



SalesTalk

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

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Back to School 2009

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

There is a lot to look forward to as we prepare for a new academic year at Salesianum School. After the long dog days of summer, transitioning to the “back-to-school” frame of mind is difficult. However, the first day of school is just around the corner. Much excitement and activity is anticipated during those first several weeks.

We will see some new adult faces around campus this coming school year. We have several new people joining our staff this year. I am confident that these extremely capable new staff members will become a wonderful part of our Salesian community. The outstanding candidates we interviewed to teach Spanish, Math and Religion wowed us with their personalities and credentials.

I hope you all share the same enthusiasm and excitement I do concerning the start of school. After orientation week concludes, and we kick the sand off our feet following the Labor Day Weekend, we have much for which to look forward. I don't know about you, but my mind is already turning to thoughts of the first school dance, the opening of the sports season, the activities fair, student elections, opening school mass, back-to-school night, homecoming weekend...

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FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

From the Academic
Dean's Office

The start of a new school year is here; it offers students a great opportunity to explore new areas in their studies. The best way to ensure a great start is to get organized during the first week. Students should try to get comfortable using the blue student planners, organizing required

materials from each teacher, and using time wisely to devote proper attention to each subject. Students should expect to have homework nightly for each subject. It is important to remember that homework does not only consist of written assignments; completing reading and review assignments is vital as well.

Course Changes: At this point in the year, course changes may only be made if they are teacher or guidance counselor initiated. If your son is experiencing difficulty in a class, he should see his teacher first, and then his counselor. If the difficulty is severe enough, the teacher or counselor will request a change in phase or course from the Academic Office. All changes will be made by September 25; no course changes will be made after that date unless they are done for extraordinary academic or pastoral need.

Back-to-School Night: Parents are encouraged to attend this event on Wednesday, September 16 beginning at 6:30 PM. This will give parents the opportunity to meet the teachers and learn about expectations and activities for the year. Following a general parent meeting, parents will follow their sons' schedules, attending very brief meetings for each class.

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FROM THE STUDENT FINANCE OFFICE

From the Student Finances
Office:

Statements were mailed for all students in early July. Tuition payments for Plan A, payment in full, and the first payment (60%) for Plan B, semester payments, were due **August 1, 2009**. If

you have not received a Statement, please contact the Student Finances Office.

Tuition debits for monthly payments began in July. Statements of Account with debit payment letters and schedules were mailed to all parents on Plan C, monthly payments, in July. If you did not receive a Statement, or you do not see any debit activity on your account, please contact the Student Finances Office.

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FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Welcome to a new school year. Salesianum is ready to hit the ground running for the 2009-10 school term. Our summer work is complete and our focus is directed to our serious application of duty. We look forward to partnering with you and your sons in the high school experience of this year.

In this selection of the SalesTalk, I highlight a number of topics which will assist you and your son with a smooth transition back to school. Please be aware of the following points in advance of our Orientation Days of September 1, for freshmen and sophomores, and September 2, for juniors and seniors.

STUDENT ID CARDS

All returning students should use their Student ID card issued last year beginning at Orientation. Please keep it with you at all times. All new students (freshmen and transfer students) are directed to use the temporary ID card given to you. This ID card is used for building access at selected entry doors, as a Debit access card in the Dining Center, and for student activities. Lost cards must be replaced; the cost is \$ 50.00 for a permanent ID Card, \$25.00 for a temporary ID Card. Please see Mrs. Osborn in the main office for information about replacing any lost card. Also, immediately inform Mr. Gallagher or Mr. DiNardo if you lose your ID card. It is a serious offense to tamper with or use another's ID card.

OPENING ORIENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES

All students need to have their hair cut to standard length before their photo is permitted on Sept. 1 and 2. Students may be sent home to have hair cut to standard as this formal photo is used in a variety of venues for your son.

All students including upper-classmen are to have your "Dress Sport Jacket" with you on Sept. 1 and 2. The sport-jacket is needed for formal photos this day.

