



SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

DECEMBER 7, 2015

A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Love is the life of our heart. Just as weights give movement to the parts of a clock, so love gives the soul whatever movement it has.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS

The Week Ahead

Welcome to our last full week of school before exams and Christmas break! For the most part, we will be on regular schedules except for Tuesday, when we will have Mass and an AM Assembly Schedule. Highlights for the week include:

- **Monday:** All-Catholic Christmas Concert at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.
- **Tuesday:** Mass for Immaculate Conception at 9:00 AM.
- **Wednesday:** Salesianum Christmas Concert at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.
- **Friday:** \$5 Dress Down Day for Faculty and Students sponsored by the Lawless House, with all proceeds donated to the Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington. Dress down guidelines provided later in the week.

Football and Marching Band Conclude their Season

Many were on hand for Saturday's football championship at the University of Delaware when Salesianum was defeated by Smyrna 32-26 in overtime. As with any game that comes down to the final play, the ending was thrilling for one side, but bitterly disappointing for us. Regardless, I was extremely proud of our boys, who demonstrated great resilience and class in spite of the outcome. An alumnus emailed me Saturday night and wrote: "I just wanted to tell you that I am so proud of how the boys played and how they conducted themselves. I know it's a hard pill to swallow, but tell them to keep their heads up and that all of us know they left it all on the field. As an alum I am proud to wear the gold and white and say that I was a part of the program that was on the field today, no matter what the final score was. I was in the same spot as those seniors when we lost my year. They will never forget it, but it helps them grow in the long run." A big thank you to Coach DiNardo and his staff, the student managers and volunteers, and of course the team, especially the seniors, who gave so much in a physically and emotionally demanding season and who represented Salesianum so well all year.

I would also like to thank **Brian Cox** and the **Salesianum Marching Band**, and their entire supporting cast from Ursuline and Padua with flags and batons, parent volunteers and cheerleaders, who likewise gave their last football performance of the season and gave us much to be proud of. Between the football team, the band, coaches and directors, student managers, parent volunteers, athletic trainers, and athletic staff, it would be hard to calculate how many hours go into football and marching band seasons. I would just like to offer a word of thanks from so many of us who enjoy all the traditions and pageantry a football season brings, to all who give so much to bring our school community together and to represent us all so well on and off the field.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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Course selection

Course selection for the 2016-2017 school year will be here before we know it. Students should begin considering electives that they are interested in taking next year. This is a good time to talk to teachers about the specifics of the classes they offer and to research electives that may help in the college selection process.

Second Semester Schedules

Our 2nd semester will begin on January 13. Students are asked to check their 2nd semester schedules on NetClassroom before Christmas break, notifying the Academic Office of any errors. Please note the following:

- 1) *Health and Physical Education* classes will trade places on the schedule with the exception of the A1 section.
- 2) All one-semester courses will end and be replaced by a new course or study hall.
- 3) Most juniors will have *Junior Advisory* added to their 2nd semester schedules. This course will meet one time per cycle.
- 4) At this time, students are not permitted to request schedule changes unless an extraordinary need arises.

December Exam Days

Salesianum has reserved three testing days in December leading up to our Christmas break. On December 16, 17, and 18, students will be scheduled for assessments in the following subject areas: Religious Studies, English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and World Languages. The testing days will operate in the same fashion as final exam days at the end of the school year. Teachers may use these testing slots to administer midterm exams or unit/chapter tests. The idea here is to prevent the buildup of multiple tests on the last day before break. Dismissal on each of these days will be before noon; this reduced schedule will provide additional study time during these final busy days of the calendar year.

Wednesday, December 16

English, Mathematics

Thursday, December 17

Religious Studies, Science

Friday, December 18

World Languages, History

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

BRIDGE Trip to Nogales, Arizona

Students are invited to join the Center for Faith & Justice when they visit the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Mexico. The trip runs January 14 – 18 and the cost is \$750. Flexible payment plans are available. Only two spots remain. Students interested in traveling should see Mr. Ryan or Mr. DeCusatis in the Office for Faith and Justice. Parents can contact Mr. Ryan at zryan@salesianum.org or Mr. DeCusatis kdecusatis@salesianum.org with questions.

Ecuador and Galapagos Island Trip

Space is available for the Ecuador and Galapagos Island trip this June with Mrs. Anthony. The 11-day trips departs on June 13. Students will have the opportunity to travel to the top of the Andes Mountains then embark on a tropical adventure to the Galapagos Islands. The estimated cost is \$4000. You can learn more about the trip online – www.eftours.com/1750298BR. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Anthony – janthony@salesianum.org.

