DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL ON THE AVENUE SINCE 1949

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #8

November 16, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

November	16	Cross Country State Championship, Natchitoches
	16	Fire Drill, 9:35
	16	Raffle ticket packets distributed to students during IWP
	17	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
	18-19	Swim State Championship, Sulphur
	18	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	20	Football Regional Playoff game vs. Catholic - New Iberia: Pan Am, 7:00
	23-27	**No School - Thanksgiving Holidays**
	26-28	*Football Quarterfinal Playoff games*
	28	Student Council decorates cafeteria for Christmas
	29	First Sunday of Advent
	30	School Resumes
	30	LHSAA Cheer and Dance Competition, Lake Charles
December	1-8	Service Club - Christmas Angel Tree for Hope House
	1	Giving Tuesday (iGive Catholic!)
	1	LHSAA Cheer and Dance Competition, Lake Charles
	2	Service Club Bake Sale
	2	Faculty Meeting Schedule, 2:00 dismissal
	4	Junior Twilight Retreat
	5	Sophomore Prayer Breakfast: Cafeteria, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
	6	Second Sunday of Advent
	6	Band, Cavalettes, and Cheer in the Gretna Christmas Parade
	8	School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation

ROTATING SCHEDULE

November 16 - 20	C Week
November 23 - 27	No School - Thanksgiving Week
Nov. 30 - Dec. 4	D Week
December 7 - 11	A Week

LASALLIAN REFLECTION - *Owing Only Love*

Christian love manifests itself in service to other people and in the treating of others and ourselves with forbearance and care. True love is not always glamorous, but it is always blessed.

Let us pray: *"O my God, I love you with my whole heart, with my whole soul, and with all my strength, and above all things, because you are infinitely good, and worthy of being loved, and for the love of you I love my neighbor as myself."*

- Praying with John Baptist de La Salle, Meditation 7

CATHOLIC REFLECTION - *Advent*

Advent is a sacred season of joyful hope and quiet preparation as we await the celebration of Christ's birth and look toward his coming again. In our Lasallian tradition, it is also a time to renew our concern for young people, especially those most in need, and to deepen our life of prayer in the spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, who urged us to "converse frequently with God" for the sake of the children entrusted to our care. As your sons and daughters journey through these weeks of Advent, we invite you to join us in simple family practices of prayer, reflection, and service, so that together - as school and home - we may help them discover the light of Christ in their studies, their friendships, and their daily choices.

SCHOOL NEWS

DLS Maroon and White Gala and Raffle

The annual DLS raffle is a component of our Maroon and White Gala. This year's gala is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2027. All proceeds from the raffle and the gala go directly to benefit De La Salle High School.



On Monday, November 16, all students will receive an envelope with ten raffle tickets. Raffle tickets cost $10 each for a chance at $5,000! Please encourage your child to sell his or her raffle tickets, and please remember that these tickets are considered cash – <u>any lost tickets must be paid for</u>. Students who successfully sell their ten tickets by January 22, 2027, will receive a school holiday on Friday, February 5, 2027!

Please contact Ms. Frankie Taffaro in the Development Office at advancement@delasallenola.com or at (504) 895-5717 ext. 117 should you have any questions.

Band Poinsettia Sale - *Let your Holidays Bloom to the Beat*



Help support the Cavalier Band this Christmas season by purchasing a beautiful poinsettia for your home or business! You can order now through noon on Friday, November 20.

The poinsettias will be delivered to school and can be picked up on December 9, which is the night of the Winter Concert. You can also note in your order if you would like to pick up the poinsettias from Perino's (3100 Veterans Memorial Blvd.).

Price: $12
Size: 6.5"

Click here to place an order: https://shop.perinos.com/collection/33

Thanks in advance for your support of the DLS Band!

Angel Tree

The Service Club will be sponsoring an Angel Tree for Hope House to provide Christmas gifts for local families who are in need of assistance. To participate, students can select a tag from the Angel Tree which will be in Ms. St. John's classroom (Room 34). Tags will be available to be selected from December 1 through December 8. All gifts are due back by Friday, December 11. We will be collecting gifts for children and adults. Gifts of toys and clothing will be accepted. We respectfully ask that each tag selected is returned with gifts valuing $30.

If you have any questions about the Angel Tree, please contact Ms. St. John at pstjohn@delasallenola.com.

Thanks in advance for your support of such a worthy cause.

iGiveCatholic / Lasallian Season of Giving Annual Giving Campaign



The Catholic Community Foundation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host #iGiveCatholic, a nationwide 24-hour online giving day that aligns with #GivingTuesday, December 1, to help raise critical funding for local parishes, school, and nonprofit ministries.

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

To participate in iGiveCatholic, please click here: iGiveCatholic

To participate in the Lasallian Season of Giving, please click here: Lasallian Season of Giving or text lsg2026 to phone number 44834. (Note: The text message is case-sensitive!)

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

Junior Twilight Retreat #1

All juniors participate in a twilight retreat with a select group of other juniors. The evening provides time for reflection on their relationship with their classmates, their families, and themselves, and exploration of how those relationships reflect God's will in their lives, particularly in overcoming obstacles.

The first of these retreats takes place on Friday, December 4, from 3:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. (Students should be picked up in the school parking lot by 9:00 p.m.) Dinner will be provided. If your child is scheduled to participate in this retreat, you should have already received a link for the electronic permission form. If you have not, please contact Dr. Behan at tbehan@delasallenola.com. Please keep the students, the retreat team, and the teachers in your prayers for a safe and successful retreat experience.

Sophomore Prayer Breakfast

The Sophomore Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, December 5. The breakfast will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Brother Arsenius Dining Hall. This is a mandatory event for all sophomore students and their mothers (or a grandmother, aunt, or female guardian). The appropriate dress is semi-formal attire: collared shirt and tie for boys, dresses or dress slacks and blouses for ladies. Please no jeans or sneakers.

Click here to RSVP: Prayer Breakfast RSVP

Handbook/Dress Code Reminders

As we prepare for the upcoming winter season and possible cold weather, please be reminded of the following school rules:

- Only uniform sweaters or those DLS sweatshirts purchased from the CAV Shop may be worn in school. Sweatshirts and other outerwear from outside sources are not allowed; students may only wear items purchased from De La Salle or those approved as a team sweatshirt.
- De La Salle letter jackets that have been purchased through the approved vendor may be worn in school.
- Stockings: Girls may wear only footed stockings or footed tights that are black, gray, or natural under their skirts. Tights should not have mesh panels. They must be covered by the required uniform socks. No sweatpants are allowed.



Thanksgiving Holidays
School will be closed the week of November 23-27 for Thanksgiving. On behalf of the Brothers, administration, faculty and staff at De La Salle High School, may you and yours have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

Save the Date

- Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 12
- 2nd Quarter Exams - Thursday, December 17, and Friday, December 18
    - *Please make sure your child is in class and on time for all exams!*
- 2nd Semester Mini-Schedule Night - Thursday, January 7
- Grandparents Day - Friday, January 22
- Maroon and White Gala - Saturday, April 10

Sincerely,

Richard Neider