



# SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

JANUARY 11, 2016

## A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**Do ordinary things extraordinarily well, and with great love.**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS*

#### The End of the Christmas Season...

Christmas and Easter are the two great pillars that anchor of the Catholic calendar. Twice a year, we focus on the two most important events in the life of Jesus: his birth at Christmas, and his death and resurrection at Easter. Like blockbuster movies, these feasts dominate our religious imagination, and with good reason; they invite us to reflect not only on the events that inspire them but on the ongoing meaning for our own lives. Christmas reminds us not only that Christ is the Son of God and Word made flesh, but that by sharing our human nature, we too are children of God and fundamentally good. And if Christmas reminds us who we are, Easter reminds us of where our journey is leading us, following Christ through death and suffering to resurrection and new life. So important are these two feasts that teach us *who we are* and *what we are destined to be*, that each has a preceding season of preparation (Advent and Lent), and many weeks of observance, reflection, and continued celebration that follow.

This weekend, the Catholic Church throughout the world marks the end of the Christmas season by celebrating the Baptism of the Lord. At first glance, this might seem to be an unusual way to conclude Christmas; after all, unlike most Catholics and many Christians, Jesus was baptized by John as an adult, decades after the events memorialized in our manger scenes and celebrated in Christmas carols. But the baptism of Jesus was the beginning of his public life, and the final reminder of who Jesus is. After his baptism, scripture tells us that a voice from heaven was heard by all, saying “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” In case you missed it, God spells it out in all caps in the Gospel today.

And with Christmas season now over, we begin the misleadingly named season of Ordinary Time, a term that simply means *counted*, as in “the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.” Of course, in our culture, *ordinary* has a negative connotation, as if to say “the boring details” between the blockbuster, epic moments of Christmas and Easter. But there was nothing ordinary about the day-to-day teachings and miracles that were the foundation of Jesus’s life and ministry. And as a Salesian community, our spirituality likewise is based less on waiting for life’s major events, and more on living each day well, being faithful to each present moment. That is the spiritual foundation of the Direction of Intention, the Preparation of the Day, and other Salesian practices that help us to remain grounded in the Present Moment. It is the “ordinary” times of our own lives that define who we are. Perhaps our endless fascination with movies and TV series that constantly bring the drama of life to a tidy conclusion at the end of an hour or two has brainwashed us into waiting for the “big moments” to live our own lives to the fullest. But God sees our greatness in daily measurements, moment to moment. As we leave the season of Christmas behind, may its spirit always enliven our hearts to remind us we are children of God, and strive to live our seemingly ordinary moments extraordinarily well, by loving others as God has loved us.

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# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards will be posted on NetClassroom on January 21. These report cards will include 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter grades for all current courses. They also will include final assessment grades (FE) and final course grades (FG) for courses ending January 12. Students who completed Technology Skills during the summer 2015 will see their final grade reflected.

## Course selection and scheduling for 2016-2017

For students in the classes of '17, '18, and '19, January will be a busy and exciting time. The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will usher in the beginning of schedule planning for next year. In the coming weeks, the 2016-2017 Program of Studies will be posted under the "Parent" and "Student" links of the website; this document contains descriptions for all courses available next school year. Please take time with your son within the next few weeks to discuss electives he may wish to take next year. Course selection will not begin until late January, but this is a good time to review the options for next year.

## Second Semester Schedules

All half-year courses that began in August 2015 will end on January 12. This is also the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Students will receive hard copies of their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedules in homeroom during the first school week in January. The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedules are also available on NetClassroom. Students were asked to check their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedules for errors and to notify the Academic Office before Christmas break ([juszczer@salesianum.org](mailto:juszczer@salesianum.org)). Please note the following:

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

## Final failures: 1<sup>st</sup> semester courses

Students who receive a final failing grade for a 1-semester course will receive information in the mail about requirements to recover the credit during; credit recovery cannot take place until the summer.

**Honor roll and extracurricular eligibility** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is determined by 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter grades, *not final grades*. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter GPA is calculated using 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter grades only. Cumulative GPAs use final grades and are not recalculated until the end of the school year.

## Winter Parent-Teacher Conferences: January 27

We will again use an online appointment system to structure our conferences scheduled for January 27. Each teacher will have 12 time slots available between 5:30pm and 7:30pm or 6:30pm and 8:30pm. The evening is designed for parents who may be in need of meeting with 2 or more teachers. Appointment slots are now loaded and may be booked online via onCampus and Acuity Scheduler - <http://bit.ly/1VzukuwU>.

