

LA SALLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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School Phone # 870-2405

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One of the most important things we can do to share our faith with our children is to participate in weekend Mass.

Pastorate Mass Schedule

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

Readings for this weekend:

Leviticus 119:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
that you may be children of your heavenly Father*

Spring Social: Tickets are on sale now for our Spring Social to be held on Thursday, February 27. This year's theme is The Greatest Place on Earth – La Salle. There will be a silent auction and a live auction. Photos of auction items can be found at the school website, www.lasallecatholicsschool.org and on the school Facebook page. For more information about this event please contact Angie Borgerding at 563-870-5009 or at lasallespringsocial@gmail.com.

Mardis Gras: Students will be decorating masks to wear for mardi gras on Tuesday afternoon. We will watch a video about mardis gras and Lent. During Lent we will not sing or say Alleluia at Mass so this year we will again "bury the Alleluia." Students will color a printout of the word Alleluia and then we'll put all of those word cards in a special box to put away until Jesus rises on Easter Sunday. When students come back to school after Easter break the bulletin board will be full of joyous Alleluias. For our mardis gras celebration, students will make masks to wear. We'll talk about some of the special vocabulary and traditions. Lent is a time of fast and abstinence. A long time ago this meant no animal products or meat so no butter, eggs, milk, cheese, or meat for the six weeks of Lent. Without refrigerators, food would not keep for six weeks so people gathered together to use up what they had and shared a feast to use up these ingredients. Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is often called Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday. Purple, green, and gold are traditional colors for mardi gras. Purple is for justice, green is faith, and gold is for power.

Student Council Popcorn Sale: The La Salle Student Council will be selling popcorn for \$0.25 and orange drink for \$0.25 during our mardi gras event at school on Tuesday at 2:30.

Ash Wednesday Mass: There will be Mass at 10:00 in Holy Cross on Wednesday, February 26. Grades 3 and 4 will be lecturing and filling other roles at this Mass.

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Parent Survey:

On behalf of the faculty and school board, we want to thank everyone who took the time to complete our online parent survey. It is important for us to learn from our families, what strengths, challenges, and opportunities for growth we have as a school, so that we can continue to develop programs, activities, and curriculum to meet your student's needs. We closed the survey with a 67% response rate – equivalent to 20 families. While there are definitely opportunities to bring to the school, the overall survey was extremely positive and it is exciting to share with the faculty all the positive affirmations and compliments given to us! As we continue to dig into the data, some overall target areas that we will immediately begin to look at include, multi-aged classes, extracurricular activities, wrap-around care, and opportunities for service learning. We have begun to brainstorm and work through ideas revolving around these target areas and are excited about developing programs to strengthen and work through these challenges. Please continue to watch for a more detailed outcome of the survey and a developed action plan to address these areas along with others that were identified. Once again, we appreciate your time in taking this survey and Thank You for being a part of the LaSalle family.

Holy Cross Court 881 of the Foresters are going to have a matching fund raffle for two new stoves in the La Salle Holy Cross center. We are having problems with these stoves and can no longer get parts for them anymore. Anyone interested in donating towards this project or raffle call Jerry Errthum at 563-590-6931 or the La Salle School at 870-2405. Thanks.

STO Applications: The application process is open for the 2020-21 school year. An outside company manages the process; school employees don't have access to applicants' tax information. The company, FACTS, handles applications on-line. The link to the application is found on the school website, go to the tab for admissions and then tuition assistance. The application fee is \$31 per family (not per student). Families who apply for STO will receive a \$25 gift of scrip from the school to help offset the application fee. If you would like help accessing the application or need a computer/internet connection or have questions, please call Barb or Susan at school, 870-2405. The application deadline is April 15, 2020.

BoxTops: The next shipment of boxtops will be submitted next week. If you have any of the physical box tops, please send them to school on Monday. Box Tops for Education is changing its program from clippable labels to an electronic program where you can scan your receipt for eligible items.

