



# SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

## A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS – [principal@salesianum.org](mailto:principal@salesianum.org)

Dear Parents,

The first week of school at Salesianum went smoothly in spite of warm afternoon temperatures and a number of adjustments to policies and procedures. Not surprisingly, the students have returned with their customary enthusiasm, welcoming freshmen and transfer students to the Salesianum brotherhood, and responding to changes and new challenges with a spirit of cooperation. Members of our Student Council and the senior class as a whole have led the way, introducing the school community to this year's Salesian Theme, **All Love, No Fear**. Inspired by the quote from St. Francis de Sales, "Do all things through love, and nothing through fear," the theme was featured in a number of presentations from students and administrators alike, and was applied not only to the challenges of growing up, but to the many problems being faced by the world today. As everyone settled into the academic routine, our first week demonstrated the many powerful ways in which a strong mission and school culture fosters a sense of genuine community at Salesianum, and help our students make important connections between their academic studies and the realities of the world beyond. We are truly off to a great start!

**THIS WEEK:** Our first **Wednesday Schedule** will be Wednesday, September 3, with students dismissed at 1:50 PM. Buses will run at regular times, and students remaining on campus will be supervised. The Student Council is preparing additional recreational and social opportunities for Wednesdays when the faculty are engaged in professional development and curriculum review activities. In addition, our first **G-Day and G-6 Activity Period** will be on Thursday, September 4. Please encourage your son to be among the 90% of students involved in an extracurricular activity!

**STUDENT HANDBOOK:** Parents and students should take time to review academic and disciplinary policies included in our 2014-2015 Student Handbook. Pay particular attention to our Salesian Standard, final failure policy, extracurricular eligibility requirements, and the adjustments to dress code and iPad policies. Students are reminded that the first week "grace period" regarding dress code ends Tuesday morning when we return to school. Full compliance will be expected, including correct lanyards and school IDs.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION:** Parents interested in volunteering with the Parents Association are asked to submit the volunteer form [here](#). This is an excellent way to get to know other parents and fully enjoy our school community as your son is experiencing Salesianum. Please direct any questions in this area to Mr. Jackman or Mr. Gallagher.

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:** Please save the date for our **Back to School Night** at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 10. After an important administrative presentation on new policies and procedures in the auditorium, parents will be invited to follow their son's schedule and meet all of his teachers. The evening concludes just before 9:00 PM. More details will follow soon! We look forward to seeing you at school.

Sincerely,

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS

## FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mr. Jude Szczerba – [juszczer@salesianum.org](mailto:juszczer@salesianum.org)

**STUDENT SCHEDULES FOR 2013-2014:** Students in need of a schedule change request must first email Mr. Szczerba as soon as possible at [juszczer@salesianum.org](mailto:juszczer@salesianum.org). Student emails should be sent from the Salesianum account with parents/guardians “copied” on the message. Schedules have been available since June, and changes will be very rare at this point. The Academic Office will consider course changes for scheduling errors and phase changes approved by teachers. In most cases, elective changes will not be approved. Freshmen and transfer students with recently created schedules will be afforded as much flexibility as possible, especially in cases previously discussed with Mr. Winchell (Admissions) or Mr. Szczerba. Thank you in advance for respecting this process and associated deadlines.

**TEXTBOOKS FOR 2014-2015:** In addition to the purchasing of iBooks (Apple) and physical books, several classes have required materials that can only be purchased through paying a fee on the Follett website (linked to [www.salesianum.org](http://www.salesianum.org)). This year, this includes a fee for freshmen and senior religion books and a fee for the Web Assign program for all students in Chemistry and/or Physics courses. Students who have classes with required “fees” should pay these through Follett Virtual Bookstores as soon as possible so that access to these books is not blocked; most students have paid these fees already.

**EXCHANGE CLASSES AT URSULINE AND PADUA:** Salesianum students enrolled in exchange courses at Padua will begin these classes on Tuesday, August 26. Students in exchange courses at Ursuline will begin these classes on Tuesday, September 2. Please be aware of the following:

- 1) Salesianum students are expected to be in full dress code at Padua or Ursuline.
- 2) Exchange students should be in Salesianum’s main lobby waiting for the bus by 7:35am.
- 3) Students should pay close attention to the EXCHANGE CALENDAR. This will be posted on the website and in the school building.
- 4) Exchange students are not permitted to drive themselves to Ursuline or Padua.
- 5) Exchange students will often miss the homeroom period. Students must pay close attention to the daily announcements posted on [www.salesianum.org](http://www.salesianum.org) and emailed to student accounts.
- 6) Students who miss the exchange bus must sign-in at the main office.

**MEN’S CHORUS AT SALESIANUM:** Mr. Louden Men’s Chorus class will begin on Tuesday evening, September 2, in Salesianum’s Chapel. Students can still register for this popular 1-credit course that meets each Tuesday evening from 5:30-6:30 PM. Students who wish to add this class should email Mr. Szczerba at [juszczer@salesianum.org](mailto:juszczer@salesianum.org). This course fulfills Salesianum’s graduation requirement for a fine arts elective.

