



SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 23, 2015

A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

In ordinary acts of little kindness, we have a chance to practice virtue more often, with greater humility and with greater holiness.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Parents,

As we are beginning the season of Lent, I would ask your prayers for Christopher White, a Salesianum sophomore. In the last two weeks, Christopher has been diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer located in his right arm. This will require intensive chemotherapy for the next nine months, scheduled to begin this week at A.I. DuPont Hospital. During this time, Christopher will not be able to attend classes at Salesianum. He and his family are preparing for the usual risks and side effects to this aggressive treatment, but his long term prognosis for full recovery is very good.

I met with Christopher and his family on Friday at their home. Many of you may know his mom, Judy White, who is the principal at St. Anthony's School. I could not have been more impressed with this young Salesian gentleman, who in a quiet and unassuming way is taking this all in stride and remaining positive in spite of his whole world being turned upside down in a matter of days. One of the most difficult and challenging part of these developments for Christopher is the reality that he will not be able to attend school for the next nine months. I have assured him that we will be making sure that he not only is being remembered in our prayers, but that he is absolutely still a member of the Salesianum community, and that we will be making sure he feels our love and support over the next nine months.

At the same time, Christopher left me with the strong impression that more than anything else, he would simply like to carry on with his life as normally as possible given the circumstances. I would therefore ask that whatever we as a school community or as individuals decide to do for him and his family, that we respond more to Christopher the person, and not the disease he will be fighting. One thing we can all do is to pray for Christopher during this time. I could not help but think of today's Gospel, with its image of Jesus entering the desert to pray and fast. Christopher and his family are similarly getting ready to enter into a kind of desert of their own. His treatment is going to be a marathon, not a sprint, and I would ask our response as his school community to reflect this reality. Keeping them in our prayers is something we can add to our own Lenten observance.

After meeting with Christopher, I was thinking of how many students have quietly dealt with challenges to their health while in school. In the last few years, there have been several students who have been through their own cancer treatments and other various medical issues. I am always amazed by how resilient students can be at these moments, often appearing to be the strongest person in the room, and Christopher is no different.

I know Christopher and his family are very grateful for our prayers and support. As he begins his long journey back to Salesianum with treatments this week, we pray not only for him, but for the many students for whom coming to school each day is not as easy as they make it seem.

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

Course selection and scheduling for 2015-2016

During the next 2 weeks, the Academic Office will review student requests to make sure that requirements are met and that courses entered in NetClassroom match those approved on paper. In addition, course requests will be reviewed by each teacher. Once these processes are complete, students will be given a confirmation list of approved requests for 2015-2016. This will give students an opportunity to make adjustments before preliminary schedules are created. Remember that some phases will be adjusted after 3rd quarter report cards. To a lesser extent, phases may change again after final report cards are available in June.

Our timeline for scheduling includes multiple stages of review so that our phasing is accurate for next school year. As we approach the summer, it is important to minimize changes to phases, and changes to electives becomes very difficult. Accurate phasing and careful choosing of electives allows us to keep our class sizes as small as possible to provide the best learning environment.

Please be aware that course selection forms for returning students were due with parent signatures on February 10. *If a student did not submit a form*, we will select core courses and electives for your son and send you a list of these courses. If you son does not intend to return to Salesianum, please notify us as soon as possible to allow us to plan for next year.

Students Currently Taking Algebra I Phase 2 (course number 409 or 412)

Information will be available shortly for our summer Algebra I course. Students in the Class of 2018 currently enrolled in phase 2 Algebra I are required to take this summer course to prepare for Geometry if their final grade is below a “C.” Some students will be recommended but not required to take this course. The course will involve 3 meetings total at Salesianum; the rest of the course work will be completed online over the course of 8 weeks under the guidance of a Salesianum teacher. The cost of this course will be finalized shortly.

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

Stations of the Cross

Campus Ministry will host Stations of the Cross every Thursdays during Lent at 2:50 PM in Centenary Hall. All students are invited and encouraged to attend.

S.A.C.R.E.D.

Salesianum parents, are you looking for something positive to do for Lent rather than just giving things up like chocolate? Salesianum School is delighted to offer the 15th Annual S.A.C.R.E.D. event, an opportunity to grow in faith while seeking to gain new insights into the rich meaning of our Catholic faith as seen through the lens of Salesian Spirituality. Join us in beginning another Lenten Season for what promises to be a great opportunity for spiritual renewal. S.A.C.R.E.D will be held at Salesianum on Saturday, February 28 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Registration can be completed online - <http://goo.gl/j7hcEK>. Contact Tom Vresics at tvresics@salesianum.org with any questions or if you are only able to attend the morning or afternoon session. Please note that registration closes Tuesday, February 24.

Spring Sports Tryouts

Spring sports tryouts begin next weekend. A reminder that students are to place all belongings and personal items in a locked locker. Teams will not be assigned lockers until selections are finalized. Property left out will be collected and may only be retrieved with a supervising coach or through the Athletic Department.

Night at the Queen

Join Salesianum, Padua and Ursuline for a showcase of the finest talent on Sunday, March 8 beginning at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase online - <http://goo.gl/s2hzWZ>. The show features live bands, a 60-piece choir, strings, and a packed house of energy.

