



SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

MARCH 7, 2016

LENTEN REFLECTION: THE YEAR OF MERCY

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We are all sinners. But God heals us with an abundance of grace, mercy, and tenderness.

Pope Francis

In recognition of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, a brief reflection will bridge themes from the scriptures to our life and mission as a school community during the season of Lent.

God is a fool

This weekend's gospel featured the parable of the Prodigal Son. I've never really cared for that title; it has always seemed to me that there are two sons in the story, and neither one are exemplary. The first son, of course, screws up in the most public and obvious way imaginable; everyone knows he is a mess. The second son is more subtle. He's a success on the surface, but his resentment regarding his father's generosity is telling about his motives as he calculates the right moves to capitalize on his brother's absence and corner the market of his father's favor.

For his part, the forgiving father of the story simply loves his sons. He gives his love away so freely and easily, the world would certainly consider him a fool. As in the story, we are all blessed by the foolishness of a Father's unconditional love. Like the first son, there's nothing we can do that can make God love us any *less*: no sin is too grave, or mistake sufficiently catastrophic, to place us beyond God's forgiveness. And like the second son, there's nothing we can do to make God love us any *more*: no grand achievement, no heroic act of service or charity or faithfulness can punch our ticker or earn our way into a place of special rank or favor. We are already loved fully and completely. God is so insanely in love with each of us that forgiving our flaws and mistakes, our pettiness and our jealousy, comes easily and effortlessly. It is as if he is blinded by his love for us and sees only the original goodness at our core.

To reconnect with that source of love and mercy, consider spending some time this Lent *doing nothing*. For many of us, this is not an easy task and is actually quite a penance. But sometimes, the best exercise for our spiritual growth is to stop long enough to catch our breath, unplug, and simply let God love us for who we are, in the present moment, with no other agenda or strings attached. At school, we start all our prayers with the invitation to "pause and remember that we are in the presence of God." Sometimes, that is the only prayer we ever need.

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TUITION AND FINANCE

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IMPORTANT UPDATE: For those who have not completed the online reenrollment, please be reminded that the deadline for reenrollment was due **Tuesday, March 1.**

The Online Re-enrollment invitation from FACTS sent **Wednesday, February 10, 2016**, was sent to **one** parent email ONLY. The invitations were sent to the parent receiving the tuition statements in our current system. In many cases that was the father's email. Please check all available email addresses for your invitation. If you do not see the email in your inbox, please check your junk email, spam, etc. Please remember to check **all** email addresses currently on record with Salesianum. If you did NOT receive the invitation, please email Mrs. Osborn at hosborn@salesianum.org. We will verify your email address and resend your invitation.

The email was addressed as follows:

From: Facts Management Company [mail to: noreply2@factsmgt.com]

Subject: ACTION NEEDED: Set up your Salesianum School Payment Plan (56180659)

The email provides the information necessary to re-enroll your son for the 2016-17 school year, including your Tuition and Transportation Contracts. You will be asked to set up a customer account with FACTS including your payment information and payment plan choice. The contracts, payment plan and Registration Fee payment of \$175 must **all** be completed in order for your son to be enrolled for 2016-17. With this system, we now offer the option of paying for both fees and tuition by credit card. **Note** that there is a 2.75% service fee charged for payments made by **card** [**credit** or **debit**].

Once you have set up your FACTS user name and password, please follow the prompts to complete your enrollment contract and set up your 2016-17 payment plan. If you have any questions about completing your enrollment once you are in the FACTS system, please call FACTS customer service at **1-866-441-4637**.

Once your online re-enrollment has been received and processed, you will receive a confirmation from FACTS. **Please note** you will not see any credits and/or charges, other than tuition, in your confirmation letter. Any credits and charges other than tuition, such as Financial Aid, Academic Scholarships, Transportation charges, etc. will be applied to your account prior to July 1, 2016.

If your son **will NOT be returning** to Salesianum next year, please email written notice of Intent Not to Return to Mr. Jude Szczerba, Academic Dean at juszczer@salesianum.org or Mrs. Héloïse Osborn, Student Finances Officer at hosborn@salesianum.org . Once your written notice of Intent Not to Return is received, you will be removed from the FACTS invitation list.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

3rd quarter report cards

The end of the 3rd quarter is approaching quickly. Report cards will be posted in just a few weeks. Continued eligibility for extracurricular activities through the 4th quarter depends upon 3rd quarter grades. Students involved in the spring musical, in spring sports, and in activities that extend through April and May should be particularly attentive to eligibility requirements.

