

La Salle Institute NEWS *For Parents*

Spring 2017

Something to be proud of:

The winter provided many victories. **Miss Reid**, our technology teacher, was named a WNYT Top Teacher! The *Introduction to Nanotechnology* class attracted regional attention when **Dr. Benita Zahn** of WNYT featured our **Ms. Stephanie Randall** and her class. Ms. Randall and **Mr. Alex Bendon**, Development Coordinator, connected La Salle Institute's Science department with the region's leading nanotechnology centers, such as SUNY-Polytechnic Institute and Benet Labs. **Mr. Levy's** marketing classes secured more than 20 clients – of which, three are international. Our Cadets actually produce the marketing schemes for companies and their products. **Mr. Maloney** went to Marine Corps boot camp in Parris Island, SC. There, he and other educators from the east coast took part in aspects of recruit training that showcased how America's force in readiness is initially trained. Our winter athletic teams earned the respect of the Capital region, especially when upsetting Shen, twice; in hockey and in basketball. The La Salle Cadet hockey team claimed the Section 2 Championship. **Logan DiScanio** was named to the Division 1, All-state 2nd team. Our basketball team once again earned the Colonial Council championship as did our winter in-door track team. **Joe DeLollo** was named to the 1st Team Colonial Council and **Ray Evans** earned 2nd Team Colonial Council. **Tim Carroll** was recognized as a Section 2 Scholar-Athlete. Following a 2nd Place team finish in the Colonial Council, ten wrestlers qualified for the Section 2 Tournament. Bowler, **Jason Macey** was named to the 2nd team, Colonial Council All-Stars. **Thomas Brosnihan** went to the NYS swimming Championship in the 50 freestyle.

With so much success occurring, it might have been easy to miss other victories our Cadets earned. Were you at the game when, before an overtime period began, our boys cheered "St. John Baptist De La Salle, pray for us?" Did you notice how fast our seniors jumped into action when they discovered that Fred, our janitor, had emergency open heart surgery...generating \$7,300 for his medical bills? At the Spring Open House, did you observe how impressive our Cadets were when interacting with families? Survey results from the Spring Open House lauded praise upon our Cadets, faculty, and families who volunteered their time.

What impresses me profoundly is how our boys and staff/faculty reached beyond grieving five student/staff/ parent deaths this year to be 100% Lasallian for others. Defining the *charism* of La Salle Institute is a formidable task...unless you walk our halls, talk with our boys, and feel the passion of teachers. Then, you will know you are in His presence.

Welcome to spring! With the renewing energy of warmer temperatures on the horizon and the reminder that Christ rose for us, may you walk taller, breath deeper, and let others find the risen Christ in you.

Dr. Fallon

SENIORS: arrive on-time to school each day. We would like you to 'walk the stage' for your parents and guests. Note the expectations listed in the 2016-2017 Cadet/Parent Handbook. If unexcused late arrivals and/or absences become frequent, the senior will be required to make up lost time following the seniors' last day and before graduation. Be aware that acceptance into college is contingent upon successful graduation from high school. Your transcript reports the total number of excused and unexcused late arrivals and absences. What message are you sending the college? Finish strong like we know you can!!

Cell phone policy: students may not use cell phones, iPads, smart-watches, or other devices in the classroom, café, or between classes. Parents – please help us by not texting your son during the academic day! Students who use devices during the day earn an administrative detention (recorded permanently in their record). Ongoing violation represents insubordination and receives either an in-school or out-of-school suspension. Note that we have shut off Wi-Fi access as Instagram, Snapchat, and video downloads crippled our system.