# 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)

## Service Points

A reminder that juniors and seniors must turn in 15 of their required 25 service points by Monday, January 11. A copy of the service sheet along with a directory of local service organizations can be found on the Service Site via onCampus - <http://bit.ly/1StceNp>. All students received an email from Mr. DeCusatis before the Christmas break with an update on their point total. Please check in with your son for this total. The due date for freshman and sophomore is Tuesday, January 26.

**Salesian Day of Service.** On Saturday, January 23, the Office of Faith and Justice they will host a “Salesian Day of Service.” This will be a day for us to gather for prayer and mobilize our community to help with various projects and nonprofit efforts in Wilmington. The day begins with Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM and concludes around 1:00 PM. Students interested in volunteering should stop by the Office of Faith and Justice to sign up. The following sites are planned:

- *S.T.E.H.M – Supportive Transitional & Emergency Housing Ministry – Helping clean and move furniture*
- *Nativity Prep – Working with Vice Principal, Fr. Zumbrum on cleaning and maintenance projects*
- *D.C.H.V. – Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans – Last year’s SALSTHON beneficiary is all moved into their new home and is now looking to paint and install new cabinets/floors*
- *Clothing Bank of Delaware – Compiling clothing orders for the homeless and near homeless in our community*
- *St. Patrick’s Outreach – Providing a deep clean to the frequently used homeless outreach facility*

### **Salesianum Coat Drive**

Birkenheuer House is running a coat drive during the month of January. Students can drop off used coats and sweaters to the collection box located in front of the Student Union office.

### **Yearbook Orders and Senior Ads**

The final deadline to order a yearbook is January 31. Order online at <http://bit.ly/1P6zXSt>. It is important to note that we do not order additional yearbooks.

The final deadline to purchase and submit a completed senior ad is January 21. Order online at <http://bit.ly/1ZeW5AA>.

### **Student Stories – Winter Break**

Yearbook students are working on a story about Christmas break. If you have a photo that you’d like to share from your break, please upload to the Josten’s ReplayIt site - <http://bit.ly/1MO1NwS> - along with a description by January 11.

### **Blue Mountain Ski Trip**

The Salesianum Ski Trip to Blue Mountain will be on Saturday, February 20. All current Salesianum students are invited to attend. The cost of the trip ranges from \$70 with just the lift ticket and \$100 with lift ticket and ski or board rental. The cost includes transportation on a coach bus. Space is available on a first come, first served basis. Be aware that the trip did sell out last year, so the earlier you turn in your form, the better. Permission forms are available from Mrs. Speers in A211 or Ms. Saraco in A236 or via the link - <http://bit.ly/1O7dKle>. All forms are due to Mrs. Speers by Tuesday, February 9.

### **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://bit.ly/21Ylw8o>. Students can see Mr. Vresics with any questions or you can email him at [tvresics@salesianum.org](mailto:tvresics@salesianum.org).

### **Praesidium Protocols**

In the next two weeks, Freshmen Health sections will be visited as part of our Praesidium “Protocols,” a continuation of the conversation begun in the Fall. The topics to be covered are Boundary issues, Law implications for any bullying behaviors, internet personal safety before hitting “SEND”, as well as safety net support systems in place for students at Salesianum. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Gallagher, Dean of Student Life.

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

Salesianum parents, are you looking for something positive to do for Lent than just giving things up like chocolate? Do you wish you had information and strategies to respond to your sons’ questions or doubts about their Christian Faith? Salesianum School 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)*

### Welcome Nikki Buchanan

The Guidance Office welcomes Ms. Nikki Buchanan to the team. Ms. Buchanan spent the last few years as an Admissions Counselor at Temple University after serving as Volunteer In Service To America (VISTA) with AmeriCorps. She hopes to utilize her Bachelor's Degree in International Studies and Master's Degree in Education to help the students at Sallies with a better global perspective. Nikki will serve as the junior and senior college counselor for Birkenheuer, Haley-Carpenter and Tucker Houses. Welcome Nikki!

### Sophomore Parent Meeting

The Sophomore Parent Guidance Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM in Centenary Hall.

