



# SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

## A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself... do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage.**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS*

#### **Ash Wednesday and Lent: A Salesian Perspective**

For the 40 days of Lent, Christians around the world will rededicate themselves to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Sometimes Lent is viewed through the lens of “Catholic guilt” with its emphasis on penance, ashes, and other reminders of our frail humanity. But Lent is a season of growth, not guilt. Awareness of our imperfections is important to growth, but when soul-searching dwells too much on ourselves and too little on God, it becomes counter-productive, self-centered, and even narcissistic. In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus calls skeptical fishermen to follow him. Ground down by hard work and frustrated by disappointing results, their fatigue and weariness makes them unlikely disciples. But after witnessing a glimpse of divine power through an abundant catch of fish, Peter returns to the shore, falls to his knees, and says to Jesus, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man.” For some, this is what Lent is all about, focusing on unworthiness, and keeping a respectful but safe distance from the responsibilities of true discipleship. But Jesus sees something in Peter, something he cannot see himself. And he sees something similar in us. And as tired as we may feel, as cynical as we might have become, as hopeful as we may be that God is calling someone else, Lent is here to remind us that *we are called*, and our response begins with spending these 40 days becoming more familiar with God’s love and mercy.

#### **Monday, February 8: School Holiday**

As you have no doubt already heard from your son, Monday, February 8, has been declared a school holiday. The holiday was granted in light of positive student behavior, minimal weather disruptions to date, and as of Friday at 1:00 pm, a course registration rate of over 98% for returning students, meeting the challenge set forth by our Academic office. Unscheduled holidays are rarely granted, and only when conditions such as those outlined above are met, or in honor of noteworthy or outstanding student achievements. We have been enjoying an excellent school year to date, and I hope the day is helpful both to your son and his teachers as an opportunity for some extra rest and relaxation.

**Congratulations to Coach Joe Gioffre and the Salesianum Winter Track Team**, who on Saturday afternoon earned our school’s 149<sup>th</sup> State Championship. The team performance included a number of outstanding individual efforts. Congratulations to Coach Gioffre and the staff and every member of the team on this great achievement!

**Tenui nec dimittam,**

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## TUITION AND FINANCE

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### Online Reenrollment for 2016-17

Salesianum has partnered with FACTS Management for tuition payment processing to allow more flexibility and options to our families. This year, Online Re-enrollment will be by invitation from FACTS, including your 2016-17 Tuition and Transportation Contracts. You will need to complete the contracts to re-enroll your son for the next school year and will be asked to set up a customer account with FACTS including your payment plan choice.

This enhanced payment system will allow you to choose from the same payment schedule options offered in the past while allowing greater payment flexibility and a totally automated payment system with online access to your tuition account. With FACTS you will set up your account online preauthorizing payments either by electronic funds transfer from a checking or savings account, or by your credit card [VISA, Master Card, American Express or Discover] or debit card.

You will be receiving a letter soon with complete details on re-enrolling for the 2016-17 school year through FACTS, followed by an email invitation from FACTS in early February. If you have questions regarding online re-enrollment, please contact Heloise Osborn at 302-654-2495, extension 124 or by email at [hosborn@salesianum.org](mailto:hosborn@salesianum.org). [Read the full letter](#)

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

### Course selection and scheduling for 2016-2017

Thank you for taking time to review your son's course requests for next school year. During the next two 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 complete, students will be given a confirmation list of approved requests for 2016-2017. This will give students an opportunity to make adjustments before preliminary schedules are created. Remember that some phases will be adjusted after 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards. To a lesser extent, phases may change again after final report cards are available in June.

Please be aware that course selection forms for returning students are due with parent signatures on Tuesday, February 9 unless weather closings necessitate an adjusted due date.

We have two tutorial videos for you to guide you through the process.

