



DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL ON THE AVENUE SINCE 1949

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #2

August 24, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

August	25	Fire Drill, 9:45
	26	Student Council "Club Lunch"
	26	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	31	Lock Down Drill, 12:50
September	1	School Mass
	2	8th Grade Retreat
	2	Voter Registration
	2	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	4	No School - NOLAsallian Convocation for Faculty
	7	No School - Labor Day Holiday

ROTATING SCHEDULE

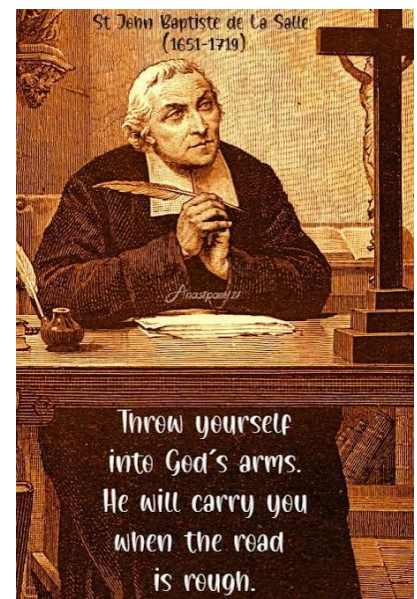
August 24 - 28	C Week	(C, D, A, B)
Aug 31 - Sep 4	D Week	(D, A, B, C)
September 7 - 11	A Week	(A, B, C, D)

LASALLIAN REFLECTION - *Spirit of Faith*

Central to Lasallian spirituality is the spirit of faith. De La Salle realized that unless people are animated and guided by a firm belief in the Good News of Jesus Christ, they will wander away from goodness, wisdom, and charity.

Let us pray: *"My God, I offer you all my thoughts, words, and actions of this day, that they may be wholly consecrated to you and that they may procure for me your holy love, which is all I desire. I offer you the new life, which you have given me by waking me from sleep. Let it, I ask you, be to me a life of grace so that I may henceforth be able to say that it is no longer I who live, but that it is Jesus Christ who lives in me."*

- Praying with John Baptist de La Salle, Meditation 1

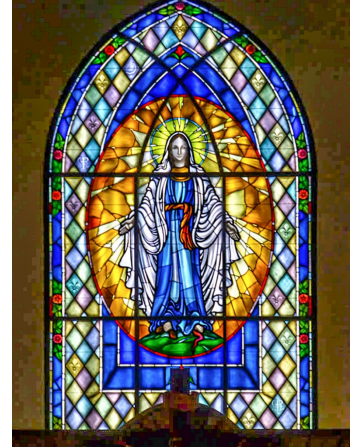


CATHOLIC REFLECTION - *Feast Days of the Catholic Church*

As part of the Catholic Reflection this year, we will be looking at some of the Catholic Church's Feast Days. In the Catholic Church, a feast day is a special day set aside to commemorate a saint, event, or mystery that holds significance in the life of Jesus, Mary, or the Church. It's not just about a celebration in the typical sense - though joy and gratitude are central to it - it's about honoring holy lives, sacred moments, and deep truths of our faith.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on September 8, honors the birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus. As Catholics, we rejoice in Mary's life and in the special role God entrusted to her in salvation history. Her humble "yes" to God reminds us of the importance of faith, trust, and openness to His will. This beautiful feast invites us to celebrate Mary with gratitude and to ask for her loving intercession as we strive to follow Christ more faithfully.



SCHOOL NEWS

Safety Drills

At the beginning of each school year, we prepare our students for school safety. We will be conducting a fire drill on Tuesday, August 25 and a lock-down drill on Monday, August 31. By conducting these drills and repeating them periodically throughout the year, we seek to keep our students as safe as possible when they are entrusted to our care. You might find it helpful to discuss with your child that these drills are practiced so that in the event of an actual emergency we will be prepared.



Club Lunch

During lunch on Wednesday, August 26, our various clubs will be set up in the cafeteria to provide students with information about their activities and meeting times. This lunch is a great opportunity, particularly for our 8th and 9th graders, to find areas of interest and meet club members and moderators. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this first step in involvement in campus life.

