



SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter November 2018

From the President

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of November signals the beginning of a season of celebration and holidays as well as busyness and preparation. The same is true here at Salesian. While the first quarter will come to an end on Friday, it will signal the beginning of many types of activities.



We begin with **two important feasts** in the Church:

- **Thursday, November 1st – Solemnity of All Saints** – The Church celebrates all those men and women who lived lives of virtue friendship with God. Whether they are recognized by the Church (like St. Francis, St. Ann, St. John Bosco) or not, they have completed their earthly journey and have returned to the Father. We have school Mass to celebrate all Saints.
- **Friday, November 2nd – Remembrance of All Souls in Purgatory** – Today, we pray for those people who have finished their earthly journey and are still in the process of preparing themselves to meet the Lord face-to-face. We remember all these people at Mass on this day.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Begins today and will end on Monday, November 19th. We encourage your generosity and support for this most important collection of the entire year. We seek to raise 15,000 (or more) food items as well as cash. This drive supports the Don Bosco Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry in Port Chester and Hope Community Services in New Rochelle. Both of these organizations provide this vital service of feeding people who might not otherwise eat. Both of these organizations depend on us for assistance. “Hungry people need to eat!” is my mantra with the students. Please support this vital endeavor.

Salesian Family Mass - On Sunday, December 9th, we will have our first Salesian Family Mass in the Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am, followed by a short presentation on the beginning of Salesian work, and followed by breakfast. Even if you ordinarily go to your local parish, come and join us on this Sunday with your sons and your family. Please respond to Susan Cotronei, scotronei@salesianhigh.org with the number of people who will be attending.

Entering and Leaving Campus - Please follow the signs on campus for entering and exiting, especially at arrival and dismissal times. There are many cars and buses driving onto campus. There are many individual students entering or leaving out the front gate (most of whom are on their phones

and not paying attention to the traffic). Please do not wait where it says “No parking at any time” on Main St. before our entrance. It is hard for drivers entering campus to see around you. We have intentionally developed the traffic pattern so that everything is “one way” **between 7:30 and 8:00 AM and 2:00 and 3:00 PM**. It does mean exiting by Lefevre Lane and it does mean an extra minute or two, but it also does mean that the possibility of an auto-auto or auto-pedestrian accident is reduced. You don’t want it to be your child - I don’t want it to be anyone’s child – or parent.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

May we continue to be grateful for the many blessings with which we have been graced by God – not only at Thanksgiving, but every day.

In Don Bosco,

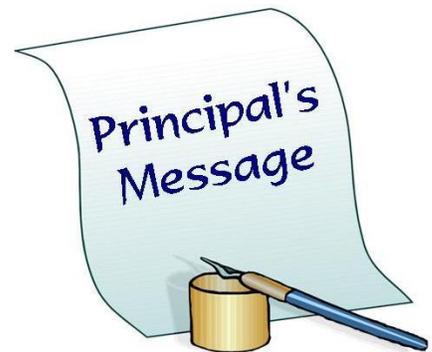
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From the Principal

Dear Eagle Parents:

While it feels as though the school year is still relatively fresh, here we now stand at the end of the first quarter with the start of the new quarter on **November 2nd**. I must say that I continue to be impressed by the energy the students’ exhibit throughout the school day. In conversation with them, the message of opportunity, accountability and responsibility are consistent themes. Although some students fall short, it does not signal the end. There is an understanding established of what needs to be done going forward and how to accomplish the goals they set.



With report cards coming up, I do want to make sure you are clear on how the Honor Roll system does work.

- **Principal’s List** – Students achieving **95 or higher in a class with no grade below 90** in any class can qualify for Principal’s list.
- **First (1st) Honors** - Students achieving **90 or higher in a class with no grade below 85** in any class can qualify for First Honors.
- **Second (2nd) Honors** - Students achieving **85 or higher in a class with no grade below 80** in any class can qualify for Second Honors.

Consideration for Honors is a wonderful accomplishment and something to be applauded. It is not only a reflection of his hard work inside and outside of the classroom, but also a reflection of his character as a developing young man. This is why the selection process is taken **very seriously**. In the event that your son receives a **negative comment (Behavioral or Effort)** this will **disqualify your son** from achieving placement on the Honor Roll. This is why it is of importance for you to speak with your son about his conduct as student.

