

LA SALLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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“Here I am, Lord”



Pastorate Mass Schedule

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

Readings for this weekend: Isaiah 55:1-11
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Art Teacher Update: Welcome to Mackenzie Wieczorek who is teaching art at La Salle starting January 8. Miss Wieczorek is a recent graduate of Clarke University in Dubuque. She teaches art at Xavier Catholic School in Dyersville Monday through Thursday and at La Salle on Fridays. Miss Wieczorek has exhibited her work at a variety of art exhibitions at Clarke and at galleries around Dubuque. She served as captain of the Clarke lacrosse team. We are excited to have her join our La Salle community. Thank you to Janell Schilling who has been a long-term substitute teacher for art for the first semester of the school year. We hope that Mrs. Schilling will continue to sub at La Salle in other classrooms. Students, staff, and teachers have enjoyed working with Mrs. Schilling these past four months.

Open House: We have two open house opportunities coming up for families new to La Salle to check out our school, meet teachers, and receive enrollment packets. Tuesday, January 19th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. we will have a preschool open house. We invite families interested in three-year-old and four-year-old preschool for the 2021-22 school year. On Wednesday, January 27th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. we invite families of students in three-year-old preschool through sixth grade to visit school to consider La Salle for the 2021-22 school year. Reservations are strongly encouraged. If families prefer virtual or private appointments, they can contact Susan or Beverly. Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to consider La Salle for their children.

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.

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McElroy Grant Award: Congratulations to Miss Ambrosy on her successful grant application. The McElroy Grant is awarded through Keystone AEA. La Salle has received \$1708 for materials for the SMART room. Students in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade use the SMART room daily.

Fundraisers: La Salle raised over \$4000 for the cash raffle. Thank you to all who participated and to those who made donations. La Salle raised \$2010.53 from the scrip contest. Thank you to all who purchased scrip! La Salle received a total of \$1308.20 in the redemption of glass, cans, and plastic bottles from the middle of August to the middle of November. Thank you to those who donated their cans and bottles and to those who helped with the sorting, bagging, and redemption process.

SWITCH Ambassadors: Five students will serve as SWITCH ambassadors for our school SWITCH project. The students applied for the position by writing an essay. Our ambassadors are Ian Deutmeyer, 6th grade; Caden Gotto, 5th grade; and Lia Deutmeyer, Bella Katrichis, and Cora Kass 4th grade. More information about SWITCH will be sent home in a parent letter. The school kick-off for SWITCH is scheduled for January 27.

Catholic Schools Week: CSW is the last week of January, the 24th through the 30th. Watch upcoming newsletters for information about planned activities.

Phone System: Earlier this week the school phone system was knocked out, likely by a power surge on Monday. Call forwarding has been set up so that we can receive your call. If you have any difficulty getting through, please call Susan directly at 563-543-4089.

First Reconciliation: Please keep our school and pastorate second grade students in your prayers as they make their First Reconciliation this Sunday and next Sunday. Reconciliation services will be held at St. Francis Church Balltown at 1:00 p.m. on January 10 and 17.

Pop Tabs: We are just a pound away from reaching 180 pounds of pop tabs! That is amazing! Students can look forward to seeing Miss Bries "in color" during Catholic Schools Week. Thanks for collecting pop tabs. We are excited to start on box number seven. The pop tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City.

Winter Testing: FAST tests will take place January 11-22. This is a K-6 reading fluency test that students across the state of Iowa take. There are also FAST online assessments in reading comprehension and math. MAP tests will be given at the beginning of February. MAP tests are an online assessment that students in kindergarten through sixth grade take in math, reading comprehension, and language arts. Students in grades 3-6 also take a science test. Both FAST and MAP tests are given three times during the school year.

January Schedule: La Salle School's first semester ends on January 12. Progress reports will be sent home later this month. There is no school on Monday, January 18 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The school Mass schedule is posted on the school website; January 15, grades 5/6; January 22, grades 3/4; and January 29, second grade.

After School Care Available: Has your schedule changed with the new year? 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.

Ertl Family Foundation: La Salle Catholic School received a gift of \$250 from the Ertl Family Foundation. The funds will go towards the classroom projector project. We have ordered interactive projectors for the classrooms and anticipate they will be installed this spring.