



SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

MAY 11, 2015

A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

If we walk steadily and faithfully, God will lift us up to greater things.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Parents,

Below please find helpful information and updates regarding the last month of the school year and beyond. Thank you for your continued support of Salesianum, and please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns! Have a great week and enjoy this warm weather...

Warm Weather Dress Code: With temperatures in the mid-80's on Monday and Tuesday of this week, we will be featuring a warm weather dress code including shorts and collared shirts designed to make things more comfortable for the students, faculty and staff. Please make sure that your son is checking his email for updates on these adjustments so that he is in keeping with expectations. Our goal is that everyone is as comfortable as possible while still remaining "professional" in terms of appearance. By Wednesday, we anticipate being back in the normal dress code with temperatures predicted to drop back into the 70s.

Looking Ahead: Plans for the 2015-2016 School Year: I would like to thank all the parents who attended the last Town Hall meeting of the school year on Wednesday, May 6 in the Lawless Library. We had an excellent crowd and I was delighted to field so many comments and questions. These nights are an excellent opportunity for me to hear from parents on important issues we face as a school community. Among the topics we covered that evening:

- Curriculum Review and New Academic Programs
- New 10-Point Grading Scale
- PSAT/SAT Changes and Salesianum Response
- iPad Progress Report and New Learning Management System
- Service-Learning Program Developments
- The New Director of the Arts Position and the Future of the Arts at Salesianum
- Diversity and Inclusiveness Progress Report

Wednesday and Friday Dismissal Times in May: A reminder that the remaining Wednesdays in May will be normal dismissal time, 2:40 PM. Fridays in May resume the long-standing tradition of featuring a PM Assembly Schedule with 1:40 PM dismissal. Please be advised and make a note of these changes!

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

Credit Recovery for Failed Courses

As we approach the end of the school year, students are reminded that summer school work will be necessary for students with a “final failure” in any course. Additionally, current Algebra I students in phase 2 math will need to enroll in and complete Salesianum’s summer math course if the final grade for Algebra 1 is below a “C.”

Seniors Failing Courses

Seniors who complete a course with a failing grade will need to recover credit in the summer through an approved program to receive their diploma. This applies to all courses, including electives.

Extracurricular Eligibility for the 1st quarter of 2015-2016

With less than a month of class days remaining, returning students are reminded that eligibility for extracurricular activities for the first quarter of 2015-2016 depends upon 4th quarter grades, *not* final grades. It is possible for a student to pass all courses for the year but still be ineligible for the beginning of their school year. Additionally, current freshmen should remember that the GPA requirement for eligibility is higher in the 4th quarter (2.0). All guidelines for extracurricular eligibility are clearly outlined in Salesianum’s *Student Handbook*.

Exam Days

Once again this year, teachers are encouraged to incorporate non-exam components into their final assessment of students. As you may know, the final assessment grade for full year courses comprises 20% of the final grade. Incorporating alternate assessments such as projects, papers, portfolios, and shorter exams takes the emphasis off of the final exam and encourages the demonstration of skills. For seniors and underclassmen, there are exam days listed on the school calendar - <http://goo.gl/qfS5q7>. Dismissal during exam days is typically before noon.

Senior exam days:

Monday, May 18	Religious Studies & Science
Tuesday, May 19	Math & World Languages
Wednesday, May 20	English & US Government

Underclassmen exam days:

Monday, June 1	Social Studies & Math
Tuesday, June 2	Religious Studies & English
Wednesday, June 3	World Languages & Science

Book Buyback

Representatives from Follett Virtual Bookstores will be available on specified exam days to accept used and rented books from students. Students should pay close attention to see which textbooks they will use again next year. As Salesianum transitions to the use of more non-print textbooks in the iPad, fewer textbooks will be bought back by Follett.

Wednesday, May 20

*Senior Book Buyback & Rental Return
Theater*

Wednesday, June 3

*Book Buyback and Rental Return for All Students
Theater*

Driver Education at Ursuline

There are a few remaining spaces open in the summer driver education course offered at Ursuline Academy. The course includes 30 hours of classroom instruction along with the required 14 hours of in-the-car driving instruction and observation. You must attend an orientation at Ursuline to choose your driving schedule. View the flyer for additional details - <http://goo.gl/FotoIg>.