### US Naval Academy Summer STEM Camp

Curious about engineering? Gain exposure to the number five "Best Undergraduate Engineering Program" in the country, as ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*. Spend time in world-class lab facilities that provide a unique learning environment outside the traditional classroom and experience real-life application of math and science principles through hands on practical learning. The deadline to apply is January 31. Visit <http://1.usa.gov/1ORKIIZ> to learn more.

### Kaplan ACT/SAT 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://bit.ly/1OoZsda>. Please direct any questions to Greg Schrader at [Gregory.schrader@kaplan.com](mailto:Gregory.schrader@kaplan.com). Sophomore parents are specifically encourages to consider the combo test (SAT & ACT) while junior parents can focus more on their son's preference.

### PSAT Results

The results from the October PSAT testing date have been delayed several times by the College Board. However, scores have been made available electronically to students. The scores were e-mailed to the students directly if the student identified an e-mail during the test. For students who did not, an account can be created at the College Board - <http://bit.ly/1Uzv6ZI>. Your son can also contact their Guidance Counselor directly for your access code. Scores will then be available when logged in to the College Board website. We are also currently in the process of uploading PSAT scores to Naviance and hope to have them available soon.

### Spring SAT/ ACT Testing

Juniors are encouraged to begin registering for the Spring SAT and ACT Tests. The March SAT will be held at Salesianum on March 5, register online by February 5 - <http://bit.ly/21Ylw8o>. The ACT will be held at Salesianum on April 9, register online by March 4 - <http://bit.ly/1UnBF1i>.

## ADMISSIONS

*Mr. Mark Winchell, Admissions Director - [mwinchell@salesianum.org](mailto:mwinchell@salesianum.org)*

### Host Families Needed

Salesianum School will welcome international students for the 2016-2017 school year. These students possess strong academic skills, speak English, have their own spending money, and are covered by health insurance. However, they are

a long way from home and need good families to support their studies. Host families receive a generous monthly stipend to help cover food, lodging, and transportation to and from school.

Renascencia Hall International, a global education organization, coordinates the host family program. The company is located in Newark, Delaware. Host families receive regular support from a dedicated Host Family Coordinator and a bilingual Student Advisor. Renascencia Hall provides an Orientation session, Host Family Handbook, monthly student activities, coordination of tutoring (if needed), and ongoing communication between school, host parents and the students' parents.

Families with an extra bedroom and an interest in international understanding are urged to call Karen Jack at 302.273.2009 or 855.344.5515 for an application. She can also be reached by email at [kjack@renashall.com](mailto:kjack@renashall.com). More information is also available on the company website, [www.renashall.com](http://www.renashall.com).

## ADVANCEMENT

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

### **Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner – Thursday, January 14, 7:00 PM**

Parents and students are invited to join BASS, the Black Alumni Society of Salesianum, for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00pm. This year's speaker is New Castle County Council President, Rev. Dr. Christopher Bullock. To learn more and to register, visit [www.salesianum.org/events](http://www.salesianum.org/events)

### **Salesian Family Mass & Breakfast – Sunday, January 24, 9:30 AM**

Please join us at Salesianum for a special day of thanksgiving, prayer, and fellowship in the spirit of our Patron Saint, Francis de Sales. Our annual observance of Feast Week will be punctuated this year by a gathering of the entire community to honor the memory and legacy of the man for whom our school is named. The day will begin with Mass in the School Gym at 9:30 AM as we give thanks to God for his many gifts and for calling each of us to be members of the Salesian family. Our principal, Fr. Chris Beretta, will serve as presider and homilist.

Fellowship follows immediately after our spiritual nourishment as the celebration continues with breakfast. We look forward to this opportunity to gather the entire Salesian family and to observe the Feast of Saint Francis de Sales as one community. Please visit [www.salesianum.org/events](http://www.salesianum.org/events) to register. All are welcome.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

### **Blood Drive Donations**

The Blood Bank of Delmarva will be on campus on Thursday, January 14. We have a few remaining slots available for parents interested in giving blood during the school day. You must weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. The nation is experiencing a severe shortage of blood right now due to flooding in the Midwest and Southern California. Visit our link to register to give blood - <http://bit.ly/1JzxL5d>.

### **Blood Drive Volunteers**

We are in need of a few parents to assist with the Blood Drive on Thursday, January 14. Parents would be responsible for check-in and providing food and drinks to blood donors. Shifts are listed on VolunteerSpot - <http://bit.ly/1ZaYI10>.

