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It is hard to believe that we have been back to school for a month. There has been so much general excitement around the month of September that time seems to have flown by. We had a great opening month for the school year. We had a beautiful mass for our student body, faculty, and staff.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

We had a great Homecoming Weekend! We are already making preparation to insure that next year's event is even bigger and better. Our sports teams and clubs are off to a successful start. Students seem to be working hard at their academic achievement. If you wonder how your son is doing, be certain to visit NetClassroom on our Web site.

October is a month that continues to be quite active in terms of activities. I know that the enthusiasm with which we began will be carried on throughout this month. Seniors will be receiving their rings, juniors and sophomores are taking the PSAT, freshmen will be electing class officers, and honor students will be applying for admission to The National Honor Society. All this is in addition to the regularly scheduled sports and activities. In this midst of all this activity, I encourage everyone to remember our main focus as a school is academic success. Again, I encourage parents and students to track their progress on NetClassroom.

I hope to see you all at one of the many activities and events this month. Parents, don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bunco Night hosted by the Parents Association on Saturday, Oct. 28. May all that we do reflect



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the spirit of our patron saint, Francis de Sales. God Bless and may this month be a harvest of blessings for the entire Salesianum Community.

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**NetClassroom is here**

NetClassroom allows Salesianum School to easily share student academic information between teachers and parents. It enables parents and students to check their grades, attendance, conduct and schedule, as well as print report cards and unofficial transcripts — all conveniently from home or the office.

NetClassroom also allows students to view daily assignments and grades from a secure Web site. Parents can send email to their son's teachers directly from NetClassroom and update their address online. A customizable message appearing on NetClassroom's opening screen alerts parents to important news or events at your school. Parents and students have each received separate passwords allowing access to this site. Students received their passwords in homeroom and parents received their passwords in the mail during the week of Sept. 18. Parents are reminded **not to share their passwords with their sons** so as to keep their access to the NetClassroom Web site secure.

NetClassroom will replace paper "progress reports" which would normally be mailed home each quarter. First quarter teacher comments and grading information will be available online during the first week of October. Traditional paper report cards will continue to be mailed home at the end of each quarterly grading period (for example, the second week of November 2006) at this time. Because NetClassroom is updated any time that a teacher adds grades or comments, parents and students will have "real time" access to information.

*Parent reaction to this news—great! Reaction from Salesianum students—priceless!*

NetClassroom is available from the school's homepage under the Academics menu or at <http://netclass.salesianum.org>.

**Schedule and Course Changes**

July 31<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for the Academic Dean's Office to receive requests for schedule changes. Students were allowed to make changes (for example, phasing up and down) during the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle in September. The Academic Office processed several hundred changes during this time. **At this time, ALL**

# FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

**schedule changes must be TEACHER-INITIATED.** No schedule changes will be completed after Oct. 15, 2006.

**National Honor Society**

The De Sales Chapter of the National Honor Society met briefly on Sept. 11. The students were reminded that six hours of service must be completed each marking period to retain membership. This NHS service must be given to the Salesianum School community. These service hours are above and beyond those required by the campus ministry program for Christian Service. Fr. Bill McCandless spoke to the members about the importance of their serving as tutors for Salesianum students. The DeSales Chapter will perform their group service activity with the Nativity Preparatory School of Wilmington.

NHS members will have mandatory meetings during the G6 period on Oct. 12, Nov. 14, and March 22. All members must be present for the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Dec. 5. Information about the Nativity Project will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Nomination information for prospective members was distributed to **seniors and juniors** who have a **minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25** on Sept. 29. All completed nominations must be returned prior to Oct. 20.

For further information please contact Mrs. Susan Gardner, Director of Educational Support Services, who serves as the National Honor Society faculty moderator; or Mrs. Cathy Marston, her assistant.

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## SENIOR CORNER

Jostens will be at school on Friday, Oct. 13 to take care of any **ring resizing**. An invoice was mailed home to senior parents early September. If you have any questions about your ring order or about ordering a ring, please email our Jostens representative, Kevin Zeigler, at [kevin.zeigler@jostens.com](mailto:kevin.zeigler@jostens.com).

If you have any questions throughout the year, please contact the senior class moderators: Mrs. Bartkowski (ext. 241 or [sbartkow@salesianum.org](mailto:sbartkow@salesianum.org)) or Ms. Pilipczuk (ext. 256 or [cpilipcz@salesianum.org](mailto:cpilipcz@salesianum.org)). Or look on the **Senior Class Web Page**, which can be accessed through the school's Web site. Click on *Activities* then *Academic* and then *Senior Class* for updated information. Or, follow this link: <http://faculty.salesianum.org/~sbartkow/seniorclass/index.html>.

