



Looking Ahead at DeLaSalle

Friday January 29, 2016

Catholic Schools Week / Winterfest Jan. 31-Feb. 6

DeLaSalle will celebrate its Catholic identity during Catholic Schools Week while also giving students an escape from winter through Winterfest. [Click here](#) for full coverage.

Catholic Schools Week Liturgy

Wednesday, February 3, 9:15am, Florance Center

DeLaSalle joins schools around the country, celebrating how Catholic schools are communities of faith, knowledge, and service. De parent and pastoral associate at Holy Rosary Church, Deb Organ, will reflect upon the Year of Mercy.



Out of Uniform Themes

Students may dress out-of-uniform on these days, provided they follow the out-of-uniform policies found in the Student-Parent Handbook.

- Monday: Ugly Sweater Day
- Tuesday: USA Day
- Wednesday: Class Color Day
- Thursday: Sports Day
- Friday: Islander Day

Student Council Sponsored Activities

Monday Movie Night

Monday, February 1, 6:00-8:00pm, LL Gray Gym

Students are invited to watch Disney's "Aladdin" while enjoying concessions and free popcorn.

PowderPuff Volleyball

Wednesday, February 3, 3:30pm, Main Gym

The junior boys take on the senior boys in what may be the craziest volleyball game of the year.



Alpine Skiing at Hyland Park

Thursday, February 4, 3:30-8:00pm

Students are invited to hit the slopes as part of the Alpine Ski Club. Lift tickets cost \$19. Students may also rent skis, snowboards, and helmets.

Annual Blood Drive

Friday, February 5, 8:30am-3:00pm, A219

Students 16 and older may donate blood to Memorial Blood Centers.



Sadie Hawkins Dance

Saturday, February 6, 7:00-10:30pm, Florance Center

This year's Sadie Hawkins dance is winter themed, the dress code is casual, and ladies choose (or students can come with friends). Tickets \$6 (or \$5 with canned goods).

Re-Enrollment Process for 2016-17

Students who will be in grades 10-12 next year will be re-enrolling for 2016-17 over the next three weeks, a process that will unfold in four steps. In large part due to suggestions from our parents, we are making some adjustments to the process this year:

- **Step One:** DeLaSalle will e-mail each parent this weekend with an online re-enrollment form for their son or daughter for the 2016-17 school year. Families with more than one child at DeLaSalle will receive a separate e-mail per child. Parents are asked to complete this document online no later than Friday, February 12. Parents will re-enroll their child, update family contact information, and make transportation requests for the coming school year.
- **Step Two:** In addition to parent/guardian submission of the re-enrollment form, all current students in grades 9-11 will be instructed to have course requests ready by February 16. Student will receive this information in assemblies on February 11. During the week of February 16-19 students will be instructed to submit course requests online for 2016-17.
- **Step Three:** Between February 25 and March 20 (and in response to the many families who find this more convenient to the previous practice of writing an additional check), a charge will automatically be added to your current TADS account for the \$350.00, non-refundable registration deposit for 2016-17. As always, the deposit will hold a space in the enrollment for next year, and it will be applied toward the charged tuition for 2016-17.
- **Step Four:** Between April 1-15, and working with TADS and its Tuition Management Program, we will send an individualized Tuition Agreement to each parent or guardian. This agreement will reflect any financial assistance the student may receive (need-based grants and/or merit-based scholarships) and allow you to choose a payment plan for 2016-17. All families will be asked to electronically sign their individualized Tuition Agreement at that time, as tuition payments begin in May.



Correction

The January 22 edition of "Looking Ahead at DeLaSalle" incorrectly reported the 2016-17 tuition. The approved Board of Trustees tuition should read \$12,775.



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Important Upcoming Dates & Events

- **Tri-Metro Fine Arts Festival**
Monday, February 1, Fridley High School

Nearly 60 DeLaSalle student musicians will join top students from other Tri-Metro schools for clinics from area college professors.



Students will perform in a free concert at 6:30pm at Fridley High School. Seven art students will also participate in clinics with art professionals.

- **UCA Cheer Nationals**
February 4-8, Walt Disney World Resort (Orlando, FL)



The varsity Competition Cheer team will compete in the Small Varsity Division II category at the National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC), which is nationally televised on ESPN and ESPN2. This marks the second straight year

that the team has qualified and only the third time in DeLaSalle cheer history that a team has been able to compete in the UCA competition! DeLaSalle qualified for nationals during a regional competition and received a bid from UCA staff earlier this year

- **Parent Association Meeting**
Monday, February 8, 6:30-8:00pm
- **Ash Wednesday Mass**
Wednesday, February 10
- **AP Parent Information Night**
Thursday, February 11, 6:30pm

Parents are invited to learn more about the Advanced Placement (AP) program at DeLaSalle, including which courses will be offered in the 2016-17 school year, how AP exams work, and how students may earn college credit.

- **Academic Mentor Meetings**
Friday, February 12
- **President's Day - NO SCHOOL**
Monday, February 15
- **History Day at DeLaSalle**
Tuesday, February 16
- **Social Justice Week**
February 22-26
- **Musical**
February 26-27, March 4-5

K-12 Education Tax Subtraction and Credit



As you prepare your 2015 Minnesota income tax return, please make note of Minnesota's K-12 Education Subtraction and Credit, which may provide a tax credit and/or subtraction for certain private school expenses.

These tax relief programs may benefit your family by lowering the tax you must pay and may even provide a larger refund. [Click here](#) for more information about these programs.

Apply for Financial Aid by February 22

All of us at DeLaSalle appreciate the sacrifice that you make to send your children sons and daughters to our school. We know we must be good stewards. Support from our generous alumni and friends allows for a tuition that is considerably less than the actual cost of educating each student.

We also remain committed to support slightly over half of our families with the largest per capita financial aid program of any private high school in Minnesota in 2016-17.

Families, who wish to apply for financial aid based on family financial need, must submit an application to Tuition Aid Data Services (TADS) by Monday, February 22. Families may access the online application at <http://mytads.com/> or may pick up a paper application from Mr. Ron Rice in the DeLaSalle Business Office.



DeLaSalle Trustee Jane Bona Earns NCEA Award

Congratulations to DeLaSalle Board of Trustees member **Jane Bona**, who will receive a National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Lead. Learn. Proclaim. award, when the organization holds its convention in March in San Diego. Bona, who is the principal of Immaculate Conception in Columbia Heights, is one of only 32 teachers, administrators, or pastors to receive the award, which recognizes their exemplary commitment to Catholic education. Bona has been a DeLaSalle Board of Trustee member since 2015. [Read the NCEA's official announcement here](#) and [read The Catholic Spirit story about the award here](#).



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