



DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL ON THE AVENUE SINCE 1949

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #4

September 21, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

September	22	Principal's Assembly
	23	8th Grade Student Council Elections
	23	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	24	Spirit Night: cafeteria, 4:45 - 6:30
	25	Pep Rally
	25	Class of 1966 Reunion: lobby, 6:00 - 8:00
	26	NOLA Catholic Youth Conference
	27	Catholic Priesthood Sunday
	29	College Fair
	30	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
October	2	Class of 2001 Reunion: lobby, 6:00 - 8:00
	2	Balfour Presentations for Juniors and Seniors
	3	Saturday School
	5	Blood Drive
	6	School Mass
	7	PSAT Testing

ROTATING SCHEDULE

September 21 - 25	C Week
Sep. 28 - Oct. 2	D Week
October 5 - 9	A Week

LASALLIAN REFLECTION - *Living in God's Presence*

A principal help for growing in faith is to remind ourselves that God is always present with and in us. God's presence is a source of consolation and hope.

Let us pray: *"I believe, O my God, that this place, whatever it may be, is a dwelling place for you. You are in heaven; you are likewise on earth, which you permeate entirely. It contains you, but you rather contain it within yourself. This I believe, O my God, that wherever I go I shall find you, and that there is no spot not honored by your presence."*

- Praying with John Baptist de La Salle, Meditation 3

CATHOLIC REFLECTION: *Priesthood Sunday - September 27*

Catholic Priesthood Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27. This day is dedicated to honoring Catholic priests in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Without priests, the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated. The number of priests and ordinations in the United States has steadily declined in the past 50 years. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.

We are truly blessed to have Fr. Jeff as our school Chaplain. In addition to our whole school Masses, Fr. Jeff can also be found supporting many different school events and activities. Please join me in thanking Fr. Jeff for his service to De La Salle High School and the Catholic Church.

Let us pray:

For all priests who are ordained to serve our Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve, we pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Father Jeff, our Chaplain, in his ministry to the people of De La Salle, that we may affirm, support, and celebrate his gift of service to us, we pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That we may never take the presence of our priests for granted, as we cherish the celebration of the Mass and are nourished by the Eucharist, we pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.*



SCHOOL NEWS

Spirit Night

The first “Spirit Night” of the year will take place on Thursday, September 24, in the school cafeteria. Spirit Night will begin at 4:45 p.m. with making spirit signs for Friday’s football game. The evening will conclude with pizza. All students should plan to be off campus by 6:30 p.m.

Dress for Spirit Night is casual. Please refer to the Student Handbook for the school dress code for “Casual” events.

Service Academy Day

A message from Shawn Hanscom - *Louisiana Communications Director and Service Academy Coordinator*

“The offices of Senators Bill Cassidy and John Kennedy and Representative Steve Scalise will be hosting Service Academy Day at Mandeville High School on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The event will be in their auditorium. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. and



the event itself at 9 a.m. All high school students and their parents are welcome to attend for free.

Representatives from America's Service Academies, including West Point and the Naval and Air Force Academies, will make presentations on what their Academies have to offer. If a student gains admittance to one of those Academies, they will graduate with a bachelor's degree and become a commissioned officer in our Armed Forces. Additionally, the three Academies mentioned above are tuition-free. We also plan to have presentations from ROTC units attached to local Universities, and a presentation on the Congressional nominations process, which should include nomination application information for Senators Cassidy and Kennedy and Representatives Scalise and Troy Carter. Students must receive a nomination to be considered for admittance to most Service Academies, and most nominations come from Members of Congress.

Later, students, parents and other attendees will be able to visit the booths of the Service Academies, ROTC units and Members of Congress, and ask questions."

If you and/or your child would like to attend, please RSVP to one of the following:

- Shawn.Hanscom@cassidy.senate.gov (Bill Cassidy)
- Hannah.Livingston@kennedy.senate.gov (John Kennedy)
- Danielle.Evans@mail.house.gov (Steve Scalise)

College Fair - Tuesday, September 29

We will be hosting a College Fair on Tuesday, September 29, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the CAVS Center. All De La Salle students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. Registration is NOT required.

We currently have about 30 colleges scheduled to attend. There will also be a FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) representative available to answer questions about financial aid and the college process.

For more information, please contact our College Counselor, Ms. Simmons at tsimmons@delasallenola.com. We hope you and your student can join us!

Balfour Visit for Juniors and Seniors - October 2

On Friday, October 2, the juniors and seniors will attend a meeting with a representative from Balfour. The juniors will learn about the process for ordering class rings, and the seniors will learn about the process for ordering graduation announcements. Students will have the opportunity to order those items during lunch on Tuesday, October 13.

Please look for information from your child regarding those orders. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Frankie Taffaro at ftaffaro@delasallenola.com.

Blood Drive

Thirty minutes is all it takes to save a life! Blood donations are used to save the lives of accident victims, adults and children with cancer, and newborn babies who need blood transfusions just hours after coming into this world. One donation can save up to three lives.



De La Salle, in conjunction with The Blood Center, is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, October 5. Students who are at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds and 16-year-olds who weigh at least 130 pounds are eligible to donate. Students must also submit a completed parent permission slip to donate.

If your child is going to donate blood, please remind him/her to eat a good meal before coming to school that day!

DLS Open House - Tuesday, October 27

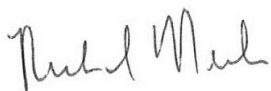
Our annual Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27...and your help is needed! We recognize that word-of-mouth goes a long way in promoting De La Salle High School. Consequently, please invite any families who may be considering DLS to attend our Open House. Also, please 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

- PSAT (All Juniors and selected Sophomores) - Wednesday, October 7
- First Quarter Exams - Thursday, October 8, and Friday, October 9
- DLS Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony - Thursday, October 15
- Parents Day of Service - Saturday, October 24
- Open House - Tuesday, October 27

Sincerely,



Richard Neider
Principal