

LA SALLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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Pastorate Mass Schedule

Balltown	4:00	Saturday
Luxemburg	6:00	Saturday
Rickardsville	8:00	Sunday
Sherrill	10:00	Sunday

Readings for this weekend: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
 Mark 1:21-28

*On the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.  
 The people were astonished at his teaching,  
 for he taught them as one having authority.*

Out-of-Uniform Days for Catholic Schools Week:

Monday, February 1 Pajama Day  
 Thursday, February 4 your choice of out-of-uniform apparel  
 Friday, February 5 Spirit Day – wear La Salle shirt and out-of-uniform pants

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School: Today, Friday, January 29, was the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school for kindergarten through sixth grade. Each year it feels good to reach the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school—it’s just past the half-way mark for the school year. This year it is especially good to know we’ve made it through 100 days together. We are grateful to teachers, staff, students, and families for the extra effort to be in school in person this year.

Catholic Schools Week activity schedule:

**Saturday/Sunday Mass:** We have student speakers, teachers, and parents assigned to roles as commentator and lector and after-Mass speaker for each Mass. We look forward to a time when we can have more student roles available.

**Monday, Feb 1:** Pajama Day; Read and Feed with student council popcorn sale  
 student council will sell bags of popcorn for a quarter each  
 classroom teachers have communicated with their students about the read and feed snacks

**Tuesday, Feb 2:** Robots and Kids in the Kitchen with Leah from Iowa State Extension; groups of students will rotate among activities in the gym and the cafeteria. We will have our regular SWITCH taste test at the end of the day.

**Wednesday Feb 3:** In the afternoon, groups of students will participate in a Scavenger Hunt that will take them around the building for an “I spy”-type activity; we’ll have Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday instead of Thursday this week

**Thursday Feb 4:** Community service activity—students will be helping to pack fruit baskets to give to the monks at New Melleray. Students have already been working on cards to send to retired priests of the archdiocese and cards for Sisters. We’ll wrap up the day with some group games and a short dance party

**Friday Feb 5:** Mass by Kindergarten students; Spirit Day

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Pop tabs incentive: Our collection of pop tabs has grown enough to meet the incentive of Miss Bries dyeing her hair. Each day of CSW, Miss Bries will visit a different classroom to have her hair sprayed a new color. Thank you all for your help in donating 180 pounds (!) of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City.

Progress Reports: Student progress reports will be sent home next week. We ran into some technical difficulties with how the reports were displaying in our student information system. We are getting the kinks worked out and will have the reports to you next week.

February School Mass Schedule: February 5, kindergarten; February 12, 8:00 Prayer Service, first grade (please note this is not a Mass and is scheduled for 8:00); February 17, Ash Wednesday, 10:00 Mass in Holy Cross, grades five and six; February 19, grades three and four; February 26, no school, teacher in-service day

SWITCH Update: This week students have begun tracking their steps with a pedometer. Students can walk in the gym before school. There will be additional opportunities to track steps. We are charting our combined steps to see how long it will take us to “walk” the 29 miles of the Heritage Trail from Dubuque to Dyersville. The taste test this week focused on coconut. There were coconut flakes in the energy bites students tried. For the SWITCH kick-off on Tuesday, we tasted two items that packed a healthy punch, a smoothie and a muffin. Recipes for all three items will be included with the newsletter.

Legislation for In-Person Learning: Today Governor Reynolds signed into law a new requirement for all Iowa districts to offer 100% in-person learning by mid-February. Western Dubuque has been considering changes to their schedule for several months. They are in the process of planning and have not given a start date for changes. At this time, we don’t know what, if any, impact this will have on La Salle’s schedule. We will share more information as soon as it is available.

Save the Date: Catholic Order of Foresters will be hosting a matching funds event with La Salle Catholic School on Sunday March 7. We will be having a soup meal fundraiser. Plans are to have options for lunch and supper. Please watch for more information to come.

Spring Social: La Salle Catholic School’s Spring Social will be held in April this year. The auction will be held online and will begin on April 5 and conclude on April 17. There will be a drive-through meal on April 18. Plans are well underway, and we look forward to sharing what is unique to this year. If you have an auction item to donate, please contact the school office.

Amazon Smile: La Salle Catholic School is now listed as a beneficiary of the Amazon Smile program. Use the link to select La Salle as your nonprofit and anytime you purchase on Amazon, they will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to our school. Anyone can use this link and it doesn’t matter how you pay for the items—you don’t have to use scrip (although Amazon scrip is available). Amazon donates to over a million different nonprofits. Each donation may be small, but it adds up over time. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-0940399>. Please be sure to turn on Amazon Smile in your Amazon Shopping App on your cell phone or other device.

After School Care Available: La Salle Catholic School offers DHS-certified before and after school care. Our staff person for before and after care is Marti Gaul. Please contact the office for a schedule form or for more information.