

LA SALLE INSTITUTE

NEWS

FOR PARENTS

Oct./Nov.2009

ACADEMIC & SCHOOL EVENTS TO NOTE

End of the first marking period:

- **Friday, October 16**
End of the first marking period.
- **Wednesday, October 21**
Report Cards will be distributed

Parents/Teacher Conferences

- **Thursday, October 22 @ 6:00 p.m.**
Please bring your son's report card with you, and please remember to limit your conference time to 5 minutes, in order to accommodate every student's family. You may make an appointment to meet with the teacher at another time if needed.

Staff Development Day

- **Friday, October 23**
No classes, staff workshops.

Red Cross/Student Senate Blood Drive

- **Thursday, October 29**, from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the McCormick Hall.
All families welcomed and encouraged to donate.

Open House at LSI:

- **Sunday, November 1: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**
We thank the many students in advance, who will be giving tours and participating in various classroom presentations and performances.

National Honor Society Induction Dinner

- **Thursday, November 19th @**
The Franklin Terrace - **6:00 p.m.**
- New members, *juniors and seniors*, will be inducted into the National Honor Society, as well as several *seventh & eighth graders* who will be inducted into the Junior National Honor Society. Congratulations to all those nominated!

Entrance/Scholarship Exam Dates:

- **Saturday, November 8 @ 8:15 a.m.**
- **Saturday, December 6 @ 8:15 a.m.**
- **Saturday, January 17 @ 8:15 a.m.**

We would appreciate your help in informing relatives and friends with prospective students, of the **Open House** and **Entrance Exam** dates. *Please remember that any student wishing to take the entrance exam must pre-register.* Call **Mr. Gerald Washington** at ext. **237** for information.

*** IMPORTANT REMINDERS ***

- Parents, if you have not already done so, please forward your **e-mail address** to Mrs. Testo in the Principal's Office. Having an e-mail address for at least one parent helps us in forwarding information to you in a timely manner. You can send your e-mail address to stesto@lasalleinstitute.org.
- Students being dropped off in the morning need to report to the **Library, Cafeteria or the Commons** only. After school, students can wait in the **Library or Computer Room until 4:30 or the Cafeteria until 5:00 p.m.**, but **must be picked up by 5:00 p.m.** No one should be in the halls or wandering around the building **unsupervised**. **At 5:00 p.m. we will have to ask the unsupervised students to leave the building, as our resources are limited for supervision after that time. Please help us with this safety issue and be prompt in picking up students by 5:00 p.m.**
- It is very important for families to keep us updated regarding changes in address, phone number and school districts. All changes should be reported to **Mrs. Broscko** in the main office.

LA SALLE SERVICE /STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians.

As we begin the Thanksgiving season, we are asking each student to bring in Thanksgiving food items for the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen. We have always given generously, and we are being asked to continue this service to those in need. **Each grade is responsible for a specific food item** and we ask that each student and his family be as generous as possible. The list of grades and food items needed is listed below.

We are also in need of families who would like to donate cooked and sliced turkeys for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen dinner. This dinner is held on Wednesday afternoon, November 25th. We ask that the turkeys be brought to La Salle on Tuesday morning, November 24th.

If you are interested in donating a cooked and sliced turkey, or you have any questions, please contact me at 283-2500, ex. 565. Thank you all very much for your generosity.

Dr. Shannon Libbey-Landis, Student Senate Moderator

Grade 6 – 5 lb sack of potatoes per student; **Grade 7** – at least 4 canned vegetables per student.

Grade 8 – 2 cans of cranberry sauce and 2 boxes of stuffing per student.

Grade 9 – 4 cans or jars of gravy per student; **Grade 10** – Donate \$5.00/student for breads and rolls.

Grade 11 – Donate \$5.00 /student for pies; **Grade 12** – Donate \$5.00 /student for turkeys.

**** Also note, November 30th is the first day of the annual Christmas Toy drive.

Every student is asked to donate one new toy, unwrapped. ****

RAISING FUNDS FOR LSI

- **HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOLS** – This year's program started September 6th and runs through December 6, 2009. Receive "**School Dollar**" certificates at the register or store office for purchases of various products: *General Mills, Betty Crocker, Green Giant, Pillsbury, Progresso, Old El Paso, Yoplait.* (see enclosed brochure)
- **PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS** – Register your *AdvantEdge Card* at the Customer Service Center at your store or online at www.pricechopper.com with La Salle's ID number **15857**. THAT'S IT !!! From Aug. 2, 2009 to February 12, 2010, our school will earn credits towards free educational equipment such as computers, printers, sporting goods, band equipment, software, books and more!
- **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** – Since 1996 our nation's schools have earned over \$150 million through Box Tops, and that number just keeps growing. General Mills *Box Tops for Education* points from boxes and packages, and Campbell's *Labels for Education* are collected all year at the School Bookstore.
- **TARGET'S – TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION** – Target donates up to 1% of purchases made using your *REDCard* to eligible K-12 schools. Thanks to parents, teachers and friends, this past year LSI received checks in the amount of **\$221.73**. To learn more about designating our school on your *REDCard* or the commitment Target makes to education, visit www.target.com/tcoe.

