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Educating young men in the example of the gentleman saint, Francis de Sales

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

I hope this month finds you all filled with the joy that comes at this time of year. We at Salesianum just finished a month during which we give thanks for our many blessings. We now focus on the time ahead to promote peace, joy, and good will for all.

The time leading us to Christmas is a liturgical season called Advent. It is during this period of the year when we focus our minds and hearts with "joyful anticipation" for celebrating the ultimate gift of our Savior. We are also called to celebrate all the gifts with which we have been blessed. We at Salesianum celebrate these many gifts.

We have gifted students, teachers, staff members, and administrators. We are mindful of the gift of parents, families, benefactors, alumni, and board members. We are in the heart of a community that supports and appreciates our mission to educate Salesian Gentlemen in the spirit of our patron, St. Francis de Sales. We certainly have reason to rejoice!

Salesianum students are performing at an all-time high academically, both regionally and nationally. Our sports teams continue to excel. We have a fine arts program which is outstanding and continually growing. Our faculty and staff continue to distinguish themselves through professional development and professional accomplishment. Our Parents' Association membership and activity have again surpassed that of previous years.

We have much to celebrate with joy filled hearts. Perhaps most importantly, we celebrate our continued commitment as a Salesian Catholic School that teaches young men to *Live Jesus*. May the message of peace, love, and joy that comes through the birth of our Savior fill your hearts and homes during this month and throughout the New Year.

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Activities

As we approach the Christmas season, Salesianum will be participating and hosting a number of events in the weeks before the Christmas break. In particular, the events in which our students will be involved include the All-Catholic Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 11 and the Salesianum Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 13. All are invited to attend. Admission is free.

FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Salesianum's **Model UN** will host the Delaware Model United Nations (DELMUN) on Saturday, Dec. 8. More than 600 students from schools in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia will participate in the all day competition. Awards will be presented at the end of the day.

Student Council Changes Election Cycle

As I was coming into the position of assistant principal/director of activities, I reviewed the dynamics of our student council with the goal of making the council work most efficiently for our students. With that goal in mind, I have decided to proceed with a new cycle of election for student council president and vice president. Students will be elected now to serve for the duration of a calendar year beginning in January and ending in December. There are two key reasons for this. Seniors become busier as their senior year moves forward. This change would allow the senior officers to be freed from the great responsibilities that come with these offices. Also, this would also allow the student council to begin plans this year for the following year.

This decision was made before the current officers were elected. All candidates were notified last year of this change before the election was underway. It bears no reflection on the job that the current officers are doing. In fact, President **Geoff Vanover** and Vice President **Jon Plush** have done an excellent job. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their great leadership and their dedicated service.

When the new officers are elected Geoff will hold the title president-emeritus and Jon vice president-emeritus. They will be available to advise and assist the new officers during the period of transition and will be present to ensure that the concerns of the current senior class are addressed by the Student Council. The other offices and committee chairs will be newly appointed by the new student council president. The homeroom representatives, of course, will remain the same throughout this year.

Blessings

May you experience joy-filled expectation during this most holy season of Advent and may God bless you and your family this Christmas and always!



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Ten Week Club

Within each class the homeroom selling the most tickets will receive a lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Only those, students who sold and returned their tickets on or before Friday, Oct. 5 are eligible for the lunch. Winning homerooms are:

Freshmen: Mr. Tinnelly- A206

Sophomores: Mr. Mieczkowski- B087

Juniors: Mr. Dever- B083

Seniors: Mr. LoSapio- A031

Winners through Week 8:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
Week 1	
\$200 Ed Reardon	<i>Matt Reardon</i>
\$100 Ken Noble	<i>JC Pasdar</i>
\$100 Pat Bobb	<i>Matt Hilger</i>
\$100 Greg Holley	<i>Doug Holley</i>
\$50 Michelle Dillione	<i>AJ Dillione</i>
Week 2	
\$200 Karen Miraglia	<i>Justin McNamara</i>
\$100 Lena Salus	<i>Peter Sherwin</i>
\$100 Hannah Patterson	<i>George Patterson</i>
\$100 Shane Stanley	<i>Shawn Stanley</i>
\$50 Barbara/Francis Markowski	<i>David Stearrett</i>
Week 3	
\$200 Jena Vaccarini	<i>Matt Kelso</i>
\$100 Sharon Moses	<i>Richard C. Blevins, Jr.</i>
\$100 Gabrielle Stanley	<i>Shawn Stanley</i>
\$100 Teresa Foster	<i>Mark Foster</i>
\$50 Jerry Gravatt	<i>John Gravatt</i>

