



SALES TALK

FOR THE PARENTS OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

A THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Know that the virtue of patience is what assures us the most perfection.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Parents,

Last week, our first Salesianum Parents Association meeting allowed for dialogue around a number of important school matters and topics of interest for those in attendance. One of the suggestions that came up was the value of a “**question box**,” or some other venue for parents to indicate the topics they would like to discuss in future meetings, or for me to address in future issues of SalesTalk. If only there was some kind of digital alternative to a question box in the main office to somehow facilitate this...

As you have probably guessed, we found a digital question box! So if you would like me to address any question, either in a future SalesTalk or at our next Salesianum Parents Association “Town Hall” meeting in November, and you haven’t had a chance to ask me or another administrator in person, please click on this link to submit your suggestion: <http://salesianum.org/parents/parents-association/questions-for-the-principal/>. It could be a question you are curious about, or one you hear being asked frequently by others... anything that would be helpful to you, or that you think would be helpful to other parents. I look forward to reading your submissions!

Thank you all for your continued support of Salesianum. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS

Principal

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

In an effort to improve the effectiveness of our Parent-Teacher conferences, we have separated the Fall conferences into two separate sessions. *The first session (October 8) is exclusively for parents of freshmen; the second session (November 19) is exclusively for the parents of sophomores, juniors, and seniors.*

For the first time, we will use an **online appointment system** to structure our conferences. Each teacher will have 12 time slots available between 6:00 and 8:30 PM. The evening is designed for parents who may be in need of meeting with 2 or more teachers. Parents of freshmen may sign-up for conferences online [here](#).

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

- 1) Go to <https://salesianum.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php>
- 2) Choose the calendar of a teacher of choice from the scroll down menu.
- 3) Choose October 8 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.

The 10-minute time slots are designed for 5-7 minute meetings and about 3 minutes of travel time. If open slots remain, teachers will be available for “walk-ins.” 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:

- 1) Most teachers of freshmen have 20 or more freshmen.
- 2) Conferences are designed for parents to discuss urgent or serious academic issues. In grade school, many parents are able to meet with all teachers, even if their children are performing well. But in high school, because students have 7 or more teachers, it may not be feasible to meet with all. We ask that parents refrain from scheduling appointments when a meeting is unnecessary, leaving the limited meeting slots open for parents whose sons are truly struggling. Keep in mind that appointments with individual teachers can be scheduled on other days throughout the school year as necessary.
- 3) Carefully consider your son’s performance in each class. Only schedule a meeting if your son is doing poorly on assessments or struggling with work completion, or if some other urgent need requires it.
- 4) If a particular teacher’s time slots fill online and you would still like to schedule an appointment, we 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.

STUDENT LIFE

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

Yearbook Senior Ads

Senior Yearbook Ads are available for sale. Parents can include pictures and well wishes for their Sallies grad. All ad sales and designs are completed via the Josten’s website, visit <http://jostensadservice.com?REF=A01128500> to begin.

Little Sisters of the Poor Spaghetti Dinner

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host their 32nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 2 from noon until 5:00 PM. [Visit the Little Sisters of the Poor website for more information.](#)

GUIDANCE

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

College Visits

The following colleges will have representatives on campus the week of September 29: University of Arizona, University of Delaware, Temple University, Lehigh University, Penn State University, 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.

Delaware County Regional College Fair

The Delaware County Regional College Fair will take place on Tuesday, September 30 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM on the Penn State Brandywine Campus. Over 140 Colleges from around the country will be represented. [More information.](#)

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.

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:

- Diane and Bill Jackson
- Brian Walker, father of Junior Griffin Walker and Dylan Walker, '12
- Megan Kilburn, cousin of Senior Kevin Williams
- Dr. Julianne Lin, Mother of freshman Austin Lin (9/19)
- Lucille Miller, friend of Mrs. Rachel West, our Librarian
- Joan McKenna, grandmother of Senior Ryan MacCormac (9/22)
- Colleen Sincavage
- Baby Liam and Baby Mena Yarnell, premie newborn daughter and son of Mr. Will Yarnell in our Guidance dept. (9/24)
- Mike Bolinski, father of Senior Michael Bolinski and Freshman Connor Bolinski (9/25)

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

- Anthony DiSimplico, grandfather of Freshman Nikko DiSimplico
- Gene L. Cane, Sr. '54
- Richard Roethel, grandfather of Sophomore Christopher Roethel (9/22)
- Ronald Anzalone, grandfather of Sophomore Brett Pryor
- Virginia Schanche, mother-in-Law of Mr. Ralph Heiss of our Guidance dept. and grandmother of Sophomore Kyle Heiss (9/19)
- Philip Bishop '04
- Deacon David Fosbenner, uncle of Senior Jack Coleman
- Patricia DeCusatis, mother of Kevin DeCusatis '09 (9/22)
- Casey B. Johnson '75 (9/24)

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 29 – October 5

Monday September 29	<u>C-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u>
Tuesday September 30	<u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u>
Wednesday October 1	<u>E-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty Meeting, 2:00 PM
Thursday October 2	<u>F-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u>
Friday October 3	<u>G-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u>
Saturday October 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salesianum Invitational, Brandywine Creek State Park• Soccer at Kingsway High, 3:30 PM• Varsity Football vs. Poly Prep, 7:30 PM, Baynard Stadium
Sunday October 5	

SALESIANUM SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week of October 6 - 12

<p>Monday October 6</p>	<p><u>A-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Tuesday October 7</p>	<p><u>B-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Wednesday October 8</p>	<p><u>C-DAY: WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Faculty Meetings • Freshman Parent-Teacher Conferences, 6:00 – 8:30 PM 	
<p>Thursday October 9</p>	<p><u>D-DAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p>	
<p>Friday October 10</p>	<p><u>E-DAY: AM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Mass, 9:00 AM, Birkenheuer Gym • Cross Country UD Invitational, 3:00 PM, White Clay Creek State Park • Varsity Football at Martin Luther King HS, 6:00 PM 	
<p>Saturday October 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country Manhattan Invitational • Varsity Soccer vs. St. Benedict's Prep, 7:30 PM, Caravel Academy 	
<p>Sunday October 12</p>		
<p>Looking Ahead...</p>	<p>Mon, Oct 13 Tue, Oct 14 Wed, Oct 15</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 18 Wednesday, Oct 22 Friday, Oct 24</p>	<p>Columbus Day, School Closed Professional Development, No Classes PSAT Testing (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors) No Classes for Seniors Homecoming Dance NHS Induction, 7:00 PM, Birkenheuer Gym Underclassmen Picture Make-up Day</p>