**Thank you for your support of the class!**

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# FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

On Oct. 14, the **Minority Coalition** will be attending a step performance at the University of Delaware sponsored by the Black Alumni Organization. This show is part of the homecoming festivities taking place at the University campus that weekend. Students will leave Salesianum at 6:30 p.m. and return following the show. Any student interested should contact Ms. Amanda McMillan or Ms. Monica Brown.



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“Barefoot in the Park” is the 2006 Salesianum School Theater’s Fall Show. Seniors **Dan Durkin, Joe Marinelli and Nick Teta** have the leads in the play as Mr. Charlie Crawford and Mr. Nick Vavala are directing. The show opens Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Three more shows will be offered — Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 16-18.

## Ten-Week Club

Sales for the Ten Week Club officially end on Friday, Oct. 6. Materials were distributed to students on Wednesday, Sept. 6 during homeroom. Students are required to sell five tickets. Selling six wins a Holiday Card earning one day off from school (barring any major test or project due that day). Seven a long-sleeve Salesianum shirt. And for eight and each additional ticket, a chance at a \$2000 cash prize. Additional incentives are based on the individual classes. The class (freshmen, sophomore, junior or senior) that sells the most tickets will earn an additional day off to be chosen by the Principal. Within each class, the homeroom selling the most tickets will earn a free lunch courtesy of the Parents Association.

Drawings are held each week on Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 11 and

## Calendar of Events

- October 5**  
Class of 2007 Ring Mass
- October 7**  
Salesianum Invitational  
Cross Country Meet at BCSP
- October 9**  
*NO CLASSES:* Columbus Day
- October 13**  
Black Tie Bingo  
Contact (302) 658-2212 for details
- October 16**  
Salesian Spirituality Induction, 7 p.m.
- October 18**  
PSAT Test: No classes  
for freshmen and seniors
- November 2**  
Memorial Mass, 7 p.m., Centenary Hall
- November 4**  
Open Dance, 8-11 p.m.
- November 6-10**  
Spirit Week

ending on Friday, Dec. 8 at the Parents Association Christmas Party.

## Athletics

Winter Sports Parents Meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. The winter season begins Friday, Nov. 10.

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# FROM THE STUDENT FINANCE OFFICE

Attention all parents in Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania: if your son is signed up for drivers’ education classes, the fee for non-Delaware resident drivers’ education for 2006-07 is \$411. Invoices will be mailed by Sept. 29, 2006. Driver’s education fees are due in the Student Finances Office by Monday, Oct. 30, 2006. If you do not receive an invoice and your son is registered for class, please call the Student Finances Office. Late fees will be applicable to accounts not paid by Oct. 30.

Financial assistance applications for the 2007-08 school year will be available in November. If you wish to apply for financial assistance for 2007-08 and have not previously applied, please call the Student Finances Office to request an application.

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## Attention Employees of IBM

The IBM K-12 Matching Grants Program has provided laptops, flat panel multimedia monitors and other peripherals to Salesianum over the last several years. For every one dollar donated by an IBM employee, IBM matches with five dollars worth of equipment. Yes, a donation of \$100 brings \$500 worth of IBM equipment to Salesianum School. In addition, by collecting the individual donations into a pooled group, Salesianum will have a broader selection of equipment.

An employee of IBM is not permitted to solicit his fellow employees to contribute to a particular school. However, an individual employee is permitted to coordinate the paperwork. Mr. Kevin Kelly, one of our Salesianum parents, has graciously agreed to serve as our local IBM coordinator. Kevin will list all the Salesianum IBM donations on one form. His email address is [kjkelly@us.ibm.com](mailto:kjkelly@us.ibm.com). Please contact Kevin for more details.

The combined form must be submitted by **mid-December**. The checks will be sent to IBM, and five times the value of the total will be sent in equipment to Salesianum. A total of \$5,000 donated in the program will bring \$25,000 worth of IBM equipment to Salesianum.

To participate in the K-12 Matching Grants Program, the donor must be an employee of IBM or one of IBM's wholly owned subsidiaries. Anyone retired under the IBM Retirement Plan is eligible, also. The IBM K-12 Matching Grants Program is a way of contributing to Salesianum's Annual Giving program. Please inform Fr. Dalton of your intention to participate in this grants program at (302) 655-1072.

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

**Seniors:** The deadline to register for Dec. 2 SAT Testing is Nov. 7. You can register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Senior parents should encourage their sons to check the Naviance Web site for the list of visiting college representatives and scholarship listings. Please do not add colleges to the pending list unless your son has applied there. Once he requests a transcript, we assume he has applied and will mail the transcript to the college listed.