SALSthon 2015

Momentum is building for the third annual SALSthon event, a month-long Lenten fundraiser culminating with an overnight dance on Saturday, March 21. This year, the 2015 SALSthon beneficiary is the Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans (DCHV), a non-for-profit organization that provides transitional housing for homeless veterans right here in the Wilmington area. In 2014, the DCHV housed more than 240 veterans and provided counseling and support services to countless others. The current DCHV facility is grossly undersized in an eight bed facility with a long waiting list. Together with the DCHV, the Student Council has proposed a \$200,000 goal that will move the organization into a 17-bedroom facility, increasing their total capacity to 25.

Students are asked to fundraise in support of this cause and can register on SALSthon.com website to fundraise as an individual or as part of a team. Family and friends can make gifts on the website and credit it to your son's account. Cash and checks will be accepted in the Student Union office. Tickets for the event are available for purchase through the SALSthon website or in the Student Union office every Friday. Only 1600 tickets are available, and last year the event sold out. Salesianum, Padua, and Ursuline students may purchase a ticket for themselves plus a guest from another high school. Once purchased, a permission slip will be emailed to the student's email account and must be returned by March 17. *For more information, please see the SALSthon website link above, or contact our Director of Student Activities, Mr. Dan Jackman, at djackman@salesianum.org.*

Ticket Prices:

Early Bird rate:	\$30/ticket	February 13 – 28
Regular rate:	\$40/ticket	March 1 – 16
Late rate:	\$60/ticket	March 17 – 21

GUIDANCE

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

College Discussions (Junior Parents)

College Counsellors are starting to meet with your sons to discuss college options. If your son is eager to discuss the college admissions process and would like to arrange a meeting, he can stop by the Guidance Office to set up an appointment.

Follow-up ACT/SAT Practice Test

A reminder for parents that the follow-up meeting from the ACT/SAT practice test taken on February 7 will take place on Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM in Centenary Hall. For parents unable to make the meeting, please contact your son's college counselor.

SAT/ ACT Registration

The late registration deadline for the SAT on March 14 is on March 3, register online at www.sat.org/register. The registration deadline for the ACT on April 18 is March 13, register online at www.actstudent.org/start.

Drexel Mini-Med Summer Camp

If you're ready to get serious about your aspirations to become a doctor or simply wondering what it might be like, Drexel University College of Medicine Mini-Med Summer Camp can provide this opportunity. To apply or view complete details visit their website at: www.drexelmed.edu/minimed/camp. The application deadline is March 6.

Scholarship Request Form (Senior Parents)

Naviance does not permit the electronic submission of scholarship materials. If a student needs any documentation for scholarship applications from the Guidance Department, the student must complete and return the Scholarship Request Form. Such documentation includes transcripts, letters of recommendations, or any scholarship form that a counselor must complete. Copies of the Scholarship Request Form are available in the Guidance Department. Please note that most college merit scholarships are awarded without the student having to apply for them so the Scholarship Request Form does not have to be completed for merit scholarships.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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

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

Basketball Tickets

Tickets for the Sallies vs. Concord basketball game on Tuesday, February 24 will be on sale Monday and Tuesday in the school store and in the dining center during all lunch periods. All tickets are \$4. Tickets will not be on sale at the game.

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:

- Janice Flood, the mother of freshman Joseph Flood, who is recovering from surgery.
- Christopher White '17, who begins treatments this week.

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

- Len Szafranski '51
- **And for all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.**

ALL LOVE, NO FEAR

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week of February 23 – March 1

Monday February 23	<u><i>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ice Hockey vs. Malvern Prep, 7:40 PM, The Pond
Tuesday February 24	<u><i>F-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">ACT/SAT Parent Review Workshop, 6:30 PM, Centenary HallVarsity Basketball vs. Concord, 7:30 PM, Birkenheuer Gym (Senior Night)
Wednesday February 25	<u><i>G-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">House Competitions, 1:02 PMFaculty Professional Time, 2:00 PM
Thursday February 26	<u><i>A-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stations of the Cross, 2:50 PM, Centenary Hall
Friday February 27	<u><i>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u>
Saturday February 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Salesianum Adult Christian Religious Education Day (S.A.C.R.E.D.)Spring Sports Begin
Sunday March 1	

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week of March 2 - 8

<p>Monday March 2</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Tuesday March 3</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Wednesday March 4</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty Meeting, 2:00 PM Centenary Hall 	
<p>Thursday March 5</p>	<p><u>F-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stations of the Cross, 2:50 PM, Centenary Hall 	
<p>Friday March 6</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Club/Activity Pictures, 2:00 PM, Gym 	
<p>Saturday March 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salesianum Adult Christian Religious Education Day (S.A.C.R.E.D.) ▪ Spring Sports Begin 	
<p>Sunday March 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Night at the Queen, 6:00 PM 	
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Sun, March 15 Thurs, March 19 Fri, March 20 Sat, March 21 Mon, March 23</p>	<p>Salsthon Dodgeball Tournament Solemnity of St. Joseph, Annual "Blue Mass" Spring Musical opens Salsthon School Closed</p>