



Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence in Catholic Education!

# La Salle News

From the Principal's Desk

September, 2009

## Important Dates:

- Oct. 18th—Walk a thon Alvernia 1 PM
- Oct. 21st -School Pictures School uniforms to be worn
- Oct. 28th -St. John's Confirmation
- Oct. 30th – Halloween Activities
- Nov. 12th—**Thanksgiving Lunch**

## Why La Salle?

What does La Salle offer that other schools don't? This was the question recently asked. Well, that's a good question. First, La Salle offers a Christ-centered education. What does that mean? That means that we are consciously and actively making it our focus to have Christ as the center of our lives in all that we teach and do at La Salle.

La Salle offers a rich academic education based on sound principles that follow the curriculum set forth by the diocese of Allentown.



Our dedicated teachers are highly qualified individuals with an average of 20 years of experience. La Salle offers a safe, structured environment in a caring surrounding that encourages all students to do their best. La Salle continues to promote a strong Christian community spirit both in school

and out of school by reaching out to others. We recognize that parents are the primary educators of our children and work together to reinforce the family values that are taught at home. We pride ourselves on maintaining the rich traditions of our faith as well as looking to the future generations. We strive to incorporate technology into all aspects of curriculum in order to prepare our students to meet the challenges in the years ahead. So, why not La Salle?



## “And They're Off..”

We are officially under way! The children are back and settling into the school routine. The teachers are busy with lesson plans and creative ideas. Parents are working with homework, juggling schedules, sports, and meals. Together we

have started the new year, and before you know it, June will arrive. It goes so quickly! We want to make this year a positive, rewarding experience for your child. One way we can do that is by having open communication between parents

and faculty. Please call us with any concerns you may have.



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## Mr. Woodland:



Mr. Woodland is a graduate of Alvernia College where he graduated as a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society. In addition, he attended Penn State University majoring in Biology and Forestry. He has been teaching at La Salle for 6 years.

Mr. Woodland spent 3 years in the United States

Army in the Medical Corp. He has lived in Texas and Kentucky.

Mr. Woodland is married to Diane and has four children, Kimberly, Jason, Jennifer, and Sara. In addition he has two grandchildren.

Mr. Woodland likes “doing things with my family and their friends.” He likes all sorts of sports and trained

as a CYO coach. Mr. Woodland enjoys reading about world history and the military. He collects wood gnomes, elves, dwarfs, wood fairies, and forest creatures. In his spare time, Mr. Woodland likes to watch old movies, listen to all kinds of music, and playing trivia.

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## Mrs. Snyder:



Mrs. Snyder graduated from Albright College with a B.A. degree in Secondary Education with a major in history.

Mrs. Snyder played volleyball, basketball, and softball in college and was named “Outstanding Senior Athlete.”

She taught for 7th and 8th grade at Daniel Boone for six years. In addition, she coached basketball and track and field.

Mrs. Snyder is the proud mother of two sons, Warren and Kevin, one dog, Heidi, and three rabbits.

She enjoys hiking, sports, cleaning, organizing, gardening (“especially after it rains when the weeds are easier to pull”), and jogging.

Mrs. Snyder has been teaching at La Salle for over 10 years and is currently the Social Studies Coordinator.

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## Red Ribbon Week:

Red Ribbon Week, a week set aside to recognize the importance of living a drug-free life, is right around the corner. The following are some of the activities planned:

**Monday, 10/19:** students will receive red ribbons to

“Celebrate Red Ribbon Week for a Lifetime.” Students will write and discuss what their lifetimes and goals might be.

**Tuesday, 10/20:** students will receive a ribbon, “PAWS itively Drug Free.” We are asking them to

bring in a donation of pet food or pet item for the animal shelter. Please send in a picture of their pet for a class guessing game.

**Wednesday, 10/21:** School Pictures. Please wear your regular school uniform.

**Thursday, 10/22:** Red Rib-

bon Dress Up Day. Wear as much red, or add as many red ribbons to you uniform. Also, students will make paper airplanes and send them flying since, “Drugs don’t fly with us.”

**Friday, 10/23:** 9 AM School Mass.

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## What's Happening in IB

First grade has been busy! They are currently reading "Pumpkin Heads!" and learning short vowel sounds. In math they are adding combinations up to 6 and 7 and even doing graphing! But it's not all work. There were lots of giggles as the children were waiting patiently for their smocks for art. There were many creative ways of putting

those smocks on as well! And when the children were not busy learning everyday values such as respect, kindness, and patience, they were out walking.

When First Grade went walking what did they see?

A:

Brown horse

Black shark

Green anaconda

Black whale yellow dog

Colorful unicorn

Blue parrot

Black bear

Yellow cheetah

Camo serpent

Must have been some walk!!



## Updates:

Some people have been asking about the status of the library. We are happy to say that we received the insurance check and that a new and improved circulation desk along with low bookshelves have been ordered. They should take approximately another six weeks to

arrive. Follett Publishers have received our order for over 500 books in print, and these should be arriving shortly. (We will soon be asking for volunteers to help check the new books in.) Additional books will be purchased along with some "fun" seating for the stu-

dents. We anticipate starting library and computer classes next week, and look forward to a grand reopening of the library in a few weeks. Stay tuned.

*My favorite memory is: "When Mrs. Cannon read us 'The Cat in the Hat.'"*

Danielle Arnold

## Open House and Back-to-School Night:

Open House was a huge event! It is always exciting to have the students introduce their parents to their teachers. Everyone enjoys seeing what the students are doing and greeting fellow classmates. Back to School Night did not have the same large turn out.

This was noticed by many of the parents and the question was asked about the possibility of combining Open House with Back to School Night. Both of these evenings are important; therefore, we are asking for your input. How do you feel about keeping the events

separate, or combining them? Please send in a note to your child's teacher so that we can gather this information. Thank you.





## WALK A THON Challenge!

**Father Phil has issued a challenge to all La Salle Parents and students. On October 18th come run the 5 miles at the walk a thon with Father Phil. The first La Salle parent or La Salle student to finish first will win a pair of sneakers. So in the spirit of fun and fitness—come run at the walk a thon!!**

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### 2009-2010 Walk A Thon Goal

**\$38,000**

Class Raffles

Afternoon at Body Zone

Day Off from School

Pizza Party

Students Rule the School!



### Middle States: The Process

In August, the Steering Committee, Mrs. Gail Ambrose, Dr. Patti Fisher, Mrs. Susan Teskey, and Mrs. Karen Wickstrom, met to officially start the Middle States process.

*“What does Middle States process mean?”*

The school staff enters into a 12-18 month self-study of all school operations, services, governance system, curriculum, and student performance. These are examined introspectively by the staff through the lens of the school’s mission and beliefs. Through the self-study, the school discovers if

it has what is needed to fulfill the promise s offered by its beliefs. It also acquires the self-knowledge needed to plan for the future with confidence. During the self-study phase, the school community examines whether students are meeting academic expectations.

When the self-study is completed, a visiting evaluation team assigned by MSA will come to the school. The visitors help the school community identify discrepancies between its mission and beliefs, classroom practices, and results. A comprehensive report is written offering their rec-

ommendations.

Accreditation is maintained for periods ranging from one to seven years.