HEALTH OFFICE REMINDERS

⚡ Annual School Physicals are required for all students attending La Salle Institute.

⚡ **School Physicals were due October 1 !!!!** Please contact Mrs. Bentley if you have not submitted your son's physical form – 283-2500, ext. 235.

⚡ **Medications** – we encourage parents to give medications at home if at all possible. If they are needed in school, please follow the proper procedure:

a) *Submit written instructions from the doctor and the parent.*

b) *Medicine must be in its original container.*

⚡ If **over the counter medication** is needed at any time, a completed Dispensation Form must be on file in the health office. The medication **must** be brought to the Health Office by a parent.

MAGAZINE DRIVE: The Magazine Drive to assist the *St. Mary's Boys Secondary School in Nyeri, Kenya* is coming soon! We will begin with an assembly on **Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009**. We will have several of the same rewards for students selling one or more magazine orders, or the most subscriptions. Dress down days, Chocolate bars/Cash rewards, Ice Cream Sundae/Bingo social and of course the famous "Money Machine" will all still be a part of the drive. If you ordered magazines last year, this is the perfect time to renew your subscriptions. Br. Dominic Jordan from St. Mary's Boys Secondary School will be here from Oct. 26 - 28 to talk to the students about life in Kenya and the good work our magazine drive accomplishes.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ACTIVITIES

- ☺ **Open House** for Prospective Students and families – **Sunday, November 1st**, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- ☺ **Entrance/Scholarship Exams** for Prospective Students –
Saturdays: November 7th, December 5th and January 23th at 8:15 a.m.
- * Please contact the Advancement Office if you know of a student who may be interested in attending La Salle @ 283-1838.
- ☺ **LSI School Bands Christmas Concert at the Troy Music Hall** – Thursday, **December 17th**. @ 7:30 p.m.

Future Events Include:

- Alumni Hockey Game @ HVCC** – Saturday, January 16, 2010.
- AFC/NFC Championship Fundraiser** – Sunday, January 17, 2010.

For information on Admissions, Alumni Affairs, Development or Public Relations, please contact the **Office of Institutional Advancement @ 283-1838**.

La Salle Ski Club News – *submitted by Mr. Pat Mulcahy, Club Moderator*

Arrangements have been finalized and the **Ski Club** dates have been approved for the 2009-2010 ski season. The following six trips have been planned for the upcoming season:

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| Sun., December 6, 2009 – Mt Snow, VT | Sat., December 19, 2009 – Okemo, VT |
| Sun., January 10, 2010 – Gore Mt., No. Creek, NY | Sat., January 23, 2010– Bromley Mt., VT |
| Sun., January 30, 2010 – Mt. Snow, VT | Sun., March 7, 2010 – Make-up date. |

The **Ski Club** at La Salle is very popular and I am forced to limit the size of the club to around 50 members. There will be a meeting soon for all interested in joining. Registration will be on a first come - first serve basis. Students must have full payment and all required medical information at the time of sign-up. **No exceptions.** The club usually fills up in 24 hours. Interested students must know how to ski and have their own equipment. Renting equipment at the mountain is not allowed. A waiting list will be made when maximum capacity is reached. **The Ski Club is open to all students in grades 6 - 12.**

I look forward to what I hope is another wonderful ski season at La Salle. The date of the meeting will be posted in the school and announced over the PA system. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at La Salle (283-2500, ex. 246). *Think Snow!!!*

La Salle Ski Race Team – If you enjoy skiing and being a part of an exciting winter sport, consider joining the **La Salle Ski Race Team**. To Ski Race, all you need is a love of the slopes, a pair of skis, and a spirit of adventure. The ski season is eight weeks long starting in mid-December with two practices and a race each week. If you are interested in learning more about the La Salle Ski Race team, please contact *Patrick Mulcahy* at 283-2500, ex. 246. We will have our first team meeting in late October or early November, so please contact us now to get on the mailing list.

