

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:

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

*“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

Before and After School Care: La Salle Catholic School is pleased to be able to offer before and after school care starting September 8. Before school care is available from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. After school care is available from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Students meet in the cafeteria with a snack and activities that include outside or gym play, games, and homework time. Cost is \$3.00 per hour per student for the first child in the family, \$2.50 for the second child, and \$2.15 for the third child in the family. There is a minimum charge of one hour per morning and one hour per afternoon. Breakfast is available for \$1.00 and the afternoon snack cost is \$1.00. Schedules should be filled out by Thursday for the following week and billing will be done based on the scheduled hours unless a parent contacts school by 2:00 p.m. on the day of a change in plans. To enroll your child, please contact the school office for forms and additional information. This program is open to more than just La Salle students. WD families whose children ride the bus to/from Holy Cross are welcome to enroll in before and after school care. If you know of friends or family who might be interested in before or after school care, please let them know about our program and encourage them to contact school.

Thursday Rocket Time: Students will be praying at Eucharistic Adoration, praying the rosary, and working on service projects on Thursdays from 3:00-3:30. Typically, the first Thursday of the month will be Adoration and the third Thursday will be the Rosary. On the second and fourth Thursdays we will create cards to send to various places to brighten someone's day. We will make “sunshine” cards for those in care centers, veterans, retired priests, and pastorate members. Please share the names and addresses of those who you think might welcome cards by emailing Susan.

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La Salle Apparel: Our apparel store through Envision Tees is open now and can be accessed at https://shop.envisiontees.com/lasalle_catholic_school/shop/home. The store will close on September 20.

Family Activities: Attached is a sheet with ideas for activities for September for Catholic families. It comes from the website/blog, Real Life at Home. There is a link to this website and other resources at the school website under current families, links.

Illness policy: Based on the attached flow chart from the Iowa Department of Education and the guidance of the Office of Catholic Schools, here is the following clarification of the process. If you keep your child home, or they go home from school, with **two** or more low-risk symptoms that are **new** (and no known exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID), the child needs to stay home for 10 calendar days unless they have an alternate diagnosis or a negative COVID test. For example, if your child has a sore throat and a runny nose and you keep them home, you would need to get either an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID test for them to come back to school before 10 calendar days have passed. Seeking an alternative diagnosis does not necessarily mean a visit to the doctor's office. You may be able to meet with your doctor through a telehealth appointment or, if this is an ongoing condition or diagnosis such as allergies, your doctor may be willing to send a note or other documentation based on a phone conversation rather than a visit. The school needs to receive some kind of documentation from the doctor's office about the alternative diagnosis or the child needs to remain at home for 10 calendar days. Low risk symptoms are fever, headache, muscle and body aches, fatigue, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. While they are home for 10 days we will work with your family on sending homework and scheduling Zoom time for lessons from the classroom. The child will be marked "present" as long as they are working on their homework and/or participating electronically either through a Zoom meeting, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, or watching videos of lessons sent by the teacher. If your child is absent from school for other symptoms (such as a broken bone or just one low-risk symptom) they will be marked absent.

Exposure to someone with COVID: If a student has been exposed to someone with COVID (closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) they will need to quarantine for 14 calendar days. We will work with your family on sending homework and scheduling Zoom time for lessons from the classroom. The child will be marked "present" as long as they are working on their homework and/or participating electronically either through a Zoom meeting, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, or watching videos of lessons sent by the teacher

Three-year-old Preschool: La Salle Catholic School is excited that we have received DHS approval for full-day three-year-old preschool. Students attended their first all day class on Friday, September 4. The teacher is Beverly Ambrosy. She teaches four-year-old preschool Monday through Thursday and three-year-old preschool on Friday. The schedule for three-year-olds includes circle time when children sing songs and talk about shapes, numbers, and patterns. There is outside or gym play to practice gross motor skills. There is story time and activities for art and writing, dramatic play, and early learning, literacy, and math skills. Students eat lunch together in the classroom and rest or nap in the afternoon. There are currently eight students in the class. If you know of friends or family who might be interested in three-year-old preschool, please let them know about our program and encourage them to contact school.

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Parent Teacher Conferences: Fall parent teacher conferences will be held on October 13th and 15th. Sign up for conference times will be sent out a few weeks in advance.

FAST and MAP Testing: La Salle students in kindergarten through grade 6 take the FAST and MAP tests three times a year--fall, winter, and spring. In the next few weeks students will be taking part in the fall testing session. Some of the tests are one-on-one with the teacher. Many are individualized on the computer and adjust in difficulty level as students work. Assessment data will be shared with parents at conference time.

Beckman Boys Basketball Camp: Attached is the form for boys to participate in the Beckman Basketball Camp November 6-8. A hard copy of the form has also been sent home with students.

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.

School Board and Committees: La Salle Catholic School board members include Shannon Brimeyer (St. Francis), Jake Cota (Sts. Peter & Paul), Julie Deutmeyer (Holy Trinity), Cindy Hunt (St. Joseph), Angie Katrichis (St. Joseph), Roberta Smith (St. Francis), Sara Wilgenbusch (St. Joseph), and Father Diehm. We would like to have representation from all five parishes. It's not too late to get involved, either through membership on the school board or on a leadership committee. School board members serve for three-year terms. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and typically last for less than an hour and a half. If you are interested, please contact a current school board member, Susan Hucker or Father Diehm.

Cans: The pastorate youth program has collected redeemable cans and plastic bottles for a few years. The funds have been shared between the school, Totus Tuus, the youth group, and students going to NCYC. Starting in September through November, La Salle Catholic School will be responsible for sorting, bagging, and redeeming the cans. The other groups who benefit from the program will each take a quarter of the year going forward. Please watch for more information about volunteer opportunities to help with this. We can divide the task of sorting and bagging into segments.

Labor Day: There is no school on Monday, September 7.

Imposter posing as parish pastor in either text messages or emails to parishioners

The archdiocese has received reports that parishioners are receiving fraudulent text messages and emails from someone posing as Father Diehm. The messages are similar to the following. “[Recipient’s Name] I need a favor from you, text me as soon as you get this message. God Bless you. Father Diehm

If the recipient replies, the scammer will ask the recipient to purchase gift cards. Please know that Father Diehm is not going to make such requests. If you are in doubt about a message that claims to be from Father Diehm, please contact the pastorate office. Thank you.