



# SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

APRIL 20, 2015

## A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God. Begin all your prayers in the presence of God.**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS – [principal@salesianum.org](mailto:principal@salesianum.org)

Dear Parents,

The final stretch of the school year is always a challenge. As the weather begins to warm, and the finish line comes into view, it can be a struggle to keep everyone at school focused. Please continue to read your weekly SalesTalk and check Daily Announcements (see the Parent tab at the top of the website main page) so that you are informed of the latest news and announcements. And after a long and cold winter, enjoy this beautiful weather.

#### *For the Boys*

A major “thank you” to everyone who attended, supported, or helped with *For the Boys* this past weekend. Not only does your generosity truly help us in the effort to provide tuition assistance and keep Salesianum affordable, but it was truly an enjoyable and beautiful evening. And the presence of so many enthusiastic parents is a real sign of support for our faculty and staff as well. Thanks again!

#### *Easter Reflection – Locked Doors (and Minds) are Opened*

In many of resurrection stories in the gospels, the Risen Lord appears to his disciples while they are hiding behind locked doors. They had their world turned upside down by the brutal execution of Jesus, and the trauma of his death and bewildering rumors of an empty tomb left them confused and terrified. In spite of the locked doors, Jesus somehow appeared in their midst, saying “Peace be with you,” and inviting them to examine the wounds in his crucified but redeemed body. In last Sunday’s gospel (Luke 24:35-48), it then states that Jesus “opened their minds.” The older I get, the more I begin to believe that “opening minds” was a feat even more spectacular and miraculous than curing the blind or turning water to wine.

Opening doors and opening minds – great way to describe the mission of Salesianum. Fear and anxiety can lead us to lock the doors of our minds and hearts; we feel the instinctive need to protect ourselves and those we love. But to live always out of fear is to cut ourselves off from growth. It is at those moments most of all that the Risen Lord appears in our midst, opening our eyes to his presence, our ears to his voice, and our hearts to his love. When he opens these doors, we can experience the compassion that can change our world.

Salesianum exists not only to create college opportunities and foster success, but to lead our students to encounter something far more personal and profound: nothing less than God himself, inviting them to open their minds and hearts. To do so, they must embrace this year’s Salesian theme, “all love, no fear.” May Jesus continue to unlock all the doors that divide and separate us from ourselves and one another.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mr. Jude Szczerba, Dean of Academic Affairs - [juszcz@salesianum.org](mailto:juszcz@salesianum.org)

### Academic Summer Programs

The Academic Summer Program schedule is now posted online at [www.salesianum.org/parents](http://www.salesianum.org/parents). To enroll, complete a registration form and return it to the attention of Academic Summer Programs. Class size is limited and will be filled in the order that the form is received.

### Exams and Book Buyback for Seniors and Underclassmen

Once again this year, teachers are encouraged to incorporate non-exam components into their final assessment of students. As you may know, the final assessment grade for full year courses comprises 20% of the final grade. Incorporating alternate assessments such as projects, papers, portfolios, and shorter exams takes the emphasis off of the final exam and encourages the demonstration of skills.

For seniors and underclassmen, there are exam days listed on the calendar. Specific times and dates for particular subjects will be announced shortly on NetClassroom, SalesTalk, and on the website. Dismissal during exam days is typically before noon.

Please note that Book Buyback will take place May 20 from 10am-2pm and again on June 3 from 7:30am-2:30pm in the Auditorium. As was the case last year, representatives from Follett Virtual Bookstores will be available on certain exam days to accept used and rented books from students. Students should pay close attention to see which textbooks they will use again next year. As Salesianum continues to transition to the use of more non-print textbooks in the iPad, fewer textbooks will be bought back by Follett.