All upperclassmen need to bring your student-lock (series V-610 with a lock guard) placing it on your assigned locker during orientation.

Seniors and Juniors may apply on-line for a Parking spot. Advanced registration will close on September 9. Please access this information under the announcement section of the Salesianum website. You will need to print a copy of the registration, mail it or bring it with you on September 2 with the payment of check or cash in the appropriate amount. You will be given the assigned space upon reception of all information and payment.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Salesianum has a code of decorum which is printed, promulgated, and enforced. The areas of respect, honesty, personal responsibility, dress, and appearance are all delineated within this document. Your son and you will sign off on the reception of this contractual agreement. Please familiarize yourself with the handbook as it appears on-line in at our website electronically, as well as in hard copy form. If you have any question in this matter please feel free to contact me directly.

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NURSE'S CORNER

Welcome to all new students and their families and welcome back to upperclassmen and their families. Thank you to all who returned their health forms by the 1st of August so that we may have time to check these forms and prepare for fall sports and for the first day of school. We like to have plenty of time to plan with you for the health needs of your student and also make sure that all of our students are immunized according to state guidelines.

If your son has had any changes to his health status, or if he has had any injuries, surgery or major illness over the summer, please contact the School Nurse. If your son will be taking medications during the school day, please make arrangements with the nurse for sending them to school. All medications should be kept in the Nurse's Office except for asthma inhalers which may be carried by the student with written permission by the physician.

So that we may keep our emergency files up to date, please send in or e-mail any changes in your home or work phone numbers or those of your alternate emergency contacts. Also our emergency plan calls for us to have a three day supply of any medication that your son must take for a serious medical condition (diabetes, seizure disorder, asthma, serious food or insect allergy, etc). We ask you to contact the nurse regarding these medications as well as discussing and updating with her the current action plan in the event of a medical emergency. Emergency medications such as EpiPens, asthma inhalers, insulin or Glucagon should be accompanied by written directions signed by your doctor.

If you have any questions or if you need an Emergency Action Plan form for diabetes, asthma or severe allergies, please call or e-mail the School Nurse at any time.

Finally, according to the Centers for Disease Control, the H1N1 flu is still making the rounds and the number of cases is expected to increase when school starts. Even though the cases that have been seen are relatively mild, a few prevention tips are still in order: students who have flu-like symptoms (fever, sore throat, cough, etc.) should stay at home until twenty four hours after the temperature has returned to normal, wash hands frequently and keep them away from the face, cover noses and mouths with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing and those who are at high risk for complications (asthma, diabetes and other chronic illnesses) should contact their physician's office at the first signs of illness. Early treatment with antiviral medications is very important in these cases.

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FROM
THE
GUIDANCE
OFFICE

The students assigned to each Guidance Counselor are as follows:

Mr. Fletcher - A thru Ca

Mr. Mosier - Ce thru J

Mr. Lang - K thru O

Mr. Heiss - P thru Z.

Mrs. Gardner is the Director of Educational Support Services and works with those students.

Seniors can register for the October SAT online. The web site is www.collegeboard.com. The date of the test is October 10 and will be offered here at Salesianum. The registration deadline is September 9. We also offer the ACT here on October 24. The registration deadline is September 18. Register online at www.actstudent.org.

All sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT this fall. The test is given at Salesianum on Wednesday, October 14. Specific testing information on the PSAT will be distributed this fall when it becomes available.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 17 for the parents of seniors. It will take place in Centenary Hall at 7 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to review the tracking system we will use for college planning and in particular the application process. There will also be a meeting for freshmen parents on September 24 to discuss transition to high school. It will take place in Centenary Hall at 7:15 PM. More information about these meetings will be mailed before school begins.

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Through your generous support, we were able to meet and exceed our goal for the 2008-09 year. The Salesianum Community thanks you all for your support.



Seniors and their Parents: Just a reminder that updated Senior Class information and dates can be found 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*. **Please check this webpage FIRST** for information. Mrs. Stacy Walls Bartkowski and Mr. S. Scott Smith are the Co-Moderators this year.