SENIORS/PARENTS: BACCALAUREATE Mass/Awards Ceremony – will be held on **Friday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** in McCormick Hall for the graduates, their parents/guardians, and guests. The Baccalaureate Mass is ***Mandatory Attendance for all seniors.*** At the conclusion of the Mass, we will have the induction into the La Salle Alumni Association and the presentation of Senior Class academic awards and scholarships. *These awards are no longer presented at the graduation ceremony.*

High School GRADUATION – ***Saturday, June 3rd*** will be here before you know it and preparations are well under way for graduation. Graduation information for the parents of seniors will be in the mail very soon – seniors will also receive their Graduation Announcements and 10 admission “Tickets” for the ceremony. ***Parents, if you do not plan to use all 10 of those tickets, please return the extras to Mrs. Testo ASAP – we always have a long waiting list for extras!***

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS – AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

With the warm weather approaching, please review the rules regarding after school supervision:

1. All students who are not involved in an after school club, sport or activity (Computer Room, Library, etc.) **MUST report to the library or cafeteria from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.**
2. All students who have after school activities that begin after 2:30 p.m. are to wait in the cafeteria, the library or with a teacher or coach until that activity/practice begins. **Not roaming the halls unsupervised.**
3. ***There is no supervision after 5:00 p.m., so it is imperative that students be picked up by that time.*** If you are late, your son will be waiting outside, unsupervised. If your son is practicing with his team – when that practice is over he must be picked up – coaches leave the building when practice is over, again, the student will be waiting unsupervised if not picked up at the end of practice.

It is extremely important that you review these rules with your son(s).

PARKING LOT REGULATIONS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY:

PLEASE REMEMBER: All of our parking lot spaces are Permit Parking (numbered) assigned to FACULTY & STAFF, SENIOR students, and some Junior students. Please refrain from using these assigned spots **during the school day.** When a staff member has to leave school for a short period of time, they need to be able to park in their own parking slot upon returning to school. **Problems arise for our faculty, staff and students when their space is occupied.** There is a **Visitor Parking** section as you approach the beginning of the parking lot, on your left, facing Williams Road. **Also, please observe the reserved places for handicapped parking, which are directly in front of the cafeteria windows.**

TUITION – All families **must re-apply** for Financial Aid every school year. The deadline for Financial Aid for the 2017-2018 school year is April 15th. Please contact Jennifer Rentz immediately if you have not yet applied. Parents/Guardians who are presently enrolled in **FACTS** will be electronically re-enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year. If there are any changes from last year, please notify Mrs. Jennifer Rentz @ 283-2500, ex. 231, as soon as possible.

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TRANSPORTATION- April 1 – Deadline for Bus Requests

The deadline for transportation requests was April 1st. If you missed the deadline or still need to sign up your son, **please contact your school district directly.**

BLOOD DRIVE- La Salle Institute Student Senate sponsored an **American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 2, 2017**. The drive was extremely successful with over **51 pints** of blood collected. Thanks to all who supported our drive, especially our “1st time donors”!

THE CADET OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT – This year the Cadet Open will be returning to the Country Club of Troy on Monday, August 21, 2017. For further information contact Andrew Santandera at asantandera@lasalleinstitute.org or 283-2500, ext. 279.

REUNION WEEKEND – stay tuned for the posted dates for this Fall’s Reunion Weekend Events!

HEALTH OFFICE REMINDERS

1. **WORKING PAPERS** – Students who plan to work either part time during school, or full time this summer, should get their working papers NOW before school ends. Students 14 – 18 years old need this card in order to work legally. The HEALTH OFFICE has the application forms and the nurse will complete your medical certificate. The completed application, signed by parent, is brought to the Guidance Office, where the official card will be prepared and signed by the student.
2. **NEW STUDENTS** – A complete record of *Immunizations and the completed Health History form* must be on file to **COMPLETE** the student’s registration for the 2017–2018 school year. Please mail all information to the attention of Monica Bentley, School Nurse. *Please call Mrs. Bentley at 283-2500 ext.235*, if you have questions or concerns.
3. **ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6, FALL 2017** – NYS Department of Health has revised the regulations regarding immunization requirements for school attendance effective July 1, 2014. The new dosing requirements are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization (ACIP). Students entering 6th grade in the 2016-2017 school year are required to have two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. This requirement will apply to all 2017-2018 incoming kindergarten and 6th grade students, along with the subsequent grade levels that the 2017-2018 kindergarten and 6th grade students move up to. **Please Note:** a Tdap booster is ALSO required for 6th grade entry. *Your son(s) must be in compliance with this new law prior to the start of 6th grade, 2017, at La Salle Institute.*
4. **New for 2017-2018 School Year** – *All students entering 7th & 12th grade must have the meningococcal vaccine.* Without it, they cannot start school. One dose of meningococcal vaccine is required before 7th grade. If your child had the first dose as a 6th grader, then another dose is not required until 12th grade. A total of two doses will be required before 12th grade. Most students entering 12th grade got their first dose when they were younger and are now due for their second dose, or booster. This booster is needed because protection from the vaccine decreases over time. The only teens who will not need a second dose before 12th grade are those who got their first dose on or after their 16th birthday.
It is best to check with your doctor to see whether or not your child needs the vaccine. Students who are not up-to-date will not be allowed to attend school until they are vaccinated.
5. **NY STATE REQUIREMENT** – New York State requires each student to meet the legal immunization requirement for school attendance and/or are exempt for medical or religious reasons.

