Party

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A82CA1FC1-61193815-maroon>

9th - BBQ

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A82CA1FC1-61249850-maroon>

8th - Coffee

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A82CA1FC1-61250274-maroon>

Please provide all donations to DLS by March 17.

If you would like to make a cash donation, please contact us at [advancement@delasallenola.com](mailto:advancement@delasallenola.com), and we'll do the shopping for you. If you would like to donate to another grade's basket, feel free!

Thank you for your generosity!

### **Planning for the 2026-27 School Year**

By now, you should have received an email with information pertaining to the Registration Fee and Tuition/Fees for the 2026-27 school year. If you did not receive this information, please contact the school at your earliest convenience. The portal to complete registration for the 2026-27 school year will remain open through Friday, March 27.

### **CAV Camp**

Registration for CAV Camp is now open! CAV Camp is open to students entering Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2026-27 school year. Students must be at least 5 years old to attend!

Campers in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> grades will build their own schedules and enjoy activities such as Art, Sports, STEM, Performing Arts, Cooking, and more! Campers in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be in the Counselor in Training program where they will learn skills to help them become counselors while having summer fun! We have weekly special events such as Midsummer Mardi Gras, Spooky Summer Spectacular, Christmas in July, and more! Campers will enjoy weekly water days and swim days at the JCC. Our staff is comprised of classroom teachers, college students, and current and past De La Salle students who all bring experience and enthusiasm to their roles.



The camp day will run from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Before care and after care are available! To register click here: <https://bit.ly/CavCampRegistration>

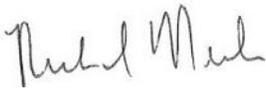
For more information, go to [delasallenola.com/cav-camp](http://delasallenola.com/cav-camp). Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/dlscavcamp](https://facebook.com/dlscavcamp) and Instagram: [instagram.com/dlscavcamp](https://instagram.com/dlscavcamp).

If you have any questions please contact Cav Camp Director Caroline Laurent Huber, '99 at [cavcamp@delasallenola.com](mailto:cavcamp@delasallenola.com) or 504-895-5717.

### Save the Date

- Golf 4 DLS - Friday, April 17 (No School for students!)
  - Note: *This is the correct date!*
  - *Unfortunately, the last newsletter had the wrong date! Sorry for any confusion!*
- CAV Camp - weekly sessions from June 1 through June 26, and July 6 through July 24

Sincerely,



Richard Neider