Our student's need constant reminders that learning is an ongoing process and will occur throughout their lives. At this time, we have the chance to help shape and influence their attitude towards becoming life-long learners. One of the key things in this process is open dialogue between parent and teacher. The unity between the two groups sends a clear message to our students that we are all in this together for their benefit. Students will be less motivated to try to take the easy way out if they know that people are keeping awareness of their actions, particularly with the knowledge that there will be follow-up. Challenges are a part of life, and they are something that cannot be avoided. The more we are present for them, the easier it will be for our students to learn to deal with challenge.

There are some dates that I would like for you to keep in mind this month:

- **November 2nd** – This marks the **end of the 1st quarter** of the school year and the **beginning of the 2nd quarter**. While it is still very early, it is never too late to keep in mind that in January your son will sit for his **Semester Exams**, where your son will demonstrate his understanding of the first half of the school year.
- **November 5th** – **Faculty Meeting (Early Dismissal)**
- **November 8th** – **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences** – Sessions will run **3 pm – 5 pm** and **6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**. This is an opportunity to discuss with your son's teachers his progress over the first quarter and changes he can make in the second quarter to show improvement. **I do think it is crucial that your son be in attendance for the conferences.** I have reminded all students that they are not passengers in their education and need to be **active participants**. At the end of the day, this comes down to their goals and where they see themselves post – secondary.
- **November 9th** – **No Classes**
- **November 12th** – **Veteran's Day (Observed) (School Closed)**
- **November 26th** – **Classes Resume**. On this day, we will be **repeating a Day 4 schedule**.

Let us never forget that everything we do is in the best interests of our young men. Through our collaboration (Teacher, Parent & Student), we will all do our part to ensure success.

In Don Bosco,

Devin Chisolm

From Guidance

Senior Families...December 1st is quickly approaching- this is SHS's deadline to submit college applications (regardless of the college or university's posted deadlines). All seniors have met individually with counselors. Students should complete applications by mid-November if they want a counselor to review them before submission. Otherwise, applications should be completed and submitted at home. Tracking sheets for each school must be handed in upon submission so counselors can send supporting documents before the deadline. In addition, seniors must submit their test scores either through collegeboard.org or act.org.



Need some Guidance?
See your
COUNSELOR!

SHS Annual College Fair...On Wednesday, October 24th, Salesian High School welcomed about seventy schools to the Wiegand Center for our annual college fair. Representatives from private colleges and universities located up and down the East Coast, including SUNY and CUNY schools, as well as the Armed Forces, shared their knowledge about the admissions process, the value of a college education and helped out students learn the importance of advocating for themselves.

College Tours...On October 29th & 30th, the SHS Guidance Department held their Annual Overnight College Tour. Over the two days, 46 sophomores, juniors, and seniors toured six colleges in PA, MD & D.C. These included Temple University, Swarthmore College, Villanova University, Georgetown University, Catholic University, and Towson University. Students had the opportunity to hear from admissions counselors, tour each campus, and even got to eat in the dining halls. This was a great experience for all and one we look forward to continuing to provide each year.

Math Leaders...The Math Leaders have begun their 6 science seminars in partnership with Iona College. In addition, the Math Leaders will be attending an information session and campus tour to Amherst College and University of Massachusetts Amherst on Monday, November 5th.

From Athletics
ATHLETICS CALENDAR



*****Bold** indicates events that will take place on campus***

Wrestling

November 3rd - Wrestling Tryouts - 10:00 am

Basketball

November 3rd - **Freshmen Basketball Tryouts: 8:00 am - 10:00 am (Freshmen Only)**

November 3rd - **JV Basketball Tryouts: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Sophomore Only)**

November 15th - Varsity Basketball @ Mamaroneck - 4:15 pm (Scrimmage - Away)

November 17th - **Varsity Basketball vs. Albertus Magnus - 10:00 am (Scrimmage)**

November 17th - **JV Basketball vs. Albertus Magnus - 12:00 pm (Scrimmage)**

November 20th - **Varsity Basketball vs. Archbishop Molloy - 4:30 pm (Scrimmage)**

November 21st - **Varsity Basketball vs. Mt. St. Michael's - 3:00 pm (Scrimmage)**

November 21st - JV Basketball @ Mt. St. Michael's - 3:00 pm (Scrimmage - Away)

November 23rd - Freshmen Basketball @ Cardinal Hayes - 4:00 pm (Scrimmage - Away)

November 26th - JV Basketball @ All Hallows - 4:30 (Scrimmage - Away)

November 27th - **Varsity Basketball vs. Riverside 4:00 (Scrimmage)**

November 30th - **JV Basketball vs. North Rockland 4:30**

November 30th - **Varsity Basketball vs. North Rockland 6:00**