AP Exam Dress Guidelines

Students taking AP tests may dress down on the day that you sit for your exam. AP students may wear a polo shirt, khaki style shorts, and tennis or deck shoes. All other dress code guidelines are still in effect, including but not limited to, lanyards worn around your neck with your school ID attached, be clean-shaven, no earrings, and no hats. This dress down privilege is only extended to students taking AP tests on the day of your exam.

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

Senior Graduation Tickets

Graduation tickets were distributed to seniors during homeroom on Friday. Each student was provided with six tickets – two floor tickets (gold) and four bleacher tickets (white). If there are any discrepancies, please contact Dan Jackman at djackman@salesianum.org. Our accommodations for individuals who may experience difficulty navigating bleachers is limited. Your floor seats provide easy ground level access for guests in addition to the bottom row of the bleachers open for handicap and elderly guests on a first come, first served basis. If you are in need of wheelchair accommodations, please notify us via the online form – <http://goo.gl/xO43cM>.

Warm Weather Dress Down

In anticipation of warmer weather this week, students and faculty are invited to dress down on Monday and Tuesday. The guidelines for students and male faculty is as follows – polo shirts, khaki style shorts, and deck or athletic shoes. No sandals, hats, or earrings. Students must have shirts tucked in, lanyards must be on, and students should be clean shaven.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks have been delivered and students may begin picking up their purchased copies from the storage room across from the library on Monday during open time or after school. A limited number of overrun copies were included in our delivery and may be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis for \$105 with a check made out Salesianum.

Class Rings

Class ring packets were distributed to juniors in homeroom on Thursday, May 7. Josten's will be on campus during lunch periods on Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15 and will be available to accept packets and answer any questions.

Summer Work Crew

Students who have applied for the summer student work crew will be informed by mail next week. If you are selected you will begin work on June 8. Priority is given to students in financial need for summer placement. Questions can be directed to the Dean of Student Life office, at (302)356-2610.

Dining Center Account Balances

Seniors with balances on their Dining Center account will be issued a check for the amount in the account by Culinart. If a younger sibling will be returning the balance can be transferred to that account. Contact Culinart with any questions.

Student ID Cards

Students in the classes of 2016, 2017, 2018 are expected to retain their ID card for next school year as the cards are issued for two years. The class of 2016 will be issued new cards in the late September. Replacement cards are \$50.

GUIDANCE

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

Case Study Program – Sophomores and Juniors

Salesianum will host the third Case Study Program on May 18 for sophomores and junior students with their parents. The case study will bring 30 different college representatives to campus with mock admission committees. Registration for the program will begin at 6:00 PM and will conclude with a mini college fair. Register online at <http://goo.gl/k0pZRI>. Contact the Guidance Office with any questions at rcorreale@salesianum.org.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Senior Parent Cocktail Reception

Senior parents are invited to a cocktail reception hosted by the Parent's Association on Thursday, May 14, 7:00-10:00 PM in Centenary Hall. Please send RSVP's and questions to Jill Gruskiewicz at jillg2@me.com.

SPA Open Positions

The Parent's Association has several committee positions open for next year. Please note that both freshmen events are early in the school year and need someone to begin planning, as soon as possible. If interest, please contact Lee Anne Cassidy at laccassidy@comcast.net for additional details or if you are interested in this opportunity.

Freshman Parent Cocktail Party – August 2015

New York City Parent's Bus Trip – December 2015

Freshman Communion Cookout – September 2015

Parent Christmas Party – December 2015

NURSE

Mrs. Suzanne Mansi, School Nurse – smansi@salesianum.org

Physical Exams

A physical exam and proof of immunizations are required for all incoming freshmen and transfer students (athletes and non-athletes). These physicals must be completed after April 1, 2015 and are due to the nurse's office by August 1. Freshman families will receive these physical forms on Freshman Orientation night on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

For all students who participate in athletics, sports physicals must be completed after April 1, 2015 and will be effective for the entire 2015-16 school year. Remember, a physical exam is required for any student playing a sport prior to that sport's season start. In order to avoid any difficulties with getting the physicals completed on time, please call your physician now to schedule your appointment before the summer slots are full. The physical form can be found on the Salesianum athletics webpage or via the following link - <http://goo.gl/28WuZy>.

