



SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter
December 2018

From the President

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are in the first school day of December – the Thanksgiving Food Drive and No-Shave November are behind us. Our young men rose to the occasion – setting a new record for donations of food as well as money. The Don Bosco Community Center Soup Kitchen, Port Chester and Hope Community Services of New Rochelle were the recipients of food and funds. Our young men certainly filled a great need. Thank you, too, parents, for your assistance. No-Shave November, which is a fundraiser for prostate cancer research, was a very popular fundraiser. Today, everyone looked very good as we began “Re-shave December.”

As we walk through the Advent season in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, I draw some events to your attention:

- You have received an invitation to our **Family Mass on Sunday, December 9 at 10:00.** That is this upcoming Sunday, and I hope that you will choose to attend this opportunity for the Salesian family to pray together. A parent commented, “This is a great way to kick off the Christmas season.” That parent is correct! So, come and join us with your family on Sunday. Please send Mrs. Cotronei an email at scotronei@salesianhigh.org with your response and number of people attending by **Wednesday, December 5th.**
- Join us for our **Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 18th,** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** in Flaherty Hall. Get yourself in the Christmas spirit with an evening of music and other performances.
- Finally, join us on **Monday, December 24th at 10:00 p.m.** for our annual Christmas Mass. Everyone is invited to attend and pray together that the Lord’s peace may be with each one of us and in our homes.

May these pre-Christmas days be a source of blessing for you and your family.

In Don Bosco,

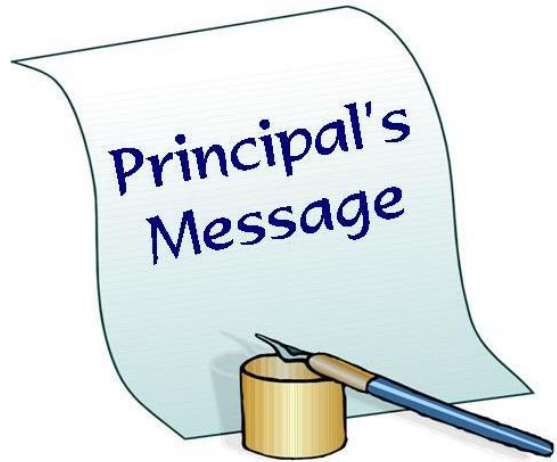
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From the Principal

Dear Eagle Parents/Guardians:

We have arrived to the month of December and time seems to be marching on. It still feels as though the school year is relatively new, although we are quickly approaching the midway point of the 2nd quarter. I am very proud of our student's accomplishments up to this point. I cannot express how grateful we are for the generosity of our students during our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were able to **raise over 20,000 units of food**, far eclipsing our original goal of 15,000. I especially want to express a word of thanks to you because your son's accomplishments came by way of you being so supportive of your son's endeavors. Needless to say, it's a great day to be a Salesian Eagle!



With Christmas being right around the corner and with Semester exams looming in January, this is a very important time of year for our students. They will very much need your help. Parents / Guardians of students in the 9th – 11th grade, remind them of the importance of staying on top of their work, and making necessary corrections to improve their performance from the 1st quarter. To the parents / guardians of 12th grade students, please remind them that even though they may have received their college acceptance, they have not graduated as of yet. Until June gets here, hard work and effort remains the focus.

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

- **December 7th** – Full Day of School
- **December 15th** – Starting at **7 p.m.**, we will be hosting our annual Mother and Son Prom. Please make sure to contact Mr. Steve Sallustio at ssallustio@salesiahigh.org if interested in attending.
- **December 21st** – Christmas Recess will begin at **12 p.m.**

I do ask that parents of all grade levels monitor their son's progress using the Portal System. You should make it a point to investigate any missing assignments, poor grades, but also keep tabs on upcoming assignments or events that are taking place in your son's classes.

Lastly, I do want to close this out with a couple of more very important reminders:

- **Books** – I do understand that some students may still have a couple of issues with books. If your son still has not received a particular book, please make sure to contact Sr. Barbara ASAP so that the situation may be corrected. If your son has lost his book and cannot find it, it's imperative that he sees Sr. Barbara to replace the book (at cost) so that he can continue his studies.