Freshmen should be aware that this is the last quarter in which the minimum GPA for eligibility will be 1.75. To participate in 1st quarter activities as sophomores, the 4th quarter GPA must be above 2.0 in addition to the regular requirements for passing work in other courses. Please note that the *cumulative GPA*, calculated from final grades at the end of the school year, does *not* affect extracurricular eligibility.

Course selection and scheduling for 2016-2017

Teachers have reviewed all course selection information entered into the computer by students. Some phase changes will still be made after the 3rd and 4th quarters. Next, our school and college counselors will review student course selections. As a result of this review process, some adjustments will be made to student requests. Students will receive an updated list of approved course requests in March.

Each year, there are a few electives that are not run due to low student interest. Students who selected these electives will be scheduled for one of their alternate choices.

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 2019 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

SALSTHON 2016: SummerCollab

Students are asked to fundraise in support of our 2016 beneficiary, the Summer Learning Collaborative. Visit our website, SALSTHON.org for ticket and donation details. Once registered, students will have a fundraising page that they can send out to family and friends.

The ticket options for the April 15 event are as follows:

- CHALLENGE 250: Students who raise \$250 on their fundraising page by March 23 are eligible for a free ticket to SALSTHON along with opportunities to win prizes in weekly raffles.
- Early Bird Rate: \$35, if purchased by March 23
- Regular Rate: \$45, if purchased March 24 - April 10

Tickets for the event are available for purchase through the SALSTHON website or in the Student Union office. Salesianum students may invite one guest to the dance with purchase of a separate ticket. Contact Dan Jackman, Director of Activities at djackman@salesianum.org if you have any questions.

Rebound: The Chris Herren Story

Due to popular demand from our students, we have arranged for Chris Herren to return to Salesianum on Monday, March 14 to speak about his fight for sobriety. Chris will present twice on March 14, once in the afternoon to the students and later that evening at 7:00 PM for families. We encourage all families to make time to join us for this presentation.

Herren excelled on the basketball court becoming one of the top Division 1 prospects in the country, but his basketball success concealed a darker side, and his dream soon became a nightmare of addiction – first alcohol, then cocaine, finally heroin. A chaotic and often uncertain career plagued by drugs and rehab led to the NBA. Chris has been drug-free and alcohol-free since Aug. 1, 2008 and has refocused his life to support his substance-free lifestyle and now shares his story of his experiences and road to sobriety in the hopes of reaching just one person and making a difference in his or her life. You can [learn more about Chris Herren online](#) or by [watching this report from CNN](#).

GUIDANCE

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

SAT/ACT Test Prep Options

The Guidance Department has compiled a listing of available practice tests and study resources that are available free of charge. [View our onCampus report](#) for full details.

ACT Registration

The late registration deadline for the ACT held at Salesianum on April 9 is March 18, register online at www.actstudent.org/start.

Navigating Financial Aid

Navigating Financial Aid will be conducting a "Making College Affordable" presentation on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 PM at their office which is located at: 2701 Centerville Road, Wilmington Delaware 19808. RSVP is required by calling 302-200-6321.

Topics will include: The FAFSA process, when and how to file for financial aid, how to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), possible strategies to lower your EFC, the CSS profile, how to calculate your cost of attendance for college, explanation of percentage of needs met, TOTAL out of pocket expense for college, Stafford and PLUS loans, and payment strategies. This is a free workshop, but the services that are offered following the workshop are fee-based.

University of Delaware Edge Program

The application deadline for the University of Delaware's pre-college program is May 1. If you have are a current sophomore or junior who is interested in experiencing college life at UD this summer, you can learn more about the program and apply online via the website at www.udel.edu/edge.

ADVANCEMENT

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

Blue Mass - March 18

Salesianum will host its annual Blue Mass on March 18 at 9:00am in the gymnasium. Parents who are first responders or members of the military - active duty or retired - are invited to attend this special liturgy. Breakfast will follow in Centenary Hall. Register online at www.salesianum.org/events.

