



SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

APRIL 27, 2015

A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**There are two things that will preserve you in a real life of piety:
a firm resolution to do the duties of your state well,
and a determination not to get upset if you occasionally fail.**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS – principal@salesianum.org

Dear Parents,

With April giving way to May by the end of this week, the end of the school year in sight. There will be a lot of important announcements in the days and weeks to come. For **parents of seniors** in particular, please be attentive to the numerous announcements regarding special events throughout the month of May, culminating in graduation.

Looking Ahead: Plans for the 2015-2016 School Year: The Parents Association will host their last Town Hall meeting of the school year on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM in the Lawless Library. At that time, I will give an overview of the major initiatives planned for the 2015-2016 school year and take time for questions. I always look forward to these evenings and the opportunity to talk about the many exciting things that are going on behind the scenes. And it is an excellent opportunity for me to hear from parents as well. I hope that many returning parents will attend this evening if they are able! Among the topics for the evening:

- Curriculum Review and New Academic Programs
- New 10-Point Grading Scale
- PSAT/SAT Changes and Salesianum Response
- iPad Progress Report and New Learning Management System
- Service-Learning Program Developments
- The New Director of the Arts Position and the Future of the Arts at Salesianum
- Diversity and Inclusiveness Progress Report
- General Questions

Wednesday and Friday Dismissal Times in May: Wednesday, May 6, will be the final “Wednesday Schedule” of the year. These early dismissal days have been valuable to faculty and staff for planning purposes as we moved through the curriculum review. But Wednesdays after May 6 will be on a regular bell schedule, in part because Fridays in May have traditionally had early dismissal. So, beginning Friday, May 8, all Fridays in May will resume the long-standing tradition of featuring a PM Assembly Schedule with 1:40 PM dismissal. Please be advised and make a note of this change!

Tucker House: House Cup Champions: The Tucker Knights are the 2014-2015 House Cup Champions. Congratulations to House Director Mrs. Katie Godfrey and the members of Tucker House for winning the 2015 House Cup, following Haley-Carpenter (2012), Lawless (2013), and Rosaio (2014).

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mr. Jude Szczerba, Dean of Academic Affairs – juszcz@salesianum.org

Brisson Center Parent Survey

On Monday, April 14, parents of students currently enrolled in the Brisson Center were sent a survey via email. Our purpose is to gather important feedback as we continue to evaluate and find ways to improve the academic support services provided to our students. We ask that parents/guardians of each student in the Brisson Center respond to this brief survey by May 5. Each family is asked to respond once. This survey does not include students enrolled in the Trinity Program. If you have not received the survey information via email, please email Jude Szczerba at juszcz@salesianum.org. Thank you in advance for providing valuable feedback.

Exam Days

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 school calendar - <http://goo.gl/qfS5q7>. Dismissal during exam days is typically before noon.

Senior exam days for specific departments are as follows:

Monday, May 18	Religious Studies & Science
Tuesday, May 19	Math & World Languages
Wednesday, May 20	English & US Government

Underclassmen exam days for specific departments are as follows:

Monday, June 1	Social Studies & Math
Tuesday, June 2	Religious Studies & English
Wednesday, June 3	World Languages & Science

Book Buyback

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 transitions to the use of more non-print textbooks in the iPad, fewer textbooks will be bought back by Follett.

Wednesday, May 20

*Senior Book Buyback & Rental Return
Theater Lobby*

Wednesday, June 3

*Book Buyback and Rental Return for All Students
Theater Lobby*

STUDENT LIFE

Mr. Mike Gallagher, Dean of Student Life – mgallagh@salesianum.org

Mr. Bill Dinardo, Assistant Principal for Student Discipline - wdinardo@salesianum.org

Mr. Dan Jackman, Director of Student Activities – djackman@salesianum.org

Senior Graduation Tickets

Tickets for graduation will be distributed during the first two weeks of May. Each student is provided with six tickets - two tickets (gold) are floor tickets and four tickets (white) are for the bleachers. Additional floor tickets are not available. If in need of additional tickets, students should check in with classmates for tickets that may not be needed. Our accommodations for individuals who may experience difficulty navigating bleachers is limited. Your floor seats provide easy ground level access for guests in addition to the bottom row of the bleachers reserved for handicap and elderly guests. If you are in need of wheelchair accommodations, please indicate via the online form - <http://goo.gl/xO43cM>.

GUIDANCE

Mr. Will Yarnell, Director of Guidance – w yarnell@salesianum.org

Case Study Program – Sophomores and Juniors

Salesianum will host the third Case Study Program on May 18 for sophomores and junior students with their parents. The case study will bring 30 different college representatives to campus with mock admission committees. Registration for the program will begin at 6:00 PM and will conclude with a mini college fair. Register online at <http://goo.gl/k0pZRJ>. Contact the Guidance Office with any questions at rcorreale@salesianum.org.

Seniors Parents

As soon as your son decides on which college he will be attending, please have him notify all schools to which he was offered admission but will not be attending. Have him express via email to each admissions office that he is thankful for the offer of admission but will decline. This will open up spots for students on the wait list. Please ensure that your son has completed the Graduation Survey as this is how we identify college acceptance and scholarships during graduation. This should be completed as soon as soon as possible.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Lee Anne Cassidy, SPA President – salespa@salesianum.org

Senior Parent Cocktail Reception

Senior parents are invited to a cocktail reception hosted by the Parent’s Association on Thursday, May 14 from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM in Centenary Hall. Invitations have been sent and should arrive in your mailbox in the next few days. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Gruskiewicz at jillg2@me.com.