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
Week 4	
\$200 Charma Bell	<i>Rickey Bell</i>
\$100 Richard H. Sherrer, Jr.	<i>Richard Sherrer</i>
\$100 Robert Riggio	<i>Nick Pitts</i>
\$100 Robin Davis	<i>Mike Klabe</i>
\$50 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waeghe	<i>Joe Waeghe</i>
Week 5	
\$1000 John Price, Sr.	<i>John Price</i>
\$500 Frank Biasi	<i>Anthony Petrillo</i>
\$100 Diane Potts	<i>Joe Potts</i>
\$100 Charlotte Jordan	<i>John Mauger</i>
\$50 Diane Bacal	<i>Denin Bacal</i>
Week 6	
\$200 Susan Noonan	<i>Jim Vachris</i>
\$100 Donna and Rick Remigio	<i>Ryan Remigio</i>
\$100 Andrew Volk	<i>Nathan Volk</i>
\$100 Shawn Morris	<i>Dan Morris</i>
\$50 David Zorrilli	<i>Sean Forrest</i>
Week 7	
\$200 Dante DeAnnuntis	<i>Dante DeAnnuntis</i>
\$100 Frank Biasi	<i>Anthony Petrillo</i>
\$100 Lindsay HENZES	<i>Ryan HENZES</i>
\$100 Val Schulte	<i>Kevin Moore</i>
\$50 Denise Mullin	<i>Brian Mullin</i>
Week 8	
\$200 Steve Yeagar	<i>Nicholas Bradley</i>
\$100 Joy Corbett	<i>Joel Coppadge</i>
\$100 Loretta Young	<i>Jerrod MacFarlane</i>
\$100 Peter Patane	<i>Pat Garyantes</i>
\$50 Lori Beardell	<i>Joel Coppadge</i>

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 Communications, at (302) 654-2660
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 SalesTalk is available exclusively at
www.salesianum.org.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS OF GROOMING AND DRESS

Salesianum has reasonable rules and expectations in this area, and regularly we ask our faculty and staff to support these in their daily work with the students. So you might better understand and participate at the local “home” level I share with you in this issue of the Salestalk the salient points of the policy. I will also include the procedures followed regularly by our teachers and staff.



If you go to page 19 of the dress code you will see language such as:

- General appearance should be neat and clean
- Hair should be trim, clean, and styled not below the eyebrows nor fully covering the ears no more than collar length. (*Collar length means shirt collar*)

-Earrings or bizarre hairdos are not permitted. (*No earrings of any sort*)

-Faces should be clean-shaven, no beards or mustaches, sideburns in moderation

Students out of dress code are issued detention. Students unshaven are issued detention. A student is given a reasonable amount of time to arrange a haircut. Usually, over a weekend is reasonable. Please continue to assist us in this area.

Above all our mutual support will serve your son well as he becomes responsible and accountable for his grooming or lack of.

As always if you have any question in this area please feel free to contact me. Please continue to remind your son of our expectations. At times our boys will come home with such statements as “*they haven’t said anything about my hair*” in the hope that we as parents will shrug it off as not an important detail. In this issue of SalesTalk you can see we are saying something about it, and I thank you in advance of your support on this detail.

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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 agreed to serve as our local IBM coordinator. His email address is kjkelly@us.ibm.com Please contact Kevin for more details. In short, Kevin will list all the Salesianum IBM donations on one form. Do not delay; we need to submit the combined form on **December 27**. 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.

Just so nothing is lost, please inform the Development Office of your intention to participate in this grants program.

Progress Report Comments will be posted to NetClassroom on Monday, Dec. 10. We do not mail progress reports home any longer. If you need your NetClassroom login and/or password, please contact Mrs. Cathy Marston, my administrative assistant. Usually, there is a separate login and password for father, mother, and son. You may login to NetClassroom on Salesianum's homepage.

NetClassroom can be of great value to you but only if your review it frequently. It can be an "early warning" that your son is having difficulty in particular areas. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers with questions regarding assignments or grades.

FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

Scheduling for the 2008-09 year has begun, and your son will officially begin the course selection process in February. December is a great time for your son to begin considering class phases and elective possibilities for next year. It is a good idea for students to talk to teachers of electives and students currently enrolled in electives to get an idea of what each course entails. At parent-teacher conferences in February, feel free to seek advice from your son's teachers about his phasing for next year. The Program of Studies, which contains information about all courses to be offered next year, will be available online as we approach course selection time.