MAP Growth Testing

MAP Growth is an online, adaptive assessment that measures what your child knows and what they are ready to learn next. MAP Growth is unique because it adapts to each student's responses. If a student answers a question correctly, the next question is a bit more challenging. If a student answers incorrectly, the next question is a bit easier.

Our 8th, 9th, and 10th graders will be taking the MAP Growth test during their math and/or English classes this week. The MAP Growth test is entirely for internal purposes, but it provides us with valuable information about students' strengths, weaknesses, and growth throughout the year. Please encourage your child to do his or her best on this test. Please reach out to Ms. Rogers if you have any questions.

Newman Football Jamboree Tailgating

On Friday, August 28, the De La Salle football team will begin its season with a jamboree game against Fontainebleau at Newman at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a tailgate party in the school Commons prior to the game. The tailgate party will begin at 3:45 p.m. and it will include a Pep Rally with performances by our Band, Cheer Team, and Dance Team. During the tailgate party, pizza, chips, and drinks will be sold. All food/drink items will be \$2 each. At the conclusion of the Pep Rally, we will march as a group to Newman for the game.

3:10	Study Hall for students remaining on campus
3:45	Tailgate Party
4:45	Pep Rally
5:00	March to Newman
6:00	Kick-off

The game will be a "White Out" game so please wear your white as you come out to support the Cavaliers!

To purchase tickets to the game, go to the school website (delasallenola.com) and follow the link in the "Upcoming Events" section, under "Newman Jamboree".

Eighth Grade Retreat

The eighth grade retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2 and will take place 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.

Voter Registration

On Wednesday, September 2, we will have representatives from a local voting registration organization on campus. This is entirely optional for students, but we will provide the necessary paperwork for interested students and then submit that to the appropriate offices. Students will need their driver's license or social security number. Registration at this time will allow students who turn 18 before the next local election to participate in that election.

If your child is of age, please encourage him/her to register!



NOLAsallian Convocation

On Friday, September 4, the faculties from the three local Lasallian schools will gather for a day of formation and professional development. These schools include Christian Brothers, De La Salle, and St. Paul's (Covington). The theme for the convocation is "Lasallian Now and into the Future." There will be **NO** school for students on this day.

Parents Club Meeting - Wednesday, September 9

A message from the Parents Club Officers:

Dear Parents,

Everyone is invited to join us for the first Parents Club meeting of the year, Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will have a Parent Social with food from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

We will also elect an 8th grade Parent Class Representative who will be a part of the Parent Club board. Anyone running for this position will need to be present. Any questions or concerns, please reach out to DLSParentsClub@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar and join us!

Marching Band Practice

Please be advised that the band will be utilizing the school parking lot shortly after school dismissal on certain days for marching band practice. Practice will normally take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:00.

During marching practice, vehicles will be permitted to enter the parking lot via Leontine Street and exit through the alleyway and onto Valmont Street in essentially a straight line; there will not

be the usual carpool “loop.” Please also note that parking in the lot will be unavailable while the band is practicing in the yard.

Thanks, in advance, for your cooperation, and please continue to exercise all normal cautions when entering our parking lot or driving in the areas surrounding our school.

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.

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. The application period will be from September 1, 2026 through November 30, 2026 for the 2027-2028 school year.

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

Handbook Reminder

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN A STUDENT MUST BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

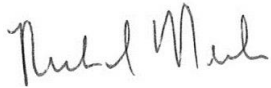
- Parents must telephone the school each day their child is absent from school. The phone number is 504-895-5717 ext. 119, and the call must be received before 9:00 a.m. Prior to 7:00 a.m., the parent may leave a message on the answering machine. E-mail notification of a student's absence or tardiness will not be accepted.
- When a student returns to school following an absence, he/she should bring a completed attendance form (available in the Attendance Office and on PLUS PORTALS) dated and signed by the parents/guardians, which indicates the reason for the absence. This note is

in addition to the required phone call and must be presented to the Attendance Office between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

- Failure to call on the day of an absence AND to bring a note upon returning to school are grounds for disciplinary action. Both a call and a note are required. If a student does not have a note from a parent/guardian, the absence will be considered unexcused.
- The attendance procedures are in place so that we know that you are aware of your child's absence from school.

Thank you, as always, for entrusting your child to us!

Sincerely,



Richard Neider
Principal



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