Adult Volunteers--there are two upcoming opportunities for adult volunteers. First, help is needed sorting cans on Tuesday, February 25 from 4:00-6:00 and/or Saturday, March 28 from 9:00-12:00. The school will receive the funds from the cans for February and March. In the past, the school has received over \$600 from cans donated to the pastorate. Sorting will take place at the Holy Cross parish garage behind the school. Second, help is needed at Open Closet in Dubuque on Saturday, March 7 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Open Closet is part of the Almost Home shelter and provides clothing to those in need. Open Closet is open the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00. Eight to ten volunteers are needed each month. La Salle faith formation and school families are invited to work together to help in March and again in May. Typical jobs include handing out shopping baskets, collecting hangers as they become available, entertaining kids in the kids corner, keeping the store tidy, helping to bag up customers clothing, occasionally helping with a surplus giveaway (typically soaps, kids books etc) and helping with stockroom jobs (perhaps putting away winter clothing in March / May). If you can help on February 25 or March 7, please contact Susan or Barb.

New school website: If you haven't checked out the new school website, please visit at www.lasallecatholicsschool.org. Our old URL, www.lasalle.pvt.k12.ia.us also points to the new website. What kinds of things do you look for at the website? Please share feedback about what you wish was at the website that is not currently listed. You can email Susan at shucker@lasalle.pvt.k12.ia.us.

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Reminder of No School: We don't have school on Friday, February 28 or on Monday, March 2. On March 2, teachers will be meeting for in-service activities.

Early Literacy Carnival: La Salle's early literacy carnival is scheduled for Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 to 11:00. This event fulfills our requirement for the statewide voluntary preschool program to have an event focused on early literacy. We also use this event for recruiting and for celebrating our program. Please invite friends and family to attend. The activities are focused on children age 7 and younger. The event is free. Remember, students don't have to be Catholic to attend La Salle. The theme will be St. Patrick's Day. If you signed up to volunteer for this event, you will be contacted in the coming weeks.

Out of Uniform: Thank you to everyone for making our food drive for Dyersville Food Pantry very successful. Our next out of uniform day will be Wednesday, April 18 to benefit the Loras Dance Marathon.

Stations of the Cross: As in past years, each class will take a turn at leading or presenting the Stations of the Cross before a weekend Mass. Fifth and sixth grades will start us off on Sunday, March 1st before the 10:00 Mass in Rickardsville. Students should arrive by 9:35 and the Stations will be beginning about 9:40. Kindergarten through second grade will act out the Stations of the Cross before the 4:00 Mass in Holy Cross on Saturday, March 21. Third and fourth grade will lead the Stations of the Cross before the 4:00 Mass in Holy Cross on Saturday, March 28. We are hoping the weather will cooperate this year for a field trip to St. Donatus to walk their outdoor Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 3. More information about a field trip will come as we get closer to the date.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences: Conferences are coming up quickly. Our next conference days are Tuesday, March 3 from 4:00-6:30 and Thursday, March 5 from 4:00-8:00. Please send your scheduling form to school.

Field Trips: March 3 Grades PreK through 4 are going to see “The Snowy Day” at the Heritage Center in Dubuque.
March 10 Grades 5 and 6 are going to visit Divine Word Seminary in Epworth to learn about vocations.
March 18 Grades 5 and 6 are going to see the play, “Beauty and the Beast,” at Beckman Catholic H.S. and then participating in a retreat.
April 3 Grades K through 6 are going to St. Donatus.
May 13 Grades PreK through 2 are going to the Dubuque Arboretum and Swiss Valley Nature Center.

2020-21 Calendar: Western Dubuque has posted two calendars for next school year and invite feedback, <http://www.w-dubuque.k12.ia.us/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GYP30B&dasi=4G20B>. Both calendars have K-6 students start on Monday, August 24 and end on either May 27 or 28. The difference between the two calendars is in when spring break is scheduled—around Easter (April 4) or earlier (Feb 25-Mar 3). Both calendars have teacher professional development days spread throughout the year.