

**LA SALLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

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**Pastorate Mass Schedule**

Luxemburg 4:00 Saturday  
Rickardsville 6:00 Saturday  
Sherrill 8:00 Sunday  
Holy Cross 10:00 Sunday

**Readings for this weekend:**

Isaiah 5:1-7    Philippians 4:6-9    Matthew 21:33-43

*The parable of the tenants rejecting the landowner's son.*

**National Fire Prevention Week:** Next week is National Fire Prevention Week and students at La Salle will walk over to the fire station at 9:00 on Monday morning for presentations about fire safety and fire equipment. The presentations will be outside so students should dress for the weather. In fact, you might want to have your child "over" dressed and send gloves or mittens and a hat. We'll be in shadow at that time of the morning and we are having fall temperatures.

**Mass Schedule:** October starts a new quarter and a change in the weekend Mass schedule. Mass times and locations are listed at the top of the newsletter. Mass is available online at the pastorate website, [www.lasallepastorate.com](http://www.lasallepastorate.com) or at the archdiocesan website, [www.dbqarch.org](http://www.dbqarch.org). If you are unable to attend Mass in person, please take time to share Mass with your children by watching a Mass online or on television. The weekend readings are previewed in each classroom on Fridays. Praying through the community of shared Mass is vitally important to sharing our Catholic faith with our children.

**October 16, No School/Teacher In-Service Day:** There is a no-school day coming up on Friday, October 16. Rachel Blough, our Catholic Charities counselor, will present a training to La Salle teachers on the Nurtured Heart Approach to working with children to promote positive relationships and set rules that demonstrate fair and consistent boundaries. Teachers will also work together on viewing assessment data and planning instruction.

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School Lunch Program: Several years ago, La Salle made the decision to not participate in the federal hot lunch program. We weighed the requirements of the program and what food we needed to prepare and offer against the reimbursement we got from the state. We decided that the flexibility and freedom from the program rules and regulations outweighed the small amount of funding we received from the state. We are re-examining that decision this fall because of COVID and the federal funding available to school lunch programs. We are working with the state to enroll La Salle in the program and receive free lunch for all students. There is not an exact date of when free lunch will start so we will send an email once we know. The state/federal lunch program does not know how long funds will last. They said it depends on how many schools participate. They have set an end date of December 31 but explain that the funds may run out before then.

Dress code reminder: October 15 is the last day to wear shorts; sweatshirts worn in the classroom should be a solid color--red, navy blue, black, white, or green.

Halloween at La Salle: Halloween will look a little different this year. We won't be able to have parties in the same way that we have in the past. Teachers will share their plans with the families in their classrooms. Students in four-year-old preschool will celebrate on Wednesday, October 28. Students in three-year-old preschool and kindergarten through sixth grade will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 30. A change the students will likely enjoy is that the costume parade will be expanded to include students in the older grades. We will have a costume parade on Friday, October 30 at 3:15. If the weather cooperates, we will hold it outside in the parking area by the gym. If the weather is unpleasant, we will invite families to social distance themselves around the gym and students will parade around the gym. Students will be dismissed and can leave with their families immediately following the costume parade. Costumes should not include weapons of any kind. We prefer to keep Halloween light-hearted and encourage students to avoid wearing gruesome costumes at school.

Red Ribbon Week: As the nation's largest and oldest drug prevention campaign, Red Ribbon Week® reaches over 80 million people each year throughout the United States. The Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. Students at La Salle will learn about making healthy choices and staying drug free.

The following is our Red Ribbon Week schedule beginning Friday, October 23.

*Friday: Wear Red Day* Theme: “Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free.” Wear your red school shirt and uniform pants. Show your school and parish that you are happy, brave, and drug free!

*Monday: Farm and Country Pride Day* Theme: “Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free Y'all!” Dress in your farm or country clothes, boots, and hats.

*Tuesday: Smartie Day* Theme: “I'm Too Smart To Start!” Smartie candy for classrooms.

*Wednesday: Sports Day* Theme: “Stay in the Game, Play Drug Free!” Dress in your favorite team's clothes or colors. Wear your team's uniform.

*Thursday: Cards for Vets* Theme: “Be a Hero Everyday, Be Drug Free!” We will make thank you cards for veterans at the freedom center.

*Friday: Happy Halloween* Theme: Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco Are Tricks Not Treats!” Wear your favorite Halloween shirt and uniform pants. Students in preschool-grade 6 will have a costume parade at 3:15

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Entenmann's Little Bites Wrappers: Entenmann's rewards schools for recycling the wrappers for Little Bites and Minis. A flyer is attached. You can send the collected wrappers to school.

65% Iowa Tax Credit: As an Iowa Catholic taxpayer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need attend any Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Dubuque through a contribution to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO). Each contribution will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65 percent of the donation. Visit [www.OurFaithSto.org](http://www.OurFaithSto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 to learn more.

Facilities Rental: The La Salle Catholic School gym and cafeteria are available for rent. Groups using the facilities are asked to follow the common COVID-mitigation strategies (i.e. wear a face covering, social distancing, hand sanitizing, etc.) and are asked to clean commonly touched areas at the end of the activity. Cleaning and sanitizing supplies will be provided and a \$5 fee per event will be added to the rental fee. Please call the school office at 870-2405 for more information.