**NETCLASSROOM:** Please take time to become familiar with the features of NetClassroom. This is the means by which teachers convey student assignment and grade information. Parents should see this updated each week by teachers. If you do not have your user ID and password, please call the Academic Office (extension 104).

## FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Mr. Michael Gallagher – [mcallagh@salesianum.org](mailto:mcallagh@salesianum.org)

**DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP REMINDERS:** As you drop-off and pick up students please observe the 10 mph speed limit in school lots. If you experience any problems please contact Mr. DiNardo or Mr. Gallagher, especially in areas of safety, respect, and unsafe actions.

**BUSING AND TRANSPORTATION:** All Bus transportation questions should be directed to Mr. Matthew Kegelma ([mkegelma@salesianum.org](mailto:mkegelma@salesianum.org)). Students are held to the same standards on the bus as in school. Please report any concern you may have around safety on busses to Mr. Gallagher at your earliest convenience.

**DRESS CODE REMINDERS:** All students must be in full dress code in time for the 8:00 AM bell. This means that all ties are on, lanyards are on, and ID cards are on the lanyard. Students who have either forgotten their ID card or lost their ID card should see Mrs. Looney in the front office before school on Tuesday.

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Suzanne Mansi, RN – [smansi@salesianum.org](mailto:smansi@salesianum.org)

Welcome to all new and existing students and families. I look forward to working with students, parents and faculty to treat acute or chronic conditions and promote general health within the school community.

Thank you to all freshmen who returned their health forms on time. If you have not submitted your DIAA physical forms and/or green emergency cards, please send these forms to the nurse's office **as soon as possible** so that we are in compliance with State regulations and to prevent your son from being excluded from any activities, including PE. **Physicals are required for ALL Freshmen and transfer students and must be completed and dated after April 1, 2014. These are now past due!!!**

For all students, if your son has had any changes to his health status, or if he has had any injuries, surgery, or major illness over the summer, please contact me. If your son will be taking medications during the school day, please contact me to make arrangements for administering them. All medications should be kept in the Nurse's Office except for asthma inhalers or EpiPens which may be carried by the student **with written permission by a physician**. Students are not permitted to keep any medications in their lockers or carry any medication with them.

Please send in all emergency medications such as EpiPens, asthma inhalers, insulin or glucagon that may be needed by your son to my attention. These meds should be accompanied by written directions signed by your doctor or be in the original prescription container. If you have any questions or if you have any updates to an Emergency Action Plan form for diabetes, seizure disorder, asthma or severe allergies, please call or e-mail me at any time. If your son takes a daily medication that is necessary to treat a serious chronic condition, it is recommended to send in a 3 day supply in the original prescription bottle for emergency circumstances.

To ensure that our emergency files can be kept current, please e-mail any changes in your home, cell or work phone numbers or those of your alternate emergency contacts. Also, feel free to stop by the nurse's office or contact me by phone or email to discuss any issues or concerns that may arise throughout the year.

Best wishes for a healthy school year!

Suzanne Mansi, RN  
302-356-2637

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Fall Sports Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 PM. Parents are instructed to report directly to their son's coach. Football will meet in the Birkenheuer Gym, Soccer will meet in the Dining Center, and Cross Country will meet in the Longwood Lecture Hall.

# SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Week of September 1 – September 7*

Monday September 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Labor Day Holiday</b> School Closed</li></ul>
Tuesday September 2	<u>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u>
Wednesday September 3	<u>F-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Faculty Meeting</b> 2:00 PM, Centenary Hall</li><li>• <b>Fall Sports Parents Meeting</b> All Fall Sport Parents, 7:00 PM, Auditorium</li></ul>
Thursday September 4	<u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First day for G-6 activities</li></ul>
Friday September 5	<u>A-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u>
Saturday September 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Open Dance</b> 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM, Gymnasium Tickets available at the door for \$10</li></ul>
Sunday September 7	

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## Week of September 8 - 14

<p>Monday September 8</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fall Intramurals begin Basketball and Tennis</li> </ul>	
<p>Tuesday September 9</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Wednesday September 10</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to School Night, 6:30 PM, Auditorium</li> </ul>	
<p>Thursday September 11</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Friday September 12</p>	<p><u>F-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Saturday September 13</p>		
<p>Sunday September 14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Ring Mass, 2:00 PM, Christ Our King Church</li> </ul>	
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p><b>Tue, Sept 16</b> <b>Thu, Sept 18</b>  <b>Sat, Sept 20</b>  <b>Mon, Sept 22</b></p>	<p>Senior Parent Guidance Meeting, 7:00 PM, <i>Centenary Hall</i>            Mass of the Holy Spirit, Gym, 9:00 AM            Parents' Association Meeting, 7:00 PM, <i>Centenary Hall</i>            Freshman Welcome/Communion Cookout, 5:00 Mass in Gym, Cookout 6:00, Varsity FB            Game 7:30 (Freshman Families please register to attend!)            Senior Portraits (9/22 and 9/23)            Freshman Parent Guidance Meeting, 7:00 PM, <i>Auditorium</i></p>