# 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
- Chris Harris, *father of Mike Harris* '16
- Pat Mulvenna, *uncle of Mr. Jude Sczerba*
- Teyton Presley, *friend of Mrs. Osborn*
- Andrea Cassidy, *mother John Cassidy* '16

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

- *Alma DiPaola, grandmother of Eric Ziegler* '18
- *Maria Castaneda, grandmother of Joseph Posada* '16
- *Phil Dwyer, grandfather Tanner McFillin* '17
- *Joseph Moore, grandfather of Joe Papillo* '19
- For the following Alumni who passed away over the Christmas Break
  - Anthony J. Bernardo '48
  - Louis A. Calvarese, Sr. '57
  - Frederick S. Kessler '60
  - Paul Michael Dill '62
  - Carmen J. Bellini, Jr. '69
- **For all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.**

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

**WEEK OF JANUARY 11 - 17**

<p>Monday January 11</p>	<p><u>F-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Service Hours Due for Juniors and Seniors</li> </ul>	
<p>Tuesday January 12</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</li> <li>▪ Sophomore Parent Guidance Meeting, 7:00 PM, Centenary Hall</li> <li>▪ Swimming at Malvern, 4:00 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Basketball at Tatnall, 5:15 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Wednesday January 13</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins/3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</li> <li>▪ <b>Faculty and Staff Meeting, 2:00 PM, Centenary Hall</b></li> <li>▪ Class of 2020 Salesian Scholar Reception, 6:30 PM, Centenary Hall</li> </ul>	
<p>Thursday January 14</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ M.L. King Dinner, 7:00 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Friday January 15</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Varsity Hockey vs. St. Joe's, The Pond</li> <li>▪ Varsity Wrestling vs. Archbishop Spalding, Gym</li> <li>▪ Varsity Swimming at St. Augustine Prep, 4:30 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Basketball at Kobe Bryant Classic, 7:00 PM, Philadelphia University</li> </ul>	
<p>Saturday January 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SAT/ACT Practice Test (Sophomores and Juniors)</li> <li>▪ Varsity Wrestling vs. Archbishop Spalding, Gym</li> <li>▪ Indoor Track at Yale Track Classic, 8:00 AM</li> </ul>	
<p>Sunday January 17</p>		
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Mon, Jan 18 Jan 19-Jan 22 Sat, Jan 23 Sun, Jan 24 Mon, Jan 25 Tue, Jan 26 Wed, Jan 27</p>	<p><b>M.L. King Holiday – School Closed</b> Feast Week: Special Schedules TBA Salesian Day of Service Family Communion Breakfast No Classes – Faculty and Staff Retreat Day Service Hours Due for Freshmen/Sophomores Parent-Teacher Conferences, by appointment</p>

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

# FEAST WEEK

## JANUARY 18 - 24

<p>Monday January 18</p>	<p><u>M.L. King Holiday - School Closed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Varsity Basketball at Downington East, 5:45 PM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Hockey vs. Cardinal O'Hara, 7:20 PM, The Pond</li> </ul>	
<p>Tuesday January 19</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MLK/SFDS Prayer Service, 1:40 PM, Auditorium</li> </ul>	
<p>Wednesday January 20</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Salesian Summit for Peace, 1:40 PM, Auditorium</li> </ul>	
<p>Thursday January 21</p>	<p><u>F-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ School Mass, 1:40 PM, Gym</li> <li>▪ Varsity Hockey at LaSalle College High School, 9:00 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Friday January 22</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pep Rally, 12:50 PM, Gym</li> <li>▪ Varsity Basketball vs. St. Mark's, 7:30 PM, Gym</li> </ul>	
<p>Saturday January 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SALESIAN DAY OF SERVICE</li> <li>▪ Indoor Track at New Balance Games, 8:00 AM</li> <li>▪ Varsity Wrestling vs. Caesar Rodney, 1:00 PM, Gym</li> <li>▪ Varsity Swimming at The Hill School, 3:00 PM</li> </ul>	
<p>Sunday January 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES Salesian Family Mass and Communion Breakfast, 9:30 AM Register Online - <a href="http://www.salesianum.org/events">www.salesianum.org/events</a></li> </ul>	
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Mon, Jan 25 Tue, Jan 26 Wed, Jan 27 Fri, Jan 29 Tue, Feb 2</p>	<p>St. Francis de Sales Holiday, No Classes Service Hours Due for Freshmen/Sophomores Parent-Teacher Conferences, by appointment Winter Show Opens Music Assembly</p>