## STUDENT LIFE

Mr. Mike Gallagher, Dean of Student Life - [mgallagh@salesianum.org](mailto:mgallagh@salesianum.org)

Mr. Bill Dinardo, Assistant Principal for Student Discipline - [wdinardo@salesianum.org](mailto:wdinardo@salesianum.org)

Mr. Dan Jackman, Director of Student Activities - [djackman@salesianum.org](mailto:djackman@salesianum.org)

### House Challenge

Throughout the school-year, the eight houses at Salesianum have been competing on everything from dress out day participation to highest GPA's and the fewest number of JUGS. On Friday, we wrapped up our year-long house challenge with our final house competition of the school-year. Tucker House students came out victorious and took home their very first Isenring Cup win. Tucker students will be invited to participate in their house cup day and join their fellow house members on Friday, May 1 for a private screening of Avengers 2 at Penn Cinema Riverfront and lunch at the park. Permission slips will be distributed to Tucker students via school email this week.

### Children's Books

The library is collecting new or gently used children's books this week to benefit Book 'Em, an organization that provides Wilmington police officers with books to pass out to children in who wouldn't usually have access to reading materials. You can read more about the Book 'Em program from Delaware Online - <http://goo.gl/L8LvAl>.

### I-95 and 202 Interchange Closures

Work continues on 202 at the I-95 interchange this week with road closures and detours. The I-95/202 northbound interchange will be closed again on Monday from 7:00 pm until 5:00 am at the I-95 northbound ramp for storm drain installation and patching of the pavement. On Wednesday from 9:00 am – 3:00 PM expect lane closures in both directions of 202 between Broom Street and the I-95 bridge. Then, again on Wednesday between 7:00 PM – 5:00 am and on both Wednesday and Thursday 202 southbound will be closed from the Augustine Cut-Off to just south of the ramp to I-95 southbound. Closures continue through next weekend. You can read more about the closures and proposed detours online on WDEL.com - <http://goo.gl/jRDTEU>.

## ADVANCEMENT

Mr. John Helmick, Director of Institutional Advancement – [jhelmick@salesianum.org](mailto:jhelmick@salesianum.org)

### Lt. Joseph L. Szczerba '85 Memorial 5k Run/Walk

The Lt. Joseph Szczerba '85 Memorial 5k will be Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Free pizza and soft pretzels will be available after the race. Registration starts at 5:30, race begins at 6:30. Regular registrants are \$25, students are \$15. To register visit: <http://goo.gl/YatqWO>. Any questions contact Mr. Maiorano in the Alumni Office at [dmaiorano@salesianum.org](mailto:dmaiorano@salesianum.org).

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Lee Anne Cassidy, SPA President – [salespa@salesianum.org](mailto:salespa@salesianum.org)

### Town Hall

Please join us this Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM in the Lawless Library for the Spring Parent's Association meeting. Our guest speaker will be John Helmick, Chief Advancement officer for Salesianum. John will give us a report on For the Boys Auction event in addition to an overview of the Salesianum Development Office. In addition, we will spend some time to get organized for the May SPA events and discuss plans for the 2015-16 school year. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this final meeting of the school year, we need your help and new ideas.

### Four-Week Club Raffle

Students received tickets for the Four-Week Club on Monday, April 13 during homeroom. Ticket returns are accepted at every lunch period. The Four-Week Club will run through May 8 with four weekly raffles. Money raised from the annual raffle will assist the school throughout its educational programming. Each student is required to sell five of their four-week club tickets at \$20 apiece. Students who sell eight tickets will be entered into a raffle for \$2,000. With every ticket sold above eight, students will receive another chance at the \$2,000 prize. Students who do not sell all five tickets by May 7 will have \$100 assessed to their student accounts. Each raffle ticket is eligible for all remaining raffles from the time it is turned in, for example, a raffle ticket turned in on April 14 is eligible for all four weeks while a raffle ticket turned in on May 5 is only eligible for the final drawing on May 8.

