

# LA SALLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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## Pastorate Mass Schedule

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

## Readings for this weekend:

Isaiah 22:19-23      Romans 11:33-36      Matthew 16: 13-20

*"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."*

**First Two Days:** Thank you for making the effort to drive your student to school Thursday and Friday this week. It feels good to have two days in and then a weekend. After so many months away, everyone was tired by the end of the day. We will be refreshed to start our first full week next week. Students did a great job of being patient with new procedures and practices. They kept distance between each other in lines. We have switched to two lunch and recess shifts. Students in grades 2-6 go outside to recess first. Then, they come in through the gym to prepare for lunch. Students in preschool through first grade eat lunch first and then go to recess. Each group gets about 30 minutes for lunch and 30 minutes for recess.

**What happens when...:** We have resources from the Department of Education and the Dubuque County Department of Public Health that direct what happens when a student or adult is ill with COVID-19. Attached is a flow chart that outlines the steps. When someone in our community tests positive, we won't release the name or even the grade level because it would personally identify the person. What we will share is that someone in our school community has tested positive and that we are working with Dubuque County Public Health on next steps. DCPH will ask the school to identify who might have had close contact (closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with the person. The Visiting Nurses Association will make the contact tracing phone calls. If your child was exposed, you will get a phone call from the VNA with instructions. DCPH has found that not answering unknown calls is a challenge to contact tracing. We will ask that, when it is announced that there is reason for VNA to contact La Salle families, you answer unknown calls from Dubuque.

**School Handbook:** The La Salle Student Parent Handbook is posted on the school website, [www.lasallecatholic.org](http://www.lasallecatholic.org), under the tab for current families.

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**Counseling:** Catholic Charities will be providing counseling to La Salle through tele-health. Our counselor this year is Rachel Blough. She met with teachers before school started and will visit all classrooms on Thursday, September 3. Subsequent classroom activities and individual counseling sessions will be through Zoom and will occur generally every two weeks through the school year. The school library will be used for these Zoom sessions and will be closed to use by other students on Thursday mornings. The telehealth counseling sessions can continue through continuous learning. Rachel will support students in a variety of ways both social and academic. She might work with students on being a friend, growth mindset, worries and anxiety, loss of a loved one or pet, leadership, classroom focus, or overcoming obstacles. If you would like your child to meet individually with Rachel, please contact your child's teacher. A permission slip will be sent home to be completed before students meet individually with the counselor.

**Resources for dealing with COVID-19 with children:** Attached is information about COVIDrecoveryiowa.org and information from the CDC about recognizing stress in your child and suggestions for supporting your child.

**PowerSchool eRegistration:** eRegistration is still down due to the storm. We'll let you know when it is available again.

**School Pictures:** Siebe Studios will take school photos of students in four-year-old preschool through grade 6 on Tuesday, September 1st. The photos are taken first thing in the morning. Students can be out of uniform for school pictures. Photos of children in three-year-old preschool will be taken on Friday, October 9. This is also the date for retakes that are needed.

**Art:** Xavier Catholic School continues to search for an art teacher. We will share that teacher as we did last year. In the meantime, Janell Schilling will sub as our art teacher on Fridays. This week she worked with students in their classroom. Starting next Friday, classes will rotate to the science/art room for class.

**School Mass:** Our first school Mass will be on Friday, September 4 and students in grades 5 and 6 will lector. We will work on our plan for social distancing--students will be spread out across pews. We will have instrumental music but no singing yet.