



SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Those who love to be feared fear to be loved.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Parents,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community for an incredible start to the school year. In particular, I need to thank the teachers, who dedicated their first week back at school, before classes started, to push us forward through a rigorous curriculum review process; our seniors, who stepped into their leadership role by welcoming all 280 freshmen students during their orientation; and to you, the parents, for your continued commitment to working hand-in-hand with the faculty of Salesianum, providing a clear path towards academic success for your sons.

The turnout last Wednesday evening for Back to School Night was one of the largest we have ever seen, with over 750 families in attendance. With work and family commitments, we realize that it isn't easy to clear an entire evening for school, so thank you for making this event a priority. I had the opportunity to visit with many of you in the cafeteria during your "Open Time," and enjoyed listening to your positive comments as well as taking to heart your constructive feedback, all valuable as the Salesianum pushes forward.

One of the only drawbacks to Back to School Night is how difficult it can be to have more dialogue around school news, policy changes, program updates, and new initiatives in the pipeline. The spirit of open dialogue will continue during the **Salesianum Parents Association (SPA) Meeting** this Thursday at 7:00 PM in Centenary Hall. I will go more in depth on topics academic strengths, the curriculum review, and policy changes for the 2014-2015 school year and allow plenty of time for Q&A. During these Town Hall meetings, I often like to informally poll those in attendance on recent changes and possible adjustments, which is a great way to have your voice heard. You do not need to be a member of SPA in order to attend, simply bring a love for Salesianum and an interest in your son's education.

Thank you once again for doing your part to ensure an outstanding start to our school year. I look forward to a great year ahead and the opportunity to visit with many of you on Thursday!

Sincerely,

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS

Principal

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

Men's Chorus at Salesianum

Mr. Louden Men's Chorus class began on September 2. Students can still register for this popular 1-credit course that meets each Tuesday evening from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Students who wish to add this class should email Mr. Szczerba at juszcz@salesianum.org. This course fulfills Salesianum's graduation requirement for 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.

One School, One Book

The History Department will administer the One School, One Book test on *The Cellist of Sarajevo* to students in history classes on Wednesday, September 17. Students who do not have a history class on Wednesday will take the test in class on Thursday. Students who do not have a history course this semester will sit for the exam on Wednesday, September 17 at 2:00 PM in the Longwood Lecture Hall. The test will be administered using Moodle with a bank of test questions. Scores from this assessment will count towards a history grade.

STUDENT LIFE

Mr. Mike Gallagher, Dean of Student Life – mqallagh@salesianum.org

Senior Class Ring Mass

The Senior Class Ring Mass will be held at Christ Our King Parish on Sunday, September 14th at 2:00 PM. Seniors must report to the Dining Center at Salesianum by 1:00 PM. To respect the parking needs of our neighbors at Christ Our King Parish, we kindly ask that all families park at Salesianum where shuttles service will be available beginning at 12:45 PM and running every five minutes until 1:55 PM. A light outdoor reception at Christ Our King will follow the Mass.

Freshman Communion Cookout

The Freshman Communion Cookout will be held on Saturday, September 20th beginning with Mass in the Birkenheuer Gym at 5:00 PM followed by a cookout and tailgate prior to the varsity football game at Baynard Stadium. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Speers via email at bspeers@salesianum.org.

Exchange Program

Families are needed to host exchange students from Saint Michel High School, an Oblate high school in Annecy, France. The students will be in Wilmington from October 15-30 and would attend classes at Salesianum during the day while taking planned excursions on the weekends. For information, please email Mrs. Vintigni at jvintigni@salesianum.org or Mrs. McLaughlin at lmclaugh@salesianum.org.

Donations for Veterans

During September, the Fromentin House will be sponsoring a school-wide donation drive for our veterans. Students are asked to bring in "home cleaning supplies" and/or "personal hygiene items." These items will be donated to homeless veterans who will soon be moving into their own residences. Your son can bring their donations to homeroom.

Summer Vacation Photos

Yearbook students are looking for photos of you from summer vacation for the upcoming edition of the Salesian Yearbook. Photos of you on vacation with family, at work, etc. Send photos to Mr. Jackman at djackman@salesianum.org by October 1.

DART Tickets

Students who signed up for DART tickets or would like to get public transportation tickets instead of a state of Delaware reimbursement should see Mr. Kegelman in A206 before September 18.

FUSCO Fitness Center

The Fusco Fitness Center is supervised and open to students each school day beginning at 7:00 AM.

GUIDANCE

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

College Visits

The following colleges will have representatives on campus the week of September 15: Johns Hopkins University, Villanova University, Dartmouth College, and many more. Visit the [student announcement page](#) for a full listing. Seniors must register to attend college visits using their Naviance accounts. 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 with a restriction on the number of college rep visits that they can attend.

Guidance Workshops

The Guidance Department will host an important Senior Parent College Workshop on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM in Centenary Hall and a Freshman Parent Workshop on Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 PM in the Theater. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

PSAT Course

Kaplan Test Prep is providing free cram sessions for the PSAT. Students who attend will learn their 10 Top Score-Raising Strategies and review tips for time management during the test. For complete dates and times and to register, go to www.kaptest.com/psatcram.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Lee Anne Cassidy, SPA President

Parents Association Meeting

The SPA will host its first meeting of the school year on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 PM in Centenary Hall. All parents are invited to attend as the parent group reviews the various projects they will be working on this upcoming school year and the ways that you can assist. Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS will also be present for a town hall meeting to answer any questions you may have about the school year.