ND Vision

The University of Notre Dame will once again offer its ND Vision program this summer July 18 – 22. Students will benefit from some of the best speakers from across campus and across the country whose stories, witness, and humor will challenge students to expand their imagination and deepen their faith. The cost is approximately \$500 and covers travel, lodging in the dorms, and all meals in the famous South Dining Hall. Learn more about ND Vision online – <http://goo.gl/i7kGUA>. Students can see Mr. Vresics with any questions or you can email him at tvresics@salesianum.org.

Spirit Week Shirts

A limited supply of 2015 Spirit Week shirts are in stock and available for purchase via the School Store website. Visit - <http://goo.gl/7jl3db>.

Student ID Cards

Student ID cards are equipped with an RFID chip that is used to gain access to the building, login to campus printers, and make purchases in the dining center. While these cards are powerful, they are also delicate. Students should take care to protect these cards with plastic ID cases and should not punch any holes in their cards. Hard plastic cases are available for purchase in the school store. The replacement fee for lost or damaged cards is \$50.

Universe Essay Contest

St. Francis de Sales writes that we are called to be “universe, that is unique and diverse, unique along with diversity, and diversity along with unity.” Salesianum will once again host the Universe Essay Contest asking students, “what is the biggest challenge to the universality ideal, and how are we called, as Salesians, to respond?” All students are invited to participate. Essays may not exceed 1000 words and are due to Mr. O’Brien by Wednesday, December 9 via email at jobrien@salesianum.org. The grand prize winner will receive \$500 cash with prizes at the grade level. Additional details available online - <https://goo.gl/iHwY4t>.

Raffle

Congratulations to the following winners of Week 5 of the raffle – 1st Place - Joe Zammetti (\$750), 2nd Place – Alex Mettenheimer (\$500), 3rd Place – Mike Holmes (\$250), 4th Place – Roxann Gariff (\$100), 5th Place – Jennifer Enslin (\$100), 6th Place – John Sinko (\$100). The last raffle will take place during the Parent’s Association Christmas Party on Friday, December 11.

Senior Items – **LAST CALL**

Senior parents, please be mindful of the upcoming deadlines that take place during the busy Christmas season. If you have any questions, please email Dan Jackman at djackman@salesianum.org.

- Last call for senior baby pictures. Please upload one picture by December 13 - <https://goo.gl/jm7AzP>.
- Senior yearbook ads are for sale on the Josten’s website. Include pictures and well wishes for your Sallies grad. All ads are designed via the website - <http://goo.gl/ewDWPm>. Current rates are good through December 13.

Yearbook

Last call to purchase the yearbook at the current rate of \$95. Order online by December 18 - <http://goo.gl/b4KYId> or send in a check made payable to Salesianum. Checks should be delivered to Mrs. Manuel in the Library.

Student Stories

We are working on two upcoming stories for the yearbook. Did you make your way to Philadelphia for the Pope’s Visit? If you have a picture of your son in Philadelphia during the visit we’d love to use your photos. Have you made a recent college visit and have a picture of your son on campus? Pictures along with a brief description can be sent to Dan Jackman at djackman@salesianum.org by December 11.

GUIDANCE

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

Kaplan Practice Test

The free Kaplan practice test to help students choose between the SAT and ACT will be held on Saturday, January 16 from 9 AM – 12:30 PM at Salesianum. Register online by January 13 at <http://goo.gl/uLpEXY>. Please direct any questions to Greg Schrader at Gregory.schrader@kaplan.com. Sophomore parents are specifically encouraged to consider the combo test (SAT & ACT) while junior parents can focus more on their son’s preference.

ADVANCEMENT

Mr. John Helmick, Director of Institutional Advancement – jhelmick@salesianum.org

Lecture Series: December 7

The St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Wilmington is hosting a lecture at Salesianum titled Pope Francis, the Synods, and the Family: Seeing the Big Picture, featuring John S. Grabowski, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology and Ethics at the Catholic University of America. The talk, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a question and answer session. The event begins at 6:00 PM on December 7 in Centenary Hall.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Parent's Association Christmas Party

The Parents Association Christmas Party is on Friday, December 11 from 7:30 – 11 PM. All parents are invited. Enjoy music, beer, wine, soft drinks and lite dinner items in addition to door prizes and the final drawing for the 2015 Raffle. The event is free, so put on your festive attire and bring your Christmas spirit! **RSVP by December 7** to salespa@salesianum.org. Include your name and the number attending (adults only, please).