**Juniors:** The three-day Career Awareness Program has been discontinued and replaced by a one-day career shadowing opportunity. Juniors can choose a day on which they would shadow someone in a career field in which they have an interest. If you would be willing to sponsor one of our students, please contact Mr. Heiss in the guidance office.

PSAT testing for all sophomores and juniors will be on Oct. 18. Students need to be here by 8 a.m. A booklet was given to each student in a homeroom assembly at which time the test was explained and tips on taking the PSAT were given.

All freshmen participated in a **study skills workshop** given by Mr. Lang to review time management, organization, and test taking and study skills. This workshop was presented to the freshmen during their religion classes in September. Parents are encouraged to keep up with their son's academics and to check their plan books routinely.

There was a **senior class assembly** on Sept. 19, at which time the application procedure was discussed and additional materials regarding college visits, scholarships, etc. was distributed. Please make sure your son shares that information with you.

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## SALESIANUM CAMPUS STORE

The Salesianum Campus Store has received many new items to celebrate the fall season! Just to name a few: the ever-popular plaid flannel lounge pants, split "S" adjustable white hat, desk clocks, and diploma frames from Framing Success. Coming soon — limited-edition Salesianum tie from the famous Vineyard Vines tie company, located in New England! Please contact Salesianum's Campus Store at (302) 652-5822 to pre-order the one-of-a-kind tie, or to inquire about our other great items. Salesianum apparel always makes great birthday, Christmas and graduation gifts! Campus Store hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30-3:30 a.m. and Salesianum special event.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, the Oblates of St. Francis De Sales commemorate the anniversary of the death of Mother Mary de Sales Chappuis. Mother Chappuis is co-founder, along with Fr. Louis Brisson, of the Oblates. She is affectionately referred to as “The

Good Mother” and it was her vision under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to begin a congregation of men dedicated to living and spreading the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Mother Chappuis was born Therese Chappuis on June 16, 1793 in Soyhieres, Switzerland. From a young age, she felt called to serve God in religious life. Therese entered the Visitation convent in



Fribourg, Switzerland and took the religious name of Mary deSales. Her biography reveals that Mother Chappuis grew in virtue and wisdom as a Visitation Sister, becoming the Mother Superior of the Troyes, France monastery. It was here that she met Fr. Brisson who was recently assigned as the chaplain to the monastery and school that the sisters conducted.

Through his help, Mother Chappuis was able to see her vision come to fruition, a male congregation dedicated to the teachings of St. Francis de Sales. The Good Mother believed that if Salesian Spirituality is practiced and lived out, the Savior would be seen walking the earth again. That’s part of what it means to “Live Jesus”.

Mother Chappuis died on October 7, 1877 in Troyes, France. Her cause for beatification and sainthood are being considered by the Vatican as we speak. We are thankful for the example of Mother Chappuis, who challenges us to “Live Jesus” in our modern-day

world. Her vision of the Oblates and its reality is experienced here each day at Salesianum with the Oblates and lay faculty who conduct this Salesian school.

Our retreat program is well underway here at Salesianum. Freshmen have been going on retreat by their religion class and their retreat is conducted here at Salesianum in Centenary Hall. Senior retreats have also begun. This year, seniors will be going down to Wapiti Retreat Center in North East, Maryland.

On Monday, Oct. 16 (The Feast of St. Margaret Mary), more than 70 students will be commissioned and recommissioned as members of the Salesian Spirituality Commission. Members, who are nominated by faculty and staff, exemplify the concepts of Salesian Spirituality in their lives. Members help out a great deal in the Campus Ministry program. We congratulate all those students who were nominated.

October is also Pro-Life month. We remember that as Catholic Christians we are to defend life in all its stages from the womb until the tomb. Let us pray for life in our daily prayers that it will be respected and appreciated by all peoples.

May God be blessed,

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Flu season will soon be upon us and there is evidently an adequate supply of flu vaccine this year. Teens who have chronic medical conditions (asthma, diabetes, kidney disease, or heart conditions, etc.) or those who have an elderly person or infant living in the household should be immunized. The best time to be immunized is in October or November and the vaccine should be available in early October.

## NURSE'S CORNER

Since there are many students who are contact lens wearers, here is a word about preventing eye infections. Hands should always be washed with soap and water before handling lenses. The contact lens case should be cleaned after every use and replaced every 3-6 months. Lenses should not be worn longer than recommended and any symptoms such as eye pain or discharge should be reported to the doctor.

The company that manages the cafeteria (Williamson’s) has a new healthy eating initiative called Smarty Foods. Everyday there will be at least one selection and will include a salad, sandwich, soup or hot entrée.

