



Looking Ahead at DeLaSalle

Friday March 18, 2016

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.

Measure Would Expand State Education Tax Credits



DeLaSalle families could earn a tax credit for private school tuition they pay [under a bill an advocacy organization wants state lawmakers to pass this legislative session](#).

Opportunity for All Kids (OAK) is urging lawmakers to support a measure that would include private school tuition as an allowable tax credit. Nearly 95,000 families would benefit from the tax credit, according to OAK, with the average family qualifying

for just over \$1,000 in direct tax relief.

The push to rewrite state tax laws is one of the St. Paul-based organization's three legislative goals. The other two include:

- Pass the Equity and Opportunity Scholarship Act to allow individuals and businesses to receive a tax credit for donating to charitable entities that award K-12 scholarships to children from income-qualifying families.
- Provide Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) for parents of children with disabilities to select a school of their choice based on the needs of the student. An estimated 127,000 students in Minnesota who receive special education services could qualify for the ESA program.

[Click here](#) for more information about OAK and how you can encourage lawmakers to support these measures.

Share Your Feedback in Our Satisfaction Survey

We invite families to complete [this comprehensive satisfaction survey](#) to provide feedback on your student's experience at DeLaSalle. This information will help school administration and academic departments in our planning for the 2016-17 school year as we can better understand and improve upon our service to students and families.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and includes spaces to submit comments for those who want to elaborate further on specific areas. Please note that, if you leave the survey before completing it, your answers **will not** be saved.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary and we will maintain the confidentiality of the data you submit. Those who provide their name and e-mail address will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card as a sign of our thanks for completing the survey.

DeLaSalle Salutes Distinguished Scholars

DeLaSalle congratulates 37 members of the Class of 2016 who have achieved the honor of "Distinguished Scholar" for maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher through the first semester of their senior year. Because DeLaSalle no longer ranks students by grade point average, the Distinguished Scholar recognition is the most significant academic recognition based on grade point average for a given student. [Read more >](#)



Dave Pearson Named Honor Teacher Finalist

Congratulations to Math teacher, **Mr. David Pearson**, who has been named an Honor Teacher finalist by the Minnesota Independent School Forum. Pearson earned the honor in the high school category. Pearson will be recognized at an April 24 awards ceremony at the University of St. Thomas. [Read more >](#)



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Important Upcoming Dates & Events

- **De Parents in Prayer**
Monday, March 21, 8:30-9:30am, Florance Center
This group of parents and family members, sponsored by the Parent Association, gathers on campus once a month to lift up the school community in prayer. Please join us whether you have attended before or if this is your first time. This is an opportunity to give and receive encouragement – and an excellent way to close out Lent.
- **Cookies with the College Counselors**
Tuesday, March 23, 6:45-7:45pm, B104
Parents are invited to join the college advising team for an informal parent forum “Shepherding Your Student’s Scholarship Search.” This is an encore presentation that first took place on February 23. As always, all are welcome!
- **Holy Thursday Liturgy**
Thursday, March 24, 9:15am, Florance Center
- **Good Friday - NO SCHOOL**
Friday, March 25
- **Spring Break**
March 28-April 1
- **Urban Immersion Retreat**
April 8-10, Br. David Darst Center (Chicago)
- **Parent Association**
Monday, April 11, 6:30-8:00pm, A219
- **12th Grade Retreat**
Wednesday, April 13
- **Enrollment Orientation - Class of 2020**
Saturday, April 16, 9:00am-12:00pm
- **Island Clean-Up Day**
Saturday, April 16, 12:00-3:00pm



Registration for AP Exams Due March 22



Students may now register to take Advanced Placement exams in May. The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 22. Students who take AP classes are required to take the AP exam in

that subject. Students received an e-mail with registration information this week and learned more during in-class presentations about the exams.

Each test costs \$44. The exam is free for students who receive free and reduced lunch benefits, however, they are still required to register for each exam they take. A limited number of scholarships are available for students who have financial hardships; students may inquire about the scholarship with [Ms. Stacey Carter](#) in the Guidance office.

Students must pay their exam fees directly to Ms. Carter in the Guidance office by March 22. Cash payments should be included in an envelope with the student’s name, each AP exam being paid for, and the dollar amount in the envelope. Checks may be made payable to ‘DeLaSalle AP Program’. CollegeBoard applies a \$95 late fee per exam after March 22.

Finally, all students taking AP exams are required to attend a pre-administration session during their lunch period on Tuesday, April 12 in the LL Gray Gym.

Islanders Earn Record Fifth Straight State Title

Congratulations to the DeLaSalle Islanders, who will go down in Minnesota history as the first team to win five consecutive state basketball championships. The Islanders defeated Fergus Falls on March 12 to win the Class 3A boys’ basketball title. The championship followed earlier victories over Fridley and Monticello.



Sophomore **Gabe Kalscheur**, junior **Goanar Mar**, and senior **Samm Jones** were named to the Class 3A All Tournament team. The Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association named Jones to its All-State team and honored him with an Academic All-State award. Mar earned a spot on the Star Tribune’s All-Metro second team and the Associated Press All-State second team.

DeLaSalle Hosts Florida Luncheon March 22

DeLaSalle’s Development team will host alumni and friends of the school at the annual Florida luncheon, held on March 22 in Bonita Springs. Alumni guest speaker, **Vernon “Chico” Rowland ‘96**, will share his insights about how DeLaSalle prepared him for success after graduation. Development staff held a luncheon for alumni and friends in Arizona on March 1.

The Arizona and Florida luncheons offer alumni a way to remain connected to De and provide an opportunity to directly support students.



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