Christmas Party Volunteers

SPA is in need of volunteers for the Christmas Party. If you have time to decorate, bartend, or clean-up or planning, please visit our VolunteerSpot page to see a list of available volunteer positions - <http://goo.gl/HsrnAF>.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Scott Mosier, Director of Athletic Affairs – smosier@salesianum.org

Mr. Mike Hart, Athletic Director – mhart@salesianum.org

Baseline Concussion Testing

A reminder that all students participating in Basketball, Ice Hockey, or Wrestling are required to complete Baseline Concussion Testing at A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital. The test is valid for two years and then must be retaken. The next concussion testing date is on Saturday, December 12. Please ensure that you have an appointment booked if your sons is out of compliance. Please note that JV and Freshmen Basketball players will have a separate appointment date given by their coach. Book your appointment - <https://goo.gl/8zJX9G>.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

We keep in prayer this week all members of our extended School Community:

FOR HEALTH, HEALING AND WELL-BEING:

- Chris White '17
- Margaret Gioffre, *grandmother of faculty member Mr. Joe Gioffre*
- Kathleen Haley, *mother of faculty member Mr. Brendan Haley*
- Kate Looney, *mother of Brandon Looney '17*

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

- Vincent McCorkle '69, *brother of Mrs. Florence Szczerba*
- Joan Scholtz, *relative of Mr. Tom Keville of our Facilities Dept.*
- For all the victims of Wednesday's shooting in San Bernadino, CA
- **And for all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.**

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7 - 13

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| <p>Monday December 7</p> | <p><u>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All Catholic Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM, Spragg Auditorium ▪ Varsity Ice Hockey at Malvern prep, 3:15 PM | |
| <p>Tuesday December 8</p> | <p><u>F-DAY: AM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Mass, 9:00 AM, Gym ▪ Swimming at Conrad School, 2:30 PM ▪ Varsity Basketball at William Penn, 7:15 PM | |
| <p>Wednesday December 9</p> | <p><u>G-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Club and Activity Photos, 1:00 PM, Gym ▪ Faculty Meeting, 2:00 PM ▪ Salesianum Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM, Spragg Auditorium | |
| <p>Thursday December 10</p> | <p><u>A-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Swimming at Brandywine, 4:00 PM | |
| <p>Friday December 11</p> | <p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent's Association Christmas Party, 7:30 PM ▪ Varsity Wrestling at Penn Manor Tournament ▪ Varsity Ice Hockey at Archbishop Ryan, 7:40 PM | |
| <p>Saturday December 12</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Varsity Wrestling at Penn Manor Tournament | |
| <p>Sunday December 13</p> | | |
| <p>Looking Ahead...</p> | <p>Wed, Dec 16 Fri, Dec 18 Sat, Dec 19 Mon, Jan 4</p> | <p>Midterm Exams begin Silent Night Basketball Game Christmas Vacation Begins School Resumes</p> |

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14 - 20

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| <p>Monday December 14</p> | <p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Varsity Ice Hockey vs DMA, 7:20 PM, The Pond | |
| <p>Tuesday December 15</p> | <p><u>D-DAY: AM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ | |
| <p>Wednesday December 16</p> | <p><u>E-DAY: MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English Exam, 8:15 AM – 9:25 AM ▪ Math, 9:40 AM – 10:40 AM ▪ Math (Geometry 4, Pre-Calc, AP Calc BC), 9:40 AM – 11:10 AM | |
| <p>Thursday December 17</p> | <p><u>F-DAY: MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Religion, 8:15 AM – 9:25 AM ▪ Science, 9:40 AM – 10:40 AM | |
| <p>Friday December 18</p> | <p><u>G-DAY: MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World Language, 8:15 AM – 9:25 AM ▪ Social Studies, 9:40 AM – 10:40 AM ▪ Varsity Ice Hockey at Roman Catholic, Flyers Skate Zone ▪ Silent Night Basketball Game vs. Malvern Prep, 7:30 PM, Gym | |
| <p>Saturday December 19</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christmas Vacation Begins ▪ Varsity Wrestling at Beast of East Tournament | |
| <p>Sunday December 20</p> | | |
| <p>Looking Ahead...</p> | <p>Mon, Jan 4 Tue, Jan 5 Mon, Jan 11 Tue, Jan 12 Sat, Jan 16</p> | <p>School Resumes School Mass Service Hours Due for Juniors/Seniors Sophomore Parent Guidance Meeting SAT/ACT Practice Test (Sophomores and Juniors)</p> |