	Drawing Date	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	4th Prize
WEEK 2	April 24	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$100
WEEK 3	May 1	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$100
WEEK 4	May 8	\$4,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$250

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Fr. Mike Vogt, OSFS, Pastoral Care Coordinator – [mvogt@salesianum.org](mailto:mvogt@salesianum.org)

### FOR HEALTH, HEALING AND WELL-BEING:

- Chris White '17, who continues his treatment.
- The Esmond family from Tatnall, recovering.
- Billy Phillips, St. Mark's Class of '15

### FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

- Donald Johnson '53 - great uncle of junior Will Steenkamer
- John H. Tayler, Jr. '61
- Alfred C. Riley '51
- Bro. Neil McMenamin, OSFS
- Bettyanne Kilmon, sister of Richard T. Kilmon '70 and aunt of Ryan Kilmon '08
- Robert R. Riley '69
- James A. Elwood, Sr. '
- **And for all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.**

# SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Week of April 20 - 26*

<p>Monday April 20</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Golf at Caesar Rodney, 3:30 PM, Wild Quail Country Club</li> <li>▪ Varsity Volleyball vs. DMA, 6:00 PM, Birkenheuer Gym</li> </ul>
<p>Tuesday April 21</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parent Association Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 PM, Lawless Library</li> <li>▪ Encounter Retreat Begins</li> <li>▪ Varsity Tennis vs. Archmere, 3:45 PM</li> </ul>
<p>Wednesday April 22</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Faculty Professional Time</li> <li>▪ Golf vs. Charter, 3:00 PM, Fieldstone CC</li> </ul>
<p>Thursday April 23</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Szczerba 5K, 5:30 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Tennis at Concord, 3:30 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Rugby (Gold) vs. Gonzaga College HS, 4:30 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Lacrosse vs. Hill Academy, 5:00 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Baseball vs. St. Mark's, 7:00 PM</li> </ul>
<p>Friday April 24</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encounter Retreat Prayer Service, 3:00 PM, Centenary Hall</li> <li>▪ Track &amp; Field at Penn Relays, 9:00 AM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Tennis at William Penn, 3:45 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Volleyball at Unionville, 4:00 PM</li> </ul>
<p>Saturday April 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Track &amp; Field at Penn Relays, 9:00 AM</li> <li>▪ Track &amp; Field at Unionville Invitational, 9:30 AM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Lacrosse vs. Shawnee, 4:00 PM</li> </ul>
<p>Sunday April 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Varsity Rugby (White) at Archmere, 1:00 PM</li> </ul>

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*Week of April 27 – May 3*

<p>Monday April 27</p>	<p><u>F-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Student Council Assembly, 1:40 PM, Spragg Auditorium</li> <li>▪ Senior Class Meeting, 1:40 PM, Gym</li> <li>▪ NHS Packets Due</li> </ul>	
<p>Tuesday April 28</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Golf at AI DuPont, 3:00 PM, Wilmington CC</li> <li>▪ Tennis vs. Brandywine, 3:30 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Baseball at St. Georges Tech, 4:15 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Volleyball vs. St. Mark's, 4:15 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Lacrosse vs. St. Mark's, 7:15 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Wednesday April 29</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Faculty Professional Time</li> <li>▪ Golf vs. St. Elizabeth, 2:45 PM, Fieldstone CC</li> <li>▪ Tennis vs. Tower Hill, 3:30 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Thursday April 30</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Salesianum Spring Concert, 7:00 PM, Spragg Auditorium</li> <li>▪ Golf vs. Tower Hill, 3:30 PM, Fieldstone CC</li> <li>▪ Varsity Baseball at Tower Hill, 4:00 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Volleyball vs. Conrad, 5:00 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Friday May 1</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ House Cup Trip – Tucker House</li> <li>▪ Junior Prom, 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM</li> <li>▪ Track &amp; Field at West Chester Henderson</li> <li>▪ Varsity Tennis vs. Wilmington Friends, 4:00 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Saturday May 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Varsity Baseball at AI DuPont, 11:00 AM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Volleyball at Roman Catholic, 1:00 PM, Archbishop Wood</li> </ul>	
<p>Sunday May 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Class of 2015 Mother-Son Communion Breakfast, 10:00 AM</li> <li>▪ Rugby Dalware 7's Tournament, 12:00 PM, Delmarva</li> </ul>	
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Mon, May 4 Fri, May 8 Friday, May 15</p>	<p>AP Exams Begin One Acts, 7:00 PM Freshman/Sophomore Semi-Formal, 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM</p>