

La Salle News

From the Principal's Desk

July 2009

Mark Your Calendars for:

- Sunday, Aug. 24th
Pre-S, Pre-K, K
Open House
- Tuesday, Sept 1st
First day of school
- Tuesday, Sept 1st
Morning Coffee
- Friday, Sept. 4th
School closed
- Monday, Sept. 7th
School closed
- Thursday, Sept. 10th
Open House
- Thursday, Sept. 17th
Back-to-school
Night

Congratulations!

Mrs. Teskey is a

Grandmother!

Welcome,

William Edward Teskey

6/26/09

Catholic Education:

Can you believe they have graduated?! It seems like only yesterday that they were sitting in the first grade classroom, wide-eyed and asking: is it time for lunch, and is it time to go home yet? Years later and they still asked the same two questions. But now they can answer those questions by checking cell phones and the internet. Some things have changed. Hopefully, they're a little more confident. No, they're still not making beds, but they are making their way in



Built on Faith: Bound for Success!

the world instilled with the values of a Catholic Education, supported by their families and the dedicated teachers at La Salle. Their Christ-Centered Education, strong academics and safe, structured environment have served them well. As parents, we give our chil-

dren two things: roots and wings. Hopefully, the roots to La Salle and their faith will grow deep and remain strong even as they spread their wings to soar above new challenges, over new territory and beyond limitations. God bless our graduating class!

Communication:

I was happy to hear from a parent that called last week with some concerns. It gave us the opportunity to discuss the issue.

One of the things that La Salle depends on is the support of the parents. Your

concerns and feedback are important to us. We rely on parent know-how to keep the connection between home and school strong. Is there something that we should be trying or that you would like to try? Sometimes it's as easy as saying

yes and trying it. Other things might not be so easy, or need to be adjusted. But we do promise that we will talk about your concerns. We may not be able to resolve the issue, but we are willing to try. Call me.

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Class of 2009!

Eighth Grade Words of Advice to First Grade:

Eighth grade students were asked, "What advice would you give to a new first grade student?"

"Have fun and work hard, when you're older you will wish that you would still be in first grade." (Jake Joyce)

"Make friends, and enjoy your time at La Salle." (Lauren Skorupski)

"Listen to your teachers, do

your homework, and don't get into trouble." (Vanessa Brown)

"I hope that you will make many great dependable friends here as I did." (Amanda Arnold)

"Don't be afraid and shy because everyone is very nice." (Samantha Close)

"First impressions are everything." (Nicholas Stoltzfus)

"Be good to everyone around you, respect your teachers, and don't fight with the other kids." (David Tran)

"Don't be scared to come, you'll be very welcomed." Juliette Piersody)

"Pay attention and don't goof-off. You can do that during vacation and recess." (Ryan Vance)

Advice to the new eighth grade:

"Just have fun because it's the best year, enjoy it while it lasts, and not to take a moment for granted."

Corinne Dolan

Eighth Grade Memories:

Eighth grade students wrote about one memory at La Salle.

"I will never forget the wonderful friends I have met over the years." (Maggie Terefenko)

"When I was in 2nd grade, Sean flicked an eraser at my

head. It bounced off my head and hit Mrs. Mihalik's head and we all started laughing." (Jennifer Thuss)

"Jake's pet worm." (James Ciabattoni)

"The sixth grade play, 'Bye, Bye, Birdie.'" (Alaina Piszczek)

"Curious George and taking

him home for the weekend." (Shannon Kelly)

"The sixth grade play. I was proud of us and our school." (Michele Perles)

"When Ryan, while blind folded, ran into a pole in 7th grade." (Joseph Hetzel)

Christ-Centered Education:

Our Catholic identity is the basis of our school. Our Catholic heritage and strong faith tradition are the foundation for La Salle's Christ-Centered Education. This is evident through caring dedicated teachers, strong academics, small class size, and safe, structured environ-

ment. While La Salle students learn about their faith and respect for one another, they also excel academically. This quarter, of the 110 La Salle students that attend Holy Name High School, 50% received First, Second, or Distinguished Honors.

Classwide, on the ITBS tests, La Salle students continually score in the 80th percentile or above, across the board. Our students go on to state level competitions in technology, place first in science fairs, and set new records for mathletes.



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Thank You, Parents:

What a wonderful fun-filled Friday afternoon La Salle students had on May 29th!

What started out as a fun afternoon grew into a FUN-FILLED afternoon, thanks to the efforts of our dedicated PTO and super parents! You provided treats, activities, and supervision. The students were polled to find out what they liked the

best, and what came out was....they liked everything! From the dunk tanks to the army trucks to the nails and karaoke, our children had a blast. The children and teachers had such a great time that we would like to do something "fun" each quarter. Plans are in the making for an ice-cream sundae Friday, a bingo Friday, and another country

fair at the end of the year. Do you have any suggestions? We would love to hear from you.

As one sixth grade student responded, "We're able to do things like this, and have teachers who put aside their teaching time to have a little fun."

Thank you, for your help.



Another Big Thank you:

Another Big thank you goes out to all the dedicated parents that helped to move Little La Salle (in the heat) up to Big La Salle. Through your strength and determination, you moved Little La Salle at St. Anthony's in ONE day! Congrats and we really appreciate your stam-

ina and endurance. A very special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Pieffer who provided a moving truck to help make the task easier.

A Super Big thank you is extended to all of the men who helped to remove the stones from the school

roof. What a job!! It was hard work, the days were hot, and the stones were heavy, but you persevered and saved the school considerable money. Thank you for your super strength.

"I have never been to such a great fun day. It was a big hit."

Justin Siberski

Annual Fund Thank you

Thank you! You did it! La Salle Academy has a new roof! (and it's good for 40 years!) Thanks to your generous donations, our school has a new roof. Through the combined efforts of our three parish community and beyond, your generous contributions raised over

\$110,000!

We would like to thank everyone who donated and participated, especially our chairperson, Adam P. Krick, for developing and coordinating the Annual Fund. Special thanks to our three pastors, Father Rich, Father

Phil, and Father Larry for their drive and support.

Next year, we hope to continue with the Annual Fund and refurbish the gym. In addition, we hope to start to replace the heating/cooling systems, and raise money for scholarships.

Being able to provide scholarships will enable us to offer more opportunities to more students and families.



Middle States Re-accreditation

La Salle will once again be working towards re-accreditation. We will be asking for your input. Surveys will be mailed to families to help us evaluate our program. We look forward to this exciting time and thank you for your continued support.

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Wanted: E-mail addresses

Would you like to receive news from La Salle and other pertinent information by email? This summer we will be compiling an email list. To start, we will use the email addresses that parents provided with the Blackboardconnected forms. If you would like to use a different email address, please email ALTBLSA@PTD.NET identify yourself as the parent of (your child's name) and then enter the email address that you would prefer.



Sixth grade helpers.



First grade budding authors.

What Makes La Salle A Great School?

We asked the students to "Tell us what you think" and they (no names were included) responded:

5th Grade:

- We get to be with our friends.
- We have a lot of fun.
- We have great teachers.
- We can learn about Jesus and not get into trouble talking about Him.

- We can play sports and we have fun days.
- We get ice-cream on Holy Days.
- We have all the supplies we need and we take care of our school.
- Our teachers are great! La Salle is awesome!
- We have gym, art, music, library, and computers.
- We learn about Jesus, Mary, the saints, and more.
- We have a scout troop, and the principal gives out free bowling and Friendly's coupons.
- The kids are nice to each other.