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*Thank
you
for
Your
Support*

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Please remember that you cannot file the FAFSA (Federal financial aid form) until after January 1, 2008. You should plan to file the form electronically (which is recommended). You **and** your son will need a PIN number. You can apply for the PIN at any time. The web site for the FAFSA is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Results from the PSAT will be distributed to all sophomores and juniors in mid December. Please be sure to go over the scores and contact your son's counselor if you have any questions. Mr. Mosier will meet with the sophomore parents on January 10 at 7 p.m. in Centenary Hall to discuss the results of the test. All counselors will be present.

Seniors and their parents should keep a record of all admissions decisions and monies offered by the colleges. This information is needed for the graduation program and will be collected in April. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to check the scholarships listed on the Naviance website. Mid Term transcripts will be sent to each college to which your son has applied. It includes the first and second quarter grades for each course and a final grade for semester courses. Your son will be given a copy of his transcript in mid December. Please review it with him and check it for accuracy. Let us know if there are any corrections that need to be made.

The second quarter ends January 22. Course selection for next year will begin in February. More information will follow from the studies office. Please contact your son's counselor if you have any questions regarding the process and what courses might be appropriate for your son.

The guidance staff will be meeting with junior parents and their sons individually beginning in late January to discuss a range of topics from test scores to college planning. Please feel free to schedule an appointment with your son's counselor.

It's December, but it's time to start preparing for the prom, especially the *Prom Activities Committee (PAC)*. PAC will be successful in no small part because of the involvement and commitment of the senior parents. Prom activities begin at 11:45 AM at the Hotel DuPont. PAC is coordinated by the senior class moderators: **Mrs. Stacy Bartkowski** and **Ms. Cindy Pilipczuk**. Thank you to **Mrs. Donna Baldino** for volunteering as the PAC Chairperson this year.



The initial planning meetings for PAC are in mid January. There will be two meetings in January (back to back), **Tuesday, Jan. 15 and Wednesday, Jan. 16. THIS IS THE SAME MEETING.** We offer them both so that you have every opportunity to attend one if you would like to help.

A *Sub-Committee Meeting* will be scheduled a week later (TBA) at 7 p.m. in the school library. This is where you can sign up and begin work on your desired subcommittee.

The two PAC subcommittees are: *Souvenirs and Gifts* and *Entertainment*. The *Souvenirs and Gifts Committee* picks out t-shirts for the boys and solicits colleges and business for donations to give out that night. The committee also solicits donations for the Auction – this is a very important part of PAC!! The *Entertainment Committee* provides gaming tables and other games for the event and runs them that night.

If you cannot directly work on the Prom Committee, but still wish to help out, *donations are always welcome!* The Souvenir and Gift Committee does need items for the Auction. Items such as DVD players, dorm room items, sports memorabilia, iPods, Play Stations, TVs - anything parents think their sons would like and/or think will be helpful for them at college. Emails of the Subcommittee members will be located on the Senior Web page by February if you wish to contact them directly.

If you cannot make it to the initial meeting, please email the After-Prom Chairperson with any questions or with the committee you wish to work on. We especially need a lot of parents to help with the Souvenir and Gifts committee.

If you have any questions concerning the Prom Activities Committee please feel free to contact the PAC Chairperson, Mrs. Donna Baldino at donnabaldino@comcast.net or Mrs. Bartkowski at school (302-654-2495, ex).

The class officers and Mrs. Pilipczuk will run a Senior Class Fundraiser to help supplement Senior Prom tickets in February. Seniors will be selling Joe Corbi's Pizza and Cookies. More information will be available on the web page and in SalesTalk in January.

Thank you for your continued support of the school!

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Did You Know That?

The library has a special shelf just for parents. The books cover such topics as: parenting teens, raising boys, transition to college, ADHD, school difficulties, improving

communication with your teen, and



teenage drug and alcohol use.

Parents are welcome to check these books out at any time. If you have a suggestion for a book to be added to the shelf, please let us know.

The school has a student assistance team (STARTeam) that any concerned person in the school community (parents included) may use as a referral source for a student who is having problems that may be interfering with their progress in school. This team is composed of teachers, guidance counselors, an administrator and the school nurse, and has been specially trained to intervene where there are such concerns as inconsistent or deteriorating grades, attendance concerns, signs of depression or other at-risk behaviors.