- [Program of Studies Course Guide](#)
- [Course Selection Process](#) (PowerPoint required)
- [Tutorial for registering for classes on NetClassroom](#) (Powerpoint required)

## STUDENT LIFE

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

### La Sylphide Ballet

The Academy of International Ballet presents La Sylphide on Saturday, February 13 at 4:00 PM in the Spragg Auditorium at Salesianum. The ballet relates the story of a young Scottish farmer, James, who, on the eve of their wedding, abandons his betrothed, Effie, after being enticed away to the forest by the ethereal Sylphide dies and Effie marries another, James is left tragically alone. Regular tickets are \$25 [via the digital box office](#), Salesianum community members receive a \$10 discount using the promo code: **DANBALLET**.

### Senior Class Information Page

Our new senior class information page can be found by clicking on the Resource tab on onCampus - <http://bit.ly/1nVf5Dk>. This page is updated regularly by the class moderators.

## Senior Announcements

Seniors were given a Jostens Graduation Announcement packet on Thursday, January 28 during homeroom. This packet contains an order form to order graduation announcements. Orders may be made via the Josten's website through February 13 - <http://bit.ly/1ZZTbKW>. Any senior who did not receive a packet should see Mr. Dan Kegelman. Note that these are not your graduation tickets. Each senior will receive 10 free announcements. Also, Salesianum students do not wear a cap and gown at graduation, so purchasing a tassel is a personal choice.

## S.A.C.R.E.D. (Salesianum Adult Religious Education Day)

Salesianum parents, are you looking for something positive to do for Lent? Do you wish you had strategies to respond to your son's questions about his faith? Salesianum is delighted to offer the **16th 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 during the **Church Year of Mercy** 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 27 from 8 am – 3 pm**. This year we are featuring over 15 courses in Religious Education, three opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a light breakfast, all day coffee and a hot Lasagna lunch. Registration cost \$40 until January 31 and \$45 beginning February 1 and can be completed online - <http://goo.gl/j7hcEK>. Contact Tom Vresics at [tvresics@salesianum.org](mailto:tvresics@salesianum.org) with any questions or if you are only able to attend the morning or afternoon session. Please note that registration closes **Monday, February 22**.

## GUIDANCE

*Mr. Will Yarnell, Director of Guidance - [warnell@salesianum.org](mailto:warnell@salesianum.org)*

### Freshman Parent Guidance Meeting

A reminder that the Freshman Parent Guidance Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. The program will focus on preparing financially for college, driver education, and service opportunities through the Center for Faith and Justice.

### Senior Parents: FAFSA

The FAFSA window for enrollment began on January 1. Because of the variation in state and college deadlines, it is highly recommended that you fill out the FAFSA as soon as you can to ensure that you do not miss out on available aid. One thing to consider, however, is that the FAFSA asks for your tax return information for the current year. Often, this information might not be available until the end of January, at the earliest. Keeping this in mind, you can choose to either wait until you or your family files income taxes for the year or complete your FAFSA using estimates derived from the previous year's tax returns and other documentation. (Note: If you do this, you will need to return later and correct any discrepancies between the estimated values and the current year's tax returns.) [>>Read More](#)

### Delaware State Police Explorers

The Explorers is a program for students age 14-20 who may be interested in a career in law enforcement. If interested, contact Cpl. Mac Evans at: [mac.evans@state.de.us](mailto:mac.evans@state.de.us). An information seminar is available Tuesday, February 9 at 5pm at the Troop 6 location on Kirkwood Highway.

### 2016 Neurology High School Scholars Program

The Division of Child Neurology at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has an summer opportunity for high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors looking for science and clinical research work during the month of July. [>>Read More](#)

### NCAA Eligibility

Sophomores and Juniors interested in playing sports in college should consider registering for the NCAA eligibility center. This is required for all Division I and Division II athletes. Please contact your College Counselor for more information. Go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Mike Hart, Athletic Director - [mhart@salesianum.org](mailto:mhart@salesianum.org)

### **Baseline Concussion Testing: Lacrosse and Rugby**

As part of Salesianum's ongoing care for the health of our athletes, all students participating in Lacrosse and Rugby are required to complete Baseline Concussion Testing through our partnership with A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital. Please note that only the comprehensive testing at A.I. DuPont fulfills the school's requirement. Once completed, testing is valid for two years. Students who tested last school year do not need to be retested this season.