Some important Senior Class dates for September and October are:

- 1) Senior class officer elections (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) will be held on **Wednesday, September 23**. Any senior wishing to run for office should see Mrs. Bartkowski by **Wednesday, September 16**. Nominations will not be accepted after that date. Nomination forms can be found on the Senior Web Page.
- 2) The **Senior Ring Mass** will be held on **Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 PM** in the school auditorium. Any senior wishing to wear his father or brother's Salesianum class ring may bring it to Mrs. Bartkowski or Mr. Smith by **September 28**. They must have the rings a week in advance of the Mass. Only *Official Salesianum School rings* will be accepted for the blessing at the Mass. A **Ring Mass Social** will be held after the Mass in the school cafeteria.
- 3) **Rings ordered from Jostens** will be sent directly to Salesianum the week before the Mass. If you have any questions about your ring from Jostens or if you would still like to order one, please **contact our Jostens Representative directly**: Kevin Zeigler at Kevin.Zeigler@Jostens.com.
- 4) Seniors will be needed to help **set-up and clean-up** for the Ring Mass. Participation in this would count towards membership in the **Senior Board**, an advisory board to the Senior Class Officers. Seniors interested in joining the senior board should see Mrs. Bartkowski the first week of school. A sign-up sheet will be available at the **September 15 Activities fair**. The **first official Board meeting** will be held after the elections. Pay attention to the announcements for this date.
- 5) **Thanks to Mrs. Diane Frasso** who has volunteered as this year's **PAC (Prom Activities Committee) chairperson**. More information on PAC is on the webpage and will be in later issues of SalesTalk.
- 6) **Senior Portraits:** Sincere thanks to the 85% of the class who had portraits taken in July. **All proofs should be available online now**. If you have any questions about accessing your pictures, check the info given to you at the picture session, call **Herff-Jones (800-334-1531 ext 4203)**, or contact **Mrs. Elizabeth Diemer**.
 - * If you are unhappy with your portraits, you can sign up for a **retake on September 28 – 29** by contacting Herff-Jones. There is a \$10 sitting fee for re-takes.
 - * If you did not come to the July sessions, you will be getting an appointment card in the mail from Herff-Jones.
 - * **Portrait make up days are Monday and Tuesday, September 28 and 29 during school hours in the auditorium.**

Senior Yearbooks

Please be sure you have ordered the *2010 Salesian*, your senior yearbook. If you did not pre-order, the \$85 order forms will be going out to homerooms in September. Once school starts, we will have a list of those who have ordered the book posted on the yearbook website. **Senior Parent Ad information will be mailed home in October**, and all ads will be due by December 5, 2009. Steve Foltz and Justin Lloyd are The *Salesian* business managers for 2010. Mrs. Linda Manuel is the new yearbook business adviser and can be contacted at lmanuel@salesianum.org if you have questions.

All Senior Portrait and Yearbook questions should be directed to Mrs. Diemer.

If you have any questions throughout the year, please look on the [Senior Class Web Page](#) **FIRST** for information. If the answer to your question is not available on the Web Page, please call the senior class moderators: **Mrs. Stacy Walls Bartkowski** at ext 241 or email her at sbartkow@salesianum.org, or **Mr. S. Scott Smith** at ext 250 or email him at ssmith@salesianum.org.

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

It seems hard to believe that in just a few days the doors on Broom Street will open for the 2009-2010 school year. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the Class of 2013 as well as our transfer and returning students! The Salesianum Parents' Association is glad that you and your son have chosen Salesianum. We look forward to meeting all families, new and returning, through the many events planned for this upcoming school year.

First off, we would like to extend a deep and heartfelt thank you from the whole Salesianum community to our past president, Margie Marvel. Margie contributed much to Salesianum and her dedication also helped to make it another successful year for the Parents' Association. We also want to thank Bill DeFeo for his years of service as our treasurer. We would like to welcome some new Executive Board members. Andrea Rotsch will be joining us as our new Vice-President, as well as Kris Christof as our new Treasurer. We would also like to welcome back Kathy Skinner as our Recording Secretary and Shelly Tattersall as our Corresponding Secretary.