This is specifically a helping group and all referrals are held in strict confidence. If you would like more information, please call the school and ask to speak to a member of the team.

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November was a great month! The Open House on November 11 was very successful. Many thanks to **Cindy Krajewski** for chairing this event.

Thanks also to Mary Saberton and all the bakers. A special thanks to everyone who worked at Open House. Visitors left very impressed by the hospitality extended to them.

The bus trip to New York City was a big hit. We filled a coach bus and those on the waiting list joined the Padua bus for a day of fun. Many thanks to **Kathy Skinner** for organizing this fun day. Keep it in mind for next year and get your reservations in early. It's a great day in the "Big Apple".

December 7 will be the Christmas Party from 7:30 until 11 p.m. Come and enjoy wonderful food, holiday drinks and music. The final drawing of the Ten Week Club will take place during the evening. Thank you to **Denise Laganosky** for chairing the Ten Week Committee. You will probably see some familiar faces at the Christmas Party. It is also a great evening to make a few new friends.

Our next SPA meeting is Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in Centenary Hall. "Heart Healthy" is our motto for the month. Look for our January Newsletter for more information about this meeting.

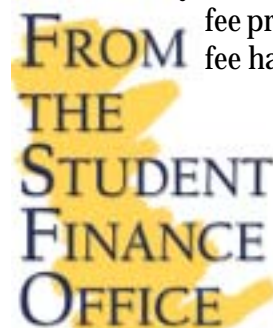
As you can see the Parents' Association has plenty of activities lined up to chase away the winter doldrums.

We wish you a happy, holy, holiday season.

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Registration for 2008-09

Registration materials for the 2008-09 school year will be mailed for all current students (except seniors) at the end of January. The completed, signed **Tuition Contract, Transportation Contract and Registration Fee** are due at Salesianum by March 1, 2008. Please watch for your registration packet and return the required forms and registration fee promptly. Course verification forms will not be released if a student's tuition contract and registration fee have not been received.



REMINDER: Tuition Refund Insurance selection

Please be reminded that on your Tuition Contract [included in the Registration materials noted above] *you are asked to choose if you wish to participate in the Tuition Refund Insurance Plan.* You **must check** either 'yes' or 'no' in the Tuition Refund Plan section of your contract. Please be sure to indicate your choice; **do not** leave this section blank. The Tuition Refund Plan is a proven and tested means of protecting parents from the financial consequences of unexpected withdrawals. Selection of the Tuition Refund Plan by parents assures that there will be little or no financial burden to add to the unfortunate circumstances of prolonged absence or withdrawal. Please see the brochure on the Tuition Refund Plan enclosed with your registration materials for further information on the plan.

If you do not receive a registration packet by mid-February, please call the Student Finances Office.

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Advent is a brief season of preparation for a winter of celebration. In the quiet of advent we make ready to hear angel songs. In the darkness we prepare to be dazzled by the star of Bethlehem.

As we prepare for Christmas, St. Francis de Sales provides us with a thought for this holy season:

"May the great yet small Infant of Bethlehem be the delight and Love of our heart!...If I contemplate Him upon the knees of His holy mother or in her arms, with His little mouth like the bud of a rose...I see my God more splendid on this throne than Solomon on his throne rich with gems...May the great Saint Joseph help us to partake in his joy; may the most holy virgin give us His love; may the Child deign to fill and infuse the grace of His merits into our hearts!"

Here are some ways we at Salesianum are preparing for Christ's coming among us:

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, we will have our Advent Penance Services. Students will attend the services through their religion classes.

Our school chapel provides daily mass at 7:30 a.m. This is another great way to prepare for Christmas. The chapel is always open for private prayer. Parents are always welcome at the masses and to come and pray in the chapel.

The faculty and staff will sponsor the Advent Giving-Tree project. Again, we will sponsor three families in the area who need assistance during the holiday season.

Forty-one juniors and seniors will participate in our Fall Encounter Retreat scheduled for December 13-16. It will take place at Malvern Retreat in Malvern, Pa.

During the month of November, we collected more than 3000 canned food items for the Food Bank of Delaware. This will help to provide food for the homeless during the holiday season. We also raised \$500 in loose change for Habitat for Humanity. This will be put towards building homes for the homeless. The spirit of giving is evident at Salesianum.

Have a happy and blessed Advent!

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Friday, December 7
During SPA Christmas Party
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