** PARENTS' CLUB NEWS – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009**

MUSTANG CAR RAFFLE – A 2009 Red & Black Mustang

* The competition for the *Lunch Treat* for those classes with the most returns of tickets ended on September 30th. Our thanks to those families who returned their tickets and our encouragement to those who didn't! You still have three months, up to New Years Eve, to return them and earn a chance to win this beautiful car.

* From Oct. 13th – 16th, the car will be placed at the **Empire State Plaza**, right outside the **Hallmark store**. We will also have the car there from Oct. 26th – 30st. Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to cover the sales at the Plaza. If you work in the area, stop by to say hello or bring a co-worker to check out the car.

* We just completed another weekend at Hunter Mountain on Sept. 26 & 27th. We are grateful to those parents who also volunteered their time traveling to Hunter, to cover the sales there. We go into **Crossgates Mall** in mid-November and will need lots more volunteers for that time period.

* *The car raffle is ahead of what it was at this time last year! WE HAVE NOT BEEN RAINED OUT SO FAR THIS YEAR – that's one reason for the increase from last year's rainy season! A few of the parents have taken a supply of tickets to their workplaces to help with sales that way. Anyone interested in taking extra packets of tickets to help make up for our rain-outs can contact Brother William. Thanks to all those wonderful volunteers who have been willing to give us some time. Deep gratitude to the co-chairs for all our success thus far: Lois Forgea, Marta Milos and Rob Waldolf.*

CHRISTMAS SALES

* During the next couple of weeks, you will receive the flyers for the *fruit, greens, cheesecakes* and *Gertrude Hawk Chocolate* fund raisers. You should have already received your *Entertainment Books* and *Sally Foster Christmas Wrap*. Deadlines for orders will be posted on the flyers and the pick up date at La Salle will be the first Saturday in December; *Dec. 5, 2009*.

* We also still have some *Entertainment Books* available at a reduced price of **\$30.00**. They will be available for sale right up until the Christmas break. If you are interested in purchasing additional books, send your order in to Brother William Spellman, with your son, and he will be given the Book immediately. If you have any questions regarding the sales, please contact Mr. Ed Kovalefsky @ 383-0981.

AUCTION- The Big News Is, We Will Have A Sit Down Dinner This Year

* Mark your calendar for the Parents' Club's 19th *Annual Auction*, **Saturday, March 20, 2010** - this year being billed once again as the *Brother James Romond Auction Gala*; combining the Brother James Romond Awards Dinner with the Annual Auction. Get your friends together, as we celebrate *Our 160th Anniversary*. The event promises once again to be fabulous, exciting and fun. The Auction/Gala is held at the Century House but watch future newsletters and mailings for details. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please call one of the Chairpersons, **Linda Smith - 374-5149; Mary Christian – 326-4076; and Jeanne McCarthy – 274-0337**. The sit down dinner will consist of "Surf & Turf"; we look forward to seeing everyone there.

50/50 RAFFLE

As you know, the Craft Fair has been discontinued here at La Salle and was replaced with a **50/50 Raffle**, held in the Spring. At that time, we solicited names and addresses from our Car Raffle list so as not to burden our parents with another fund raiser. I received several calls from current parents asking to be able to participate in the raffle this year. So, if you or any one you know, would like to purchase **50/50 Raffle** tickets this Spring, please forward your name to Bro. William Spellman, and you will be added to our mailing list. *Last years winner received \$6,500!*

**Thanks again, to all of you who have been involved in the many
Parents' Club events and activities.**

SAFE HOMES PLEDGE

Following is a form to fill out for the Safe Homes Pledge. If you are interested, please fill it out and return it to Brother William Spellman. Your name will be entered on a list, which will be published in the next newsletter. We will presume that all of those who enrolled last year will want to stay on the list.

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Signature – Parent/Guardian

Son (s) Name (s) & Grade (s)

(Return this top section to Br. William Spellman)

SAFE HOMES PLEDGE

I will not serve, nor will I allow anyone under the legal drinking age to consume alcohol in my home or on my property.

I will not allow the use of illegal drugs in my home or on my property.

I will not allow parties or gatherings in my home without proper adult supervision.

I will call to make sure adult supervision is present at all parties and gatherings my son attends.

MISSION STATEMENT

La Salle Institute is a Catholic school, established in 1850 in Troy, New York by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, serving young men in grades six through twelve.

The mission of La Salle is to educate its students in a loving, caring, supportive environment to inspire them to become moral, responsible, and productive members of their communities with a commitment to truth, honor and duty.

La Salle accomplishes this through excellence in teaching by a dedicated staff and through imparting Christian values in the tradition of our Founder, Saint John Baptist de la Salle. This responsibility is shared by all members of the Lasallian community.