For the Boys - Silent Auction

For the Boys, Salesianum's largest fundraising event, is looking for silent auction donations. Restaurants, experiences, unique items, memorabilia are all welcome. Contact advancement@salesianum.org to arrange a donation. For the Boys will be held at Vicmead Hunt Club on April 16. Registration is open online at www.salesianum.org/events.

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
- Bernard Fiorvanti, *father-in-law of Mr. Joe Gioffre*
- Robert Gray, *father-in-law of Mr. Mark Quinn*
- Patricia Vachris, *mother-in-law of Mr. Dave Goorland*
- Mary Ann Kreps
- Joan Muelbauer, *grandmother of Matthew Griffith '19*
- Mike Bolinski, *father of Michael Bolinski '15 and Conner Bolinski '18*
- Timothy Brown

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

- Doris Mills Stoddard, grandmother of Jeremy Stoddard '18
- Philip Mueller, grandfather of Randy '16 and Jay Mueller '15
- Alan P. Truszcieski '71
- Jere McCarthy '00
- Todd Lambertson, father of Lincoln, Grant, and Pierce
- Christine Gardner, daughter of Susan and David Gardner
- **For all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.**

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

MARCH 7 – MARCH 13

<p>Monday March 7</p>	<p><u>A-DAY – REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Tuesday March 8</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Wednesday March 9</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty Professional Time, 2:00 PM 	
<p>Thursday March 10</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stations of the Cross, 2:50 PM, Centenary Hall 	
<p>Friday March 11</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Saturday March 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7TH Grade Practice Exam, 8:30 AM ▪ Varsity Lacrosse at South River 	
<p>Sunday March 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SALSTHON Dodgeball Tournament, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Gym 	
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Mon, Mar 14 Fri, Mar 18 Tue, Mar 22 Fri, Mar 25 Sat, Mar 26</p>	<p>Salesian Gentleman Formation: Chris Herren Solemnity of St. Joseph: Annual Blue Mass Lenten Penance Service Good Friday: Easter Vacation Begins Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 AM</p>

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

MARCH 14 – MARCH 20

<p>Monday March 14</p>	<p><u>F-DAY – PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salesian Gentleman Formation, Patience with Self: Chris Herren 1:40 PM, Auditorium ▪ Chris Herren Presentation 7:00 PM, Auditorium 	
<p>Tuesday March 15</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ End of 3rd Quarter 	
<p>Wednesday March 16</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty Meeting, 2:00 PM, Centenary Hall 	
<p>Thursday March 17</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stations of the Cross, 2:50 PM, Centenary Hall ▪ Spring Sports Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM 	
<p>Friday March 18</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Mass: Solemnity of St. Joseph Blue Mass, 9:00 AM, Gym 	
<p>Saturday March 19</p>		
<p>Sunday March 20</p>		
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Tue, Mar 22 Fri, Mar 25 Sat, Mar 26 Fri, April 15</p>	<p>Lenten Penance Service Good Friday: Easter Vacation Begins Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 AM SALSTHON, 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM, Gym</p>



REBOUND

The Chris Herren Story



Chris Herren, a basketball legend from Fall River, Massachusetts, dreamed of one day playing for his hometown team, the Boston Celtics. An All-American, Chris broke scoring records, was recruited by top colleges, featured in *Sports Illustrated* and became the focus of an acclaimed book, *Fall River Dreams*. Herren realized his lifelong dream of playing in the NBA when he was drafted by the Denver Nuggets in 1999 and was traded to the Boston Celtics after his rookie season, but lost it all to due to substance abuse.

Alcohol and drug-free since August 1, 2008, he has refocused his life to put his sobriety and family above all else. He shares his harrowing story of abuse and recovery in his memoir, *Basketball Junkie*, as well as in numerous interviews throughout the Emmy nominated ESPN Films documentary *Unguarded*, of which he is the subject.

Please join us for an inspiring presentation featuring former NBA professional basketball player, Chris Herren. A tale of descent into addiction, a miraculous recovery and his new life mission: to share his story with audiences in the hopes of reaching at least one person and making a difference in their life.

DATE:

Monday, March 14

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION:

**Salesianum
1801 North Broom St
Wilmington, DE**