



May 2015

DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

Principal's Newsletter

Important Dates

May 8– 2nd Grade Retreat 9a.m.-12p.m.
May 9– First Communion 9am
May 15– May Crowning 9am
General Fee Refund Deadline
May 17– New Family Open House 10a.m.-12p.m.
May 19-21– 8th Grade Finals
May 22– Faculty Retreat (**Pupil Free Day**)
May 25– No School (Memorial Day)
May 29– 8th Grade Dinner Dance

Devotion to our Mother, Mary

Mary teaches us what it means to pray and ponder over the events that we need to sort out. Mary always points us to Jesus, her son, Lord and the source of her strength. Crowning her statue acknowledges her as queen as well as disciple.

We can take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God by dusting off our rosaries and adding a few more Marian prayers to our daily routine. Parents, in particular, should encourage Marian devotion in their children.

At De La Salle School, the May Crowning is a gift from the 8th Grade class to the entire student body. The court is selected on the basis of their character, spiritual devotion, student essays, as well as recommendations from the Middle School teachers and administration. The May Crowning will be held on Friday, May 15th at 9am in the Church. The 8th grade class, accompanied by the 2nd grade class, will lead the student body in praying the rosary followed by the crowing of our Mother, Mary. Parents and parishioners are invited to join us for this lovely day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



2015 May Crowning Court

Desiree Alvarado	Matthew Arriola
Sarah Benson	Adam Davenport
Alyssa Bustamante	Justin Ocampo
Samantha Fontaine	Alejandro Rivas
Alyssa Velasco	Joshua Sanchez

Princess and Escort

Aelen Trujillo	Nicholas Iadevaia
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First Holy Communion

Over the last two years, our 2nd grade students have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of The Eucharist. All year the students are guided by the religion curriculum to anticipate the reception of two sacraments, Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Miss Ward teaches the children to understand the nature of these sacraments. The children realize that when they receive their first communion they are truly receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus.

The children will enjoy a special retreat just for them tomorrow, May 8th. This day gives them the opportunity to reflect on the gift of Jesus in their lives. The First Communion will be held this Saturday, May 9th at 9:00 a.m. Each year watching a class receive their First Communion reminds us of the mission of a Catholic School. We are committed to helping our children to grow in their love of God and of their faith. Our thoughts and prayers are with the children and their families on this wonderful day.

8th Grade Events

As we approach the end of the school year, the 8th grade class will be very busy preparing for their graduation and departure from De La Salle. May Crowning marks the beginning of all their exciting events. They will then be preparing for their finals that will be taken on May 19th through May 21st. This will then lead them into their final 8th grade events that kicks off with Dinner Dance on Friday, May 29th.

They'll then be experiencing their Disneyland adventure on Monday, June 1st. As their activities come to an end, they will be honored with an 8th grade brunch hosted by the 7th grade class on Wednesday, June 3rd, celebrating their Baccalaureate Mass on Thursday, June 4th, and last but not least closing the events with their Graduation on Friday, June 5th. Congratulations to the Class of 2015! We wish you the best of luck as you approach your last days of elementary school and begin your journey through high school.

PTO Board Elections

I personally want to acknowledge and express my gratitude to those members of the PTO who are completing their service to the school. This year's board has gone above and beyond of their duties as PTO members. Their efforts to increase school communications and parent involvement within the school have truly been felt throughout the year. The school is most grateful for their suggestions and advice on school issues.

Last week, nominations for the 2015-2016 PTO Board were submitted. Next week, you will have the opportunity to vote in a new PTO Board for the 2015-2016 school year. We ask that you please take the opportunity to vote, choosing the person you feel will best meet the needs of each position as well as make a positive impact on the school.

General Fees

The general fees were due last Friday, May 1st. Thank you to all of those families who paid your fees on time! We are excited to welcome you all back for the 2015-2016 school year.

If you have not submitted your General Fee, we ask that you do so immediately to avoid any additional late fees. As of this Monday, a \$50 late fee has already been applied to any payment submitted through tomorrow. If your family is not returning next year, please contact the school office immediately as there are several families on waiting lists for any class openings.

Service Hours

The A-Team will be sending home notices to

inform you of the hours you have completed this year (not including and future scheduled hours through June). Please be reminded that any hours that are not completed will be charged \$30 per hour. Please be sure to schedule any last minute hours in order to avoid paying this fee. As a reminder, any outstanding hours for the 2015-2016 school year will be charged \$50 per hour.

Fundraising Obligation

Yesterday, fundraising balances were sent home. Please review the form to be sure all credit is accurate. If you have an outstanding balance, you can send payment to the office before Friday, May 15th. If payment is not made by that date, it will be added to your FACTS tuition account. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

2014-2015 Yearbook

Yearbooks are now on sale! You can purchase a yearbook for \$40. Order forms were sent home last week. Checks will be accepted until Friday, May 15th, after this date, only cash will be accepted. There are a limited amount of yearbooks to sell so don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase this book of lasting memories.

Didn't get a chance to purchase last year's yearbook? Well now you can! The 2013-2014 yearbooks are being sold at a discounted rate of \$20 each. Come to the school office if you would to purchase this exciting book of memories.

DLS Summer School/Camp 2015

Information regarding this year's summer school/camp program was sent home yesterday. Take advantage of this fun and exciting program. Students will receive reinforced or accelerated English Language Arts and Math curriculum, depending on their needs. All students will also receive other exciting classes including Science Experimentation, Art, Spanish, and Physical Ed.

The Summer Camp program is also filled with fun and exciting activities for the students. In-

cluding field trips to local places like Chuck-E-Cheese's, the movies, and the park. Spaces are limited for camp so if you are interested make sure you sign up asap!

De La Salle Curriculum

Throughout the WCEA/WASC process this year, the faculty has spent much time analyzing student data including ITBS Testing, classroom assessments, and such. While looking through the data, the faculty decided that the Math curriculum is one of our areas of growth. With this decision having been made, the faculty is working on a plan to develop various other skills and strategies to improve our already existing curriculum. Another part of this plan includes researching new Math textbooks. The faculty has reviewed programs from various publishers over the last couple of months. The faculty will continue to work on this plan and are excited to implement new and exciting strategies, resources, and a new program.

A Prayer for all Mothers

Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible,
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them.
For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy.
Give them ability to forgive again and again.
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.
In Your precious and all powerful name,
Amen.