JROTC NEWS

Officer Candidate Course - The officer Candidate Course began on **THURSDAY, March 2nd** and will run through **THURSDAY, May 4th**. It takes place during the hours of 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. *The purpose of the course is to select the senior leaders for next year's JROTC Program.* Of the 69 current juniors, approximately 35 are invited to attend the course. This year they are also selecting current sophomores to try out for junior officer assignments. The invitations are based on the total number of merits each student received since the beginning of freshman year, on leadership potential as determined by the JROTC instructors, and on their demonstrated attitude and behavior up to this point. Those students that successfully complete the course and receive the highest positive endorsements from appointed members of the staff and faculty will be selected to lead the JROTC Program. Unfortunately, there are only 30 officer positions available. As a result, the competition will be quite challenging. It is critical that students attend all scheduled classes, that they are on time, and that they take this responsibility seriously. To celebrate the successful completion of the course and to bestow honor on those that are selected, there will be a formal **COMMISSIONING AND PROMOTION CEREMONY** on Tuesday evening, **May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** Family members and friends are invited to this ceremony. Parents/Guardians will participate in the ceremony by promoting their sons to the ranks that they earn.

SPORTS BANQUET – The annual Sports Banquet will be held this year, on **Friday, May 5, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. *If you plan to attend please use the Invitation/Reservation form attached with this Newsletter.* There are also hard copies of the reservation form in the Main Office. The forms must be returned to Mr. Santandera, Athletic Director, by Monday, May 1st.



LSI SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS – 2017 Make plans now for the following Sports Camps:

BASKETBALL CAMP:

July 17 – July 21 (5th - 12th gr.)



SOCCER CAMP:

July 31 – Aug. 3 (6th – 12th grades)



The Mission of La Salle Institute

La Salle Institute is an independent, college preparatory school from grades six through twelve.

Its mission is to educate young men in the Lasallian tradition by providing a loving, caring, supportive environment, encouraging them to realize their whole potential and become moral, responsible and productive members of their communities with a sense of purpose and dedication to truth, honor and duty.

La Salle Institute accomplishes this through excellence in teaching by a devoted staff in a small, student centered environment which imparts Christian values in the tradition of our Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

This commitment is shared by all members of the Lasallian community.

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If you plan to attend please use the *Invitation/Reservation form below*, fill it in and mail it to **Mr. Santander** at LSI, or bring it to the Main Office. Hope to see you there!



La Salle Institute's 34th Annual SPORTS BANQUET Friday * May 5, 2017 * 6:15 p.m.

The Hilton Garden Inn
235 Hoosick Street
Troy, New York

Dinner Cost - \$25.00/person

All students who participated on this year's teams, and their families, are invited!
Letters and Numbers will be awarded.
Special Athlete Awards will be presented.

(Return this Portion of Form by Monday, May 1st)

2017 SPORTS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

_____ WILL ATTEND
(Name of Student)

_____ Total Number Attending (include Student)

SPORT(S) participated in and **LEVEL** – (for ex.: FOOTBALL – JV Level)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Total amount enclosed _____

Reservation form should be returned with payment to the Main Office – no later than Monday, May 1st.