New spring testing dates have been set. Appointments are available on February 6, February 20, March 5, and March 19. Appointments will take approximately 45 minutes and cost \$55. Book your appointment online - <http://bit.ly/1JnESO3>. Once registered, a series of forms will be sent to your email.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Fr. Mike Vogt, OSFS, Pastoral Care Coordinator - [mvogt@salesianum.org](mailto: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
- Father Bill Davis, OSFS
- Elaina Boyd, *mother of Liam Boyd '16 and Zach Boyd '14*

### **FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

- Michael Reed '64
- Arlene Reiner, *grandmother of Jackson Paradee '19*
- Nancy Devine, *great aunt of Sean Murray '17 and Mr. Pat Dever*
- Anne Sowers, *mother-in-law of Mr. Mike Gallagher*
- **For all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.**

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

# FEBRUARY 8 - 14

<p>Monday February 8</p>	<p><u>SCHOOL CLOSED – NO CLASSES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Varsity Wrestling at William Penn, 6:00 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Basketball vs. Sanford, 7:30 PM, Gym</li> </ul>	
<p>Tuesday February 9</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rosaio House Homeroom Meeting, Centenary Hall</li> <li>▪ Varsity Swimming at Archmere, 3:30 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Basketball at Brandywine, 5:30 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Wednesday February 10</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: AM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ School Mass: Ash Wednesday, 9:00 AM</li> </ul>	
<p>Thursday February 11</p>	<p><u>F-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stations of the Cross, 2:50 PM, Centenary Hall</li> <li>▪ Freshman Parent Guidance Meeting, 7:00 PM, Auditorium</li> <li>▪ Swimming at Tower Hill, 3:00 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Wrestling vs. Caesar Rodney, 7:30 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Friday February 12</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Senior Class Homeroom Meeting, Auditorium</li> <li>▪ Dress Down Sponsored by Rosaio House , \$5</li> <li>▪ Varsity Basketball at St. Mark’s, 7:30 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Saturday February 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SALSTHON Fundraiser, FIFA Tournament, 5:00 – 10:00 PM</li> <li>▪ Swimming vs. Charter School, 4:00 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Sunday February 14</p>		
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Mon, Feb 15 Sat, Feb 20 Sat, Feb 27 Sun, Mar 6 Sun, Mar 13 Mon, Mar 14</p>	<p>President’s Day – School Closed Blue Mountain Ski Trip SACRED: Salesian Adult Christian Religious Education Day Night at the Queen SALSTHON Fundraiser: Dodgeball Tournament Salesian Gentleman Formation: Patience with Ourselves</p>

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# FEBRUARY 15 - 21

<p>Monday February 15</p>	<p><u>PRESIDENT'S DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>	
<p>Tuesday February 16</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: EXTENDED HOMEROOM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation by Governor Markell, 9:00 AM, Gym</li> <li>▪ Varsity Basketball at Wilmington Friends, 5:30 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Wednesday February 17</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Faculty Meeting, 2:00 PM, Centenary Hall</li> </ul>	
<p>Thursday February 18</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Luncheon for Mothers of Graduates, 12:00 PM</li> <li>▪ Stations of the Cross, 2:50 PM</li> <li>▪ Basketball vs. Smyrna, 7:30 PM, Gym</li> </ul>	
<p>Friday February 19</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Varsity Hockey vs. DMA, 7:40 PM, The Pond</li> <li>▪ Heart Health Awareness Red Dress Down Day, \$5</li> </ul>	
<p>Saturday February 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Blue Mountain Ski Trip, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm</li> <li>▪ Varsity Wrestling at Conference Championship, 9:00 AM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Basketball vs. Sussex Tech, 7:30 PM, Gym</li> </ul>	
<p>Sunday February 21</p>		
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Sat, Feb 27 Sun, Mar 6 Sun, Mar 13 Mon, Mar 14 Thurs, Mar 18 Tue, Mar 22</p>	<p>SACRED: Salesian Adult Christian Religious Education Day Night at the Queen SALSTHON Fundraiser: Dodgeball Tournament Salesian Gentleman Formation: Patience with Ourselves Solemnity of St. Joseph: Annual Blue Mass Lenten Penance Service</p>