There will be a parent program sponsored by University/Schools Alliance on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. “Getting to Know Your High School Student,” will be presented by Yvonne Nass from Parent Education Consulting Services. Yvonne is a wonderful speaker and a wealth of information for parents. Watch the daily announcements for a location.

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*“Whenever we surrender our problems and difficulties into God’s hands, we do not avoid dealing with them but rather we attend to them in the best way possible.”*  
— Francis de Sales

We have settled into the regular rigors of the school year. Academic deadlines, homework, long-term projects, presentations, tests, quizzes and the like are the things of which our students days and many nights are filled. We cannot avoid dealing with these. However, we can gain a true sense of peace in dealing with them if we heed the advice of our patron. God will not shield us from these and other problems and difficulties, yet he will give us spiritual support to not only accomplish these tasks but thrive in the fray.

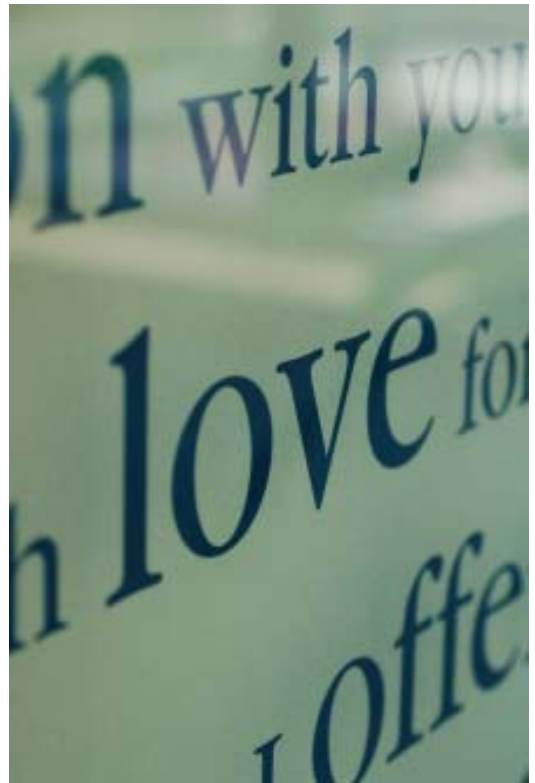
I suggest a few ways to approach the problems and difficulties. I hope in this approach you find some direction to assist your son in his school life decisions.

1. Look at the challenge presented, not the problem. Any challenge speaks of energy, not emotion.
2. Understand that hard work is difficult. Anything worthwhile is hard work.
3. Manage your time and your life will have a northerly direction.
4. Reward your work with healthy alternatives to work.
5. Allow God to reveal his will; ask for strength to carry it out.

God in his wisdom allows for us to struggle, regain our composure and footing, and live a life filled with challenges. Continued good wishes as you allow God to work through you and with you each day.

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## FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS



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The Salesianum Parents Association is off to a great start! Sept. 13 marked the start of the 2006-07 year with our annual “Back to School Night.” Our congratulations go to Robert and Sarah Farr (Matthew ’09), the grand prize winners of a free full year’s tuition and to George and Andrea Benas (Michael ’08), our second place winners who



received \$450 toward books. The Parents’ Association thanks Kathleen O’Donnell and Margie Oehmke for organizing “Back to School Night,” as well as Marge Viereck for a very successful Tuition Lottery.

The 2006 Homecoming once again was a great success both on the playing field and the Salesianum campus. Both parents and students appreciated the festive atmosphere with a full day of activities, food, sports, and camaraderie. Fun was undoubtedly had by all! Thank you to Diane Frasso and Donna Silvestri-Fecondo, who both arrived and worked from the early morning set-up until the last dance of the evening.

The Salesianum Parents Association calendar looks equally busy for the month of October. Thursday, Oct. 5 marks the start with the Ring Mass Social. Organized by the Parents Association, the social will be immediately following the mass. Beginning this October is another important fundraiser

for Salesianum, the Ten Week Club, so remember to send in your tickets. We will conclude the month of October with an evening of dice and laughs as we have our 2nd Annual Bunco Night on Saturday, Oct. 28. Remember, no experience is necessary!

Thank you to Kerry Mullane for all the work she did in making the calendar a success. If you have not seen your calendar, please ask your son — it may be hiding in his book bag or locker.

The Salesianum Parents Association is active and involved and always welcomes your participation. We hope that you will continue to support the Parents Association by becoming a member. Our Membership drive is ongoing and all money collected is given back to the school through social, spiritual, and academic activities. Mark your calendars; we look forward to seeing you at our October activities!

Remember to check our Web site frequently at <http://www.salesianum.org/parentAssoc/index.cgi>.

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