



Sales Talk

For the Parents of Salesianum School

October 19, 2015

A Thought from St. Francis de Sales

A father's gentle, loving rebuke has far greater power in correcting a child than rage. So too, those who have committed some fault are best corrected by a gentle and mild explanation of what they have done wrong. We show more compassion for wrongdoers by trying to convince them of the need of amendment than by a show of anger. Repentance obtained in this way will sink far deeper than a stormy condemnation.

From the Principal

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS

A Salesian Reflection

Even if your son is in his first year at Salesianum, I hope the quote above from our patron, St. Francis de Sales, is recognizable to him in his interactions with teachers and staff at school. There is a gentle, humble spirit we do our best to reflect. The Salesian ideal is sometimes difficult to live up to, and I certainly have had moments in which my demeanor was probably more "stormy" than "gentle and mild." But St. Francis de Sales offers his advice for two reasons. First, because we are called to be optimists who look for the good in everyone, and to remember that each of our students is created in the image of God (even at moments when some might be doing a good job to hide it!). And second, Francis truly believes this approach has the best effect. We exist as an institution not only to provide an outstanding education for your sons, but to win over their hearts and minds. Soon, they will be young men living in the world, making their own decisions and choosing values and priorities for themselves. To prepare them requires instilling in them a spirit of self-reflection and thoughtfulness that ultimately they must choose to engage.

One of the things I truly love about adding the Preparation of the Day to our morning routine is that it invites the students to spend a few precious moments of silence considering where God might be present in the day ahead as it unfolds, and how we are called to face our challenges. The fact that we are asking them open-ended questions, rather than telling them what to think, is an indicator to them, I hope, that prayer, belief, commitment, and virtue, in the future if not in the present, depends on them. Training them to handle that opportunity well, by building on the foundation you as parents have provided, is what a Salesianum education is all about.

Oblate Profession Cross in the Gym

This past weekend, a new image was placed along the south wall of the Birkenheuer Gym. When signage was updated in the gym this summer, we decided that in addition to the US and Delaware flags and school seal, a cross would be appropriate. After much discussion, it was decided that a large image of an Oblate profession cross would be used. When Oblates first take their vows, they receive this cross. When in formal attire, most Oblates wear the cross under their clerical shirt, so it is not often visible. But the cross is a small replica of the bishop's cross designed and worn by St. Francis de Sales himself. I look forward to explaining the symbols engraved on the cross in future issues of Sales Talk; but for now, be sure to check out this very unique new feature in our gym, an expression not only of our Oblate tradition but a link to St. Francis de Sales himself!

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Sophomore, Junior and Senior Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences for the parents of sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be held on November 4. We will use an online appointment system to structure our conferences. Each teacher will have 12 time slots available between 5:30 PM and 8:30 PM. The evening is designed for parents who may be in need of meeting with 2 or more teachers.

Following are steps you will use to schedule appointments and create a parent account:

- 1) Go to <https://goo.gl/za2B0g>
- 2) Choose the calendar of a teacher of choice from the scroll down menu.
- 3) Choose November 4 using the calendar.
- 4) Choose an available appointment time. Appointment slots that have been taken will not show.
- 5) After the 1st appointment, setup an account if you would like email reminders of your appointment(s).
- 6) Select “New Appointment” to schedule additional appointments for the evening.

Teachers will be available between either 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM or 6:30 PM -8:30 PM. The 10-minute time slots are designed for 5-7 minute meetings. If open slots remain, teachers may be available for “walk-ins.” A teacher’s schedule will be posted outside of his/her doorway on the evening of conferences. A list of teacher rooms will be provided. If you have trouble scheduling an appointment, please email the specific teacher or teachers.