- **Early Dismissal Requests** – I am asking that you pay very close attention to our handbook in regards to early dismissal requests. You should avoid scheduling Doctor/Dentist appointments during school hours, but I do realize that at times, this may be difficult to do. In the event of an appointment, we request that there is a note at least one day in advance of the appointment. Upon your son’s return to school, we also request a script from the doctor/dentist indicating your presence at the office. Without a note from the doctor’s/dentist office, your son’s absence will be marked as **Unexcused**. I must also remind you that in the event that your son receives an unexcused absence, his teachers **are not required** to accept or make-up assignments or do they have to re-administer a test.
- **Early Departure (Sickness or Emergency Situations)** – In review of our school policy, the decision has been made to alter the approach to students leaving school, unattended, in the event of sickness. In the event that your son becomes ill while at school, we are requiring that a parent/guardian pick your son up from school. You should have received an email with a consent form attached to it which addresses your preference on whether you want your son to remain in school until you arrive, or leave on his own using public transportation. Please make sure to read and fill out the consent form. Your son should return it to his Homeroom teacher by no later than **December 7th**.

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.

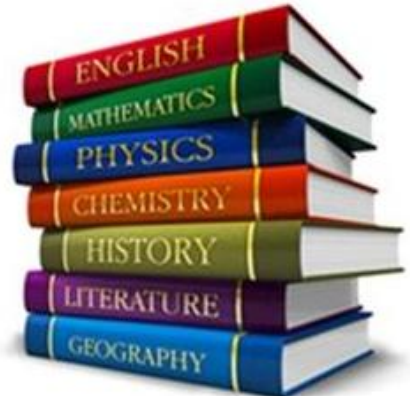
In Don Bosco,


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From Academics

With the beginning of December and the excitement of Christmas in the air, it is sometimes difficult for our young men to keep up with their assignments and continue their academic routine.

Over the Christmas break teachers will be finalizing their January exams. Many students will be given work to complete to keep them on track for these exams. All work will be posted on the portals. Please remember a vacation, does not mean a break from learning. Perhaps “Santa” could bring an interesting book on a topic of interest. Encourage them be creative and imaginative. In the long run they will be grateful!



From Guidance

College Applications - December 1st marked the close of the college application season here at Salesian High School. Many seniors have already received acceptance and scholarship letters! We want to commend the seniors, and their families, for working so hard throughout the process. Remember to remain focused and continue to do well, as many colleges request first semester grades, which include your midterm scores.

Midterms - It's never too early to start preparing for your midterm exams- exams are only about eight weeks away!

Create study guides and index cards, use helpful websites such as **Regentsprep.org** and **Khanacademy.org**, and meet with your teachers to review concepts that are still a struggle. See your counselor for support.



Need some Guidance?
See your
COUNSELOR!

From Athletics

ATHLETICS CALENDAR



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

Wrestling

December 8th - Wrestling @ Mamaroneck High School

December 11th - Wrestling @ Mount St. Michael's

December 15^h - Wrestling @ Fordham Prep

December 21st - Wrestling @ Iona Prep

December 28th - Wrestling @ Mahopac High School

Basketball

December 4th - Varsity Basketball vs. Spellman

December 4th - JV Basketball vs. Spellman

December 4th - Freshmen Basketball @ Spellman

December 6th - Freshmen Basketball vs. St. Anthony

December 7th - Varsity Basketball @ Monsignor McClancy

December 8th - Varsity Basketball @ Monsignor McClancy

December 8th - JV Basketball vs. Monsignor McClancy

December 8th - Freshmen Basketball vs. Monsignor McClancy

December 11th - Varsity Basketball @ St. John's Prep

December 11th - JV Basketball @ St. John's Prep

December 11th - Freshmen Basketball vs. Xavier

December 13th - Varsity Basketball @ Cathedral

December 13th - JV Basketball @ Cathedral

December 13th - Freshmen Basketball vs. Fordham Prep

December 15th - Varsity Basketball @ Portledge

December 15th - JV Basketball vs. Cristo Rey

December 17th - Freshmen Basketball vs. All Hallows

December 18th - Varsity Basketball @ Cristo Rey

December 18th - JV Basketball vs. Mamaroneck High School

December 20th - Varsity Basketball vs. St Anthony's

December 20th - JV Basketball vs. St Anthony's

December 21st - Varsity Basketball @ Kennedy Catholic

December 21st - JV Basketball @ Kennedy Catholic

December 21st - Freshmen Basketball @ Kennedy Catholic

December 29th - Freshmen Basketball @ Monsignor Farrell

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From Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry had another fruitful month this November. This month was jammed packed. We started with Mass on November 1st, where we celebrated the feast of All Saints. On November 2nd we held this year's first N.R.G. N.R.G is short for "Night of Renewal and Growth." NRG is a service that combines adoration with confession followed by an open gym in the Wiegand Center.

On November 21st we also celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving and welcomed back many of our alumni back home to pick up their yearbooks and catch up. That same night we had our second N.R.G. which was attended by over 70 young people. Finally, on November 29th the entire sophomore class participated on their own retreat.

We will be back with more great events and activities next month.