Parent Association Town Hall with Principal, May 6

The SPA will host their last Town Hall meeting of the school year on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM in the Lawless Library. Join Fr. Beretta as he discusses the Learning Management System selected for Salesianum, the upcoming school calendar, and much more.

Four-Week Club Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Four-Week Club Raffle. Ticket returns are accepted at every lunch period through April 29 and will be accepted through May 7. Students who sell eight tickets will be entered into a raffle for \$2,000. Money raised from the annual raffle will assist the school throughout its educational programming.

WEEK 1 WINNERS	WEEK 2 WINNERS
Mrs. Cheryl Mattern - \$4,500	Mr. Christopher Moriak - \$1,000
Mrs. Kelly Blewitt - \$1,000	Mrs. Kate Boyle - \$500
Mrs. Katy Woods - \$500	Mr. Christopher Moriak - \$250
Mrs. Mary Klinger - \$250	Mrs. Laura Pelc - \$100

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Fr. Mike Vogt, OSFS, Pastoral Care Coordinator – mvogt@salesianum.org

FOR HEALTH, HEALING AND WELL-BEING:

- Chris White '17, who continues treatment.
- Trevor McCormick '14
- Ben Phillips '15, senior at St. Mark's
- Kathleen Nicolosi, aunt of Mrs. West
- Julia Short, Dean Herrick, and Tyler Dvorak, seniors at St. Elizabeth's who were in a car accident

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

- Gerald F. Morris, '62
- Philip B. Burns, '59
- **And for all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.**

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week of April 27 – May 3

<p>Monday April 27</p>	<p><u><i>F-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Council Assembly, 1:40 PM, Spragg Auditorium ▪ Senior Class Meeting, 1:40 PM, Gym ▪ NHS Packets Due 	
<p>Tuesday April 28</p>	<p><u><i>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Golf at AI DuPont, 3:00 PM, Wilmington CC ▪ Tennis vs. Brandywine, 3:30 PM ▪ Varsity Baseball at St. Georges Tech, 4:15 PM ▪ Varsity Volleyball vs. St. Mark's, 4:15 PM ▪ Varsity Lacrosse vs. St. Mark's, 7:15 PM 	
<p>Wednesday April 29</p>	<p><u><i>A-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Faculty Professional Time</i> ▪ Golf vs. St. Elizabeth, 2:45 PM, Fieldstone CC ▪ Tennis vs. Tower Hill, 3:30 PM 	
<p>Thursday April 30</p>	<p><u><i>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Golf vs. Tower Hill, 3:30 PM, Fieldstone CC ▪ Varsity Baseball at Tower Hill, 4:00 PM ▪ Varsity Volleyball vs. Conrad, 5:00 PM ▪ Salesianum Spring Concert, 7:00 PM, Spragg Auditorium 	
<p>Friday May 1</p>	<p><u><i>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ House Cup Trip – Tucker House ▪ Track & Field at West Chester Henderson ▪ Varsity Tennis vs. Wilmington Friends, 4:00 PM ▪ Junior Prom, 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM 	
<p>Saturday May 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Varsity Baseball at AI DuPont, 11:00 AM ▪ Varsity Volleyball at Roman Catholic, 1:00 PM, Archbishop Wood 	
<p>Sunday May 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Class of 2015 Mother-Son Communion Breakfast, 10:00 AM ▪ Rugby Delaware 7's Tournament, 12:00 PM, Delmarva 	
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Mon, May 4 Wed, May 6 Fri, May 15 Fri, May 21</p>	<p>AP Exams Begin Parent's Association Town Hall Meeting, Q&A with Principal Freshman/Sophomore Semi-Formal, 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM One Acts, 7:00 PM</p>

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week of May 4 - 10

<p>Monday May 4</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AP Chemistry, Psychology, and Environmental Science Exams 	
<p>Tuesday May 5</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AP Calculus AB, Calculus BC Exams ▪ Tennis at Archmere, 3:45 PM ▪ Varsity Baseball vs. Charter, 4:00 PM ▪ Varsity Rugby at MAVRC Semifinals, 5:00 PM ▪ Varsity Volleyball at Dickinson, 6:00 PM 	
<p>Wednesday May 6</p>	<p><u>F-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AP English Literature, Physics B – part 1 Exams ▪ Faculty Meeting, 2:00 PM – Last Wednesday Schedule ▪ Golf at Washington Township, 3:45 PM ▪ Parent Association Town Hall Meeting – “Looking Ahead: Plans for the 2015-2016 School Year,” with Fr. Beretta 	
<p>Thursday May 7</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AP Computer Science, Spanish Language, Physics B – part II Exams ▪ Employee Recognition Dinner ▪ Golf at St. Mark’s, 3:15 PM Newark Country Club ▪ Tennis at Tatnall, 3:45 PM ▪ Varsity Volleyball at DMA, 4:00 PM ▪ Varsity Baseball at St. Mark’s, 7:00 PM, Frawley Stadium 	
<p>Friday May 8</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1:40 PM Dismissal ▪ AP US History, European History, German Art Portfolio Exams ▪ Varsity Rugby at MAVRC Finals – 5:00 PM 	
<p>Saturday May 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Varsity Lacrosse at Kennett, 10:30 AM ▪ Varsity Baseball at Smyrna, 12:00 PM ▪ Tennis at St. Andrew’s School, 1:00 PM ▪ Varsity Volleyball vs. Charter, 1:30 PM, Birkenheuer Gym ▪ Varsity Rugby at Delaware 7’s State Tournament, 5:00 PM, Archmere 	
<p>Sunday May 10</p>		
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Thu, May 14 Fri, May 15 Mon, May 18</p>	<p>Senior Parent Cocktail Reception Last Day of Class for Seniors Freshman/Sophomore Semiformal College Admissions “Case Study” Night</p>