Please keep in mind the following as you decide whether or not to sign-up for an appointment with a specific teacher:

- 1) Most teachers of freshmen have 20 or more freshmen.
- 2) Conferences are designed for parents to discuss rather urgent academic issues with teachers. We do not want to discourage anyone from attending, but we also do not want to prevent parents from scheduling meetings that may be more urgent. If your son has made a good adjustment and seems to be doing well in a particular class, we would ask that you refrain from scheduling an appointment. In grade school, many parents are able to make it to conferences with all teachers, even if their children are performing well. In high school, because students have 7 or more teachers, it may not be feasible or necessary to meet with all teachers. Parents should not feel obligated to meet with the teachers. Conferences can be scheduled on other days throughout the school year if necessary.
- 3) Carefully consider your son’s performance in each class. It may be best to only schedule a meeting if your son is doing poorly on assessments or struggling with work completion.
- 4) If a particular teacher’s time slots fill online and you would still like to schedule an appointment, I would encourage you to email the teacher to request an appointment at another time.
- 5) On the evening of our conferences, it will be important for everyone to be faithful to the appointment schedule. If you are late to a scheduled appointment, it may be impossible for the teacher to reschedule it that evening.

onCampus

We have about 6 class days left in the 1st academic quarter. Please review onCampus with your son, being especially careful to note incomplete assignments. It is possible that these assignments or assessments were missed due to absence, and your son must take care to make these up as soon as possible. In addition, as the last tests of the quarter are scheduled, please help your son plan ahead so that all studying is not attempted the night before the tests.

Extracurricular Eligibility

1st quarter report cards will be posted to NetClassroom on Tuesday, November 3. On this date, a list of academically ineligible students will be circulated to activity moderators (coaches included). If your son is in danger of being ineligible to participate in activities for the 2nd quarter, there is still time to address this issue. Please carefully review the eligibility requirements on page 24 of the *2015-2016 Student Handbook*, found online <http://goo.gl/k57Wak> or on the student iPad. Some requirements differ by grade level; for example, a senior can become ineligible by failing 1 course required by the State of Delaware for graduation, regardless of his 1st quarter GPA. Students who become ineligible will not be able to tryout for winter sports in November and December.

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

National Honor Society Induction

Parents of all new NHS members are reminded to RSVP for the induction ceremony and reception on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 PM by emailing Cathy Marston at cmarston@salesianum.org. We are still in need of a few current NHS parents to assist with setup and the reception, if available visit our VolunteerSpot page - <http://goo.gl/Iq95Ou>.

Student Absence

If you anticipate your son being absent from school for a non-school related reason, please have your son complete the trip form. This allows your son's teachers, administrators, and our attendance office to be aware of upcoming absences and assist, where possible. For an absence of one or two days, the form will need to be turned in a day in advance. Forms should be turned in a week in advance for absences of three or more days. Please see Mr. Gallagher or Mr. Dinardo if you have any questions.

Reunion Weekend

This week our facilities team will begin preparing for a number of reunion events, including the installation of a large tent between the gym and theater. Please use caution while driving through campus.

Senior Yearbook Ads and Baby Pictures

Senior yearbook ads are available for purchase and design via the Josten's website - <http://goo.gl/ewDWPm>. Ads are available at the regular rate through December 13. We are also accepting senior baby pictures for the opening of the senior portrait section. Please submit one baby picture via ReplayIt by December 13 - <http://goo.gl/FszRF7>.

Annual School Raffle

Ticket collection begins on Tuesday, October 20 during lunch periods and continues through Friday, October 30. Tickets for the Annual School Raffle were distributed to students in homeroom on Friday, October 2. Each student is required to sell five of their assigned raffle tickets at \$20 apiece. Students who sell eight tickets will be entered into a raffle for \$2,000. With every ticket sold above eight, students will receive another chance at the \$2,000 prize. Each raffle ticket is eligible for all remaining raffles from the time it is turned in. Students who do not sell all five tickets by December 4 will have \$100 assessed to their accounts as outlined in Addendum A of your tuition contract.

	Drawing	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize	4 th Prize	5 TH Prize	6 th Prize	7 th Prize	8 th Prize
WEEK 1	October 30	\$250	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
WEEK 2	November 6	\$250	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
WEEK 3	November 13	\$750	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$100	\$100		
WEEK 4	November 20	\$750	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$100	\$100		
WEEK 5	December 4	\$750	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$100	\$100		
WEEK 6	December 11	\$4,500	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$750	\$500	\$250	\$250	\$100

Guidance

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

College Rep Visits

College representatives will be visiting Salesianum throughout the fall. Seniors must register to attend college visits using Naviance. Juniors interested in attending a college visit must register by stopping in the Guidance Office. Juniors are permitted to attend on a space available basis. The following colleges will be on campus on October 19: Georgetown, Northeastern, Loyola University Maryland, Drexel, George Mason University, and many more. Please login to Naviance to view the full list.