The first SPA (Salesianum Parents' Association) meeting is Thursday, September 10, at 7 PM in Centenary Hall. School Principal, Fr. Bill McCandless, OSFS, will address the group. These meetings are brief, informative, and a good opportunity to meet new people and involve yourself in your child's experience at Salesianum.

"Back to School Night" will be held on Wednesday, September 16, beginning at 6:30 PM and during this SPA-sponsored event you will be able to meet all of your son's teachers and share refreshments with other parents and faculty members.

The "Freshman/New Parent Wine & Cheese" will take place on Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 PM. This event will be held in conjunction with the Freshman Guidance meeting and will take place in Centenary Hall. The evening promises to be another relaxed and fun way to join fellow Salesianum parents.

Capping off our busy September, the Spirituality Committee will be holding a Mass on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. This is a great way to come together to enrich our spirituality.

Homecoming Weekend is set for October 23 and 24, and this year's weekend promises to be fun and memorable. With a cookout, football game, student dance, and more, the weekend has events for all members of the family – students, siblings, parents, and grandparents are all invited to attend.

We have planned our events so that all parents can come and join. At one time or another, we were all new to Salesianum. The Parents' Association is an organization for parents and families, not a club, and so we welcome all of you. St. Francis de Sales' spirituality nurtures our warm hospitality, the same hospitality that the Oblates and faculty extend to our sons each day. We look forward to meeting you - see you in September!

Check for updates on our website and if you have any questions and would like to contact us, you can reach us by e-mail at salespa@salesianum.org or by phone at (302)356-2672.

Sincerely,

Mary Saberton
Joanne Walton
Co - Presidents

FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

To all of the new members of our community, Welcome to Salesianum! To those who are returning, welcome back. I hope your summer was relaxing and that you are looking forward to the year ahead.

At Salesianum, we see all of our activities both inside and outside of the classroom as part of the Salesianum experience. I believe that extracurricular involvement helps to develop the entire person. I would encourage all students to be involved in at least one extracurricular activity throughout the year. Not only do colleges appreciate well-rounded students, but activities offer many opportunities to gain confidence, to grow, and to learn, as well as to meet others who share common interests. Participation in activities is a key component of the Salesianum experience!

On the first G-Day of the academic year, September 15, we will hold an Activities Fair during

which members of various clubs and organizations will be available to answer questions and to sign up new members. Any student who is still not sure what extracurricular opportunity is for him is encouraged to stop by the Activities Office. There is something for everyone!

New Clubs for 2009-2010

New clubs this year include Best Buddies Club, Film Club, and the Traditional Games club. They join the over forty extracurricular clubs and activities offered outside of athletics here at Salesianum. Check out these new opportunities at the Activities Fair!

Student Handbook

The Student Handbook will be included in the planners that the students will receive on the first day of school. It is very important for students and parents to read the entire handbook, not just the changes, to be clear on all school policies. **The signature page is due in the Homeroom Period on Tuesday, Sept. 8.** Detention will begin that afternoon for those students who do not return the form.

Student Council

At Salesian Leadership Camp in June, our President **Christian Bale '10**, our Vice President **Nick Ascosi '10**, our Secretary **Dan Sullivan '10**, and our treasurer **Joe Teoli '10** joined with other student leaders from Oblate and Visitation schools throughout the nation to learn how to lead through the principles of communication, prayer, and respect. The new members were energized as they began planning for the new academic year. The officers stressed a desire to be mindful of student talent as a foundation for planning the many activities that fall under the auspices of the Student Council.

Homecoming

This year, Homecoming will be the weekend of October 23 - 24. The Homecoming Dance will be held on Friday night from 7:30 PM-10:30 PM under the tent. The cost is \$25 per couple. Tickets go on sale at the end of September. The Homecoming Family Day with picnic, soccer games, a football game, and other activities will be held on Saturday. More details will be provided in the next edition of the *Sales Talk*.

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