If you have a change of emergency contact information (home, work or cell phone numbers), if your son has a change in health status, medication or has had surgery over the summer months, please e-mail the School Nurse at smansi@salesianum.org.

Allergy Season

We are in the midst of Allergy season with pollen counts extremely high. Many students are suffering every day with runny nose, itchy red, watery eyes, nasal congestion, headache, scratchy throat, and fatigue. To minimize symptoms, doctors recommend reducing your exposure to allergens by keeping windows closed, using air conditioning, staying indoors if pollen counts are particularly high, washing hands after being outdoors, and showering and changing clothing before bed

Often times, these measures are not sufficient to decrease symptoms and an anti-histamine medication is needed. Please check with your son's physician to see which medication will work best for him. If the doctor does recommend an over-the-counter medication, it is best to take it daily when symptoms are acute and not just every once in a while. Many of these allergy medications are non-drowsy formulas and can help your son be alert and productive in school while dealing with allergy symptoms. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. Remember, students are not permitted to carry any medications on their person or in their lockers.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

FOR HEALTH, HEALING AND WELL-BEING:

- Chris White '17
- Trevor McCormick '14
- Bill Phillips '15, a senior at St. Mark's
- Greg Hanson, father of senior Kyle Hanson

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

- Raymond Querey, grandfather of Brendan Querey and father of Raymond Querey '87 and Michael Querey '90
- Robert Hunnewell, father of Christopher Hunnewell
- Ida Levine, grandmother of Dan Levine
- **And for all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.**

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week of May 11 - 17

Monday May 11	<u><i>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>AP Biology, Physics C</i>▪ <i>Tennis at St. Mark's, 3:45 PM</i>
Tuesday May 12	<u><i>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>AP US Government, French Language</i>▪ <i>Varsity Baseball vs. St. Elizabeth, 4:00 PM</i>
Wednesday May 13	<u><i>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>AP English Language, Statistics</i>▪ <i>Golf vs. William Penn, 3:00 PM</i>▪ <i>Varsity Volleyball vs. DMA, 4:30 PM</i>
Thursday May 14	<u><i>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>AP World History, Macroeconomics</i>▪ <i>Senior Parent Reception, 7:00 PM, Centenary Hall</i>▪ <i>Golf vs. Tatnall School, 3:30 PM</i>▪ <i>Varsity Baseball at Sanford School, 4:15 PM</i>▪ <i>Varsity Lacrosse vs. Caesar Rodney, 5:30 PM</i>
Friday May 15	<u><i>F-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1:40 PM Dismissal▪ <i>AP Microeconomics, Human Geography</i>▪ <i>Volleyball Quarter Finals</i>
Saturday May 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Varsity Rugby Suaru 7's Tournament</i>▪ <i>Varsity Baseball vs. Indian River, 1:00 PM</i>
Sunday May 17	

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Week of May 18 - 24

<p>Monday May 18</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior Exams – Religious Studies & Science ▪ College Case Study, 6:00 PM ▪ Varsity Volleyball Semifinals ▪ Varsity Baseball at Red Lion, 4:00 PM 	
<p>Tuesday May 19</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior Exams – Math & World Language 	
<p>Wednesday May 20</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior Exams – English & US Government ▪ Class of 2019 New Family and Student Orientation, 7:00 PM 	
<p>Thursday May 21</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Classes for Seniors ▪ Spring Art Show and One Acts 	
<p>Friday May 22</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior Prom, Hotel DuPont 	
<p>Saturday May 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Varsity Rugby Suaru 7's Tournament ▪ Varsity Baseball vs. Indian River, 1:00 PM 	
<p>Sunday May 24</p>		
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 26 Tuesday, May 26 Thursday, May 28 Friday, May 29</p>	<p>Honors & Service Banquet Graduation Practice Baccalaureate Mass, 6:00 PM Graduation, 7:30 PM</p>