Fee Waiver for University of Delaware

A reminder for current seniors who reside in Delaware, the University of Delaware will accept applications without an application fee October 19 to November 20. Please have your son contact their college counselor, if there are any questions.

58th Annual New Castle County College Night

Over 115 colleges and universities will be on hand for College Night on Tuesday, November 10 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM at the Bob Carpenter Center at the University of Delaware. The event is free and open to all students and parents. The Department of Education will host a free financial aid information session. See a list of colleges and universities that will be in attendance - <http://goo.gl/rRdav9>.

Athletic Department

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

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

Baseline Concussion Testing

Students participating in basketball, ice hockey, or wrestling are required to have a baseline concussion test on file through AI DuPont Hospital. Concussion tests must be updated every two years. Freshmen and JV Basketball players will have a date set aside for the team in December. Appointments will last approximately 45-minutes. Once booked, a confirmation email will be sent with forms that must be filled out before your appointment. Schedule online at - <https://goo.gl/za2B0g>.

Parents Association

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

Volunteers Needed

The Parent's Association has a few volunteer upcoming opportunities for parents – NHS Induction Ceremony looking for current NHS parents to assist, Raffle ticket collection, and Homecoming Dance (including the baking committee), and Open House. You can find all of the opportunities on our VolunteerSpot page - <http://vols.pt/5nKpuY>.

Moms in Prayer

Moms in Prayer is a prayer group open to all Salesianum mothers who gather once a week to pray for their families, for school staff and events, and other concerns. Meet other Sallies' moms, make new friends and see the power of prayer at work in your life. The group gathers in the school's chapel every Friday from 9:30 – 11:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Nita Mattiola at (610)399-9107 or nitamattiola@gmail.com.

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
- Aaron Bukowskin'98

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

- Michael Conley '85
- Concetta Luberti, *mother of retired teacher, Rocco Luberti*
- Alma Baldirck, *grandmother of Jack and Zach Gruskiewicz '17*
- **And for all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.**

WEEK OF OCTOBER 19 - 25

<p>Monday October 19</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Tuesday October 20</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raffle Ticket Collections begin, Lunch Periods ▪ Cross Country at St. Mark's, 4:00 PM, White Clay Creek State Park 	
<p>Wednesday October 21</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty Meeting, 2:00 PM, Centenary Hall ▪ NHS Induction Ceremony, 7:00 PM, Gym 	
<p>Thursday October 22</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Friday October 23</p>	<p><u>F-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tucker House Young Kids Trick-or-Treat, 6:00-7:00 PM ▪ Tucker Haunted House, following Varsity Football Game, \$3 admission with proceeds going to Urban Promise ▪ Alumni Reunion Tailgate, 6:30 PM ▪ Cross Country at Killens Invitational, Killens Pond State Park ▪ Varsity Soccer at Milton Wright, 5:30 PM ▪ Varsity Football vs. Dover, 7:30 PM, Baynard 	
<p>Saturday October 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alumni Reunion Celebration 	
<p>Sunday October 25</p>		
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Mon, Nov 2 Fri, Nov 6 Fri, Nov 6 Sun, Nov 8 Fri, Nov 13</p>	<p>School Mass: All Saints/All Souls Day Fall Show Weekend Haley-Carpenter Food Drive Salesianum Open House Homecoming Dance</p>

Salesianum School Weekly Calendar

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1

<p>Monday October 26</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ End of 1st Quarter ▪ Varsity Ice Hockey at Father Judge, 5:30 PM, Wells Fargo Center 	
<p>Tuesday October 27</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Begin 2nd Quarter ▪ Varsity Soccer vs. Archmere, 3:45 PM 	
<p>Wednesday October 28</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty Professional Time, 2:00 PM ▪ Encounter Retreat Begins 	
<p>Thursday October 29</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Friday October 30</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raffle Drawing 1 	
<p>Saturday October 31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encounter Retreat Ends ▪ Varsity Football at William Penn, 1:00 PM, Pink Out 	
<p>Sunday November 1</p>		
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