Parents Association Volunteers

Parents interested in volunteering with the Parents Association are asked to take a moment to fill out the volunteer form available online - <http://tinyurl.com/qx4jgbu>. This is an excellent way to get to know other parents and fully enjoy our community as your son experiences Salesianum. Please direct any questions to Mr. Jackman at djackman@salesianum.org or Mr. Gallagher at mgallagh@salesianum.org.

Parents Spirituality Association

The Parents Spirituality Association will host its first meeting on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. All parents are welcome to join. For more information, contact Marie McFarlin at marie.mcfarlin@gmail.com.

Moms in Prayer

Salesianum moms are invited to join other Sallies' moms who meet once a week for one hour as part of a group called *Moms in Prayer International*. The group gathers to pray for our sons, for other family members, for school staff and events and other concerns. The group meets at Salesianum every Friday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Chapel. The first meeting will be October 3, 2014. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Nita Mattiola at (610) 399-9107 or jmattiola5@comcast.net.

FROM THE NURSE

Mrs. Suzanne Mansi, RN – smansi@salesianum.org (302)356-2637

As you may have read, 12 children in Delaware have been hospitalized as a result of complications from an upper respiratory virus. These children are being tested for the Enterovirus 68 which has affected more than a thousand people across the country.

Karyl Rattay, the DPH Director, reminds us that “viruses that cause respiratory illness are easily spread and likely shared from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes.” The DPH states that it is important not to panic. Respiratory viruses are common. **Most forms of this illness are mild and appear as cold-like symptoms.** Children with asthma are more susceptible to experiencing wheezing, difficulty breathing and/or shortness of breath. If your son experiences any sign of respiratory distress, contact your health care provider, go to an ER, or call 911.

At Salesianum, there are many students, faculty and staff that have had cold symptoms over the past couple of weeks. This is not uncommon for the start of school and not reason for alarm. The emphasis should be placed on prevention of the spread of this virus and other viruses throughout the school year. To prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, please encourage your son to:

- Wash hands with soap and water frequently
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover cough and sneezes with a tissue or inner elbow
- Stay home from school when sick and do not return until fever free for 24 hours
- Avoid sharing drinks or eating utensils
- Get a flu shot. (This will not protect from the Enterovirus 68. No vaccine is available yet)

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your prevention efforts at home.

HEART IN THE GAME's 3rd FREE EKG

Screening Event is scheduled at Christiana High School on Saturday, September 20 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This service is available to all Delaware students. Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the #1 killer of students on the playing field and 1 in 100 children who are screened have a cause for concern or abnormality. EKG's are not part of a student physical.

This event is open to all Delaware students ages 10-19. Results are evaluated by pediatric cardiologists. In addition to screening, training is offered by NCC EMS in Hands Only CPR and use of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Parents can register for the event online at www.heartinthegame.org/forms.html.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We keep in prayer this week all members of our extended School Community:

For health, healing, and well-being:

- Tammy Strayter
- Diane and Bill Jackson
- Brian Walker, father of Junior Griffin Walker and Dylan Walker '12
- Megan Kilburn, cousin of Senior Kevin Williams

For all the faithful departed:

- Fr. William Jennings, '31. Founder of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Church of the Holy Child parishes.
- Fr. Howard Clark, former Schools Superintendent for the Diocese of Wilmington and one of the founders of St. Mark's High School.
- Gene L. Cane, Sr. '54

For all the names listed in our Salesianum Book of Remembrance kept in the school chapel.

ALL LOVE, NO FEAR

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week of September 15 - 21

Monday September 15	<u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u>
Tuesday September 16	<u>A-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Parent Guidance Meeting, 7:00 PM, Centenary Hall• Cross Country, 3:30 PM, at Bellevue State Park• Soccer vs. Calvert Hall, 4:00 PM, Alumni Field
Wednesday September 17	<u>B-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty Professional/Department Planning Time, 2:00 PM• Parents' Spirituality Association Meeting 7:00 PM, Chapel
Thursday September 18	<u>C-DAY: AM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Mass 9:00 AM, Birkenheuer Gym• Salesianum Parents Association: Q&A with the Principal 7:00 PM, Centenary Hall
Friday September 19	<u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soccer, North Carolina Tournament
Saturday September 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freshman Family Communion Cookout 5:00 PM Mass, Birkenheuer Gym 6:00 PM Tailgate, Upper Parking Lot• Varsity Football vs. Concord, 7:30 PM, Baynard Stadium
Sunday September 21	

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week of September 22 - 28

<p>Monday September 22</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Portrait Retakes, Centenary Hall 	
<p>Tuesday September 23</p>	<p><u>F-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshman Parent Guidance Meeting 7:00 PM, Auditorium Senior Portrait Retakes, Centenary Hall 	
<p>Wednesday September 24</p>	<p><u>G-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> G6 Assembly, Birkenheuer Gym Faculty Professional/Department Planning Time, 2:00 PM 	
<p>Thursday September 25</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Mass, 9:00 AM, Birkenheuer Gym Parents' Association Meeting, 7:00 PM, Centenary Hall Soccer vs. St. Elizabeth HS, 4:00 PM, Alumni Field 	
<p>Friday September 26</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Football at Glen Mills, 7:00 PM 	
<p>Saturday September 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Country Maymont Festival 	
<p>Sunday September 28</p>		
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Wed, Oct 8 Fri, Oct 10 Mon, Oct 13 Tue, Oct 14 Wed, Oct 15 Saturday, Oct 18</p>	<p>Freshman Parent-Teacher Conference, 6:30 – 8:30 PM School Mass, 9:00 AM, <i>Birkenheuer Gym</i> Columbus Day, School Closed Professional Development, No Classes PSAT Testing (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors) No Classes for Seniors Homecoming Dance</p>