



# SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

## Monthly Newsletter April 2019

### *From the President*

April 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We launch ourselves into the Spring season and today, we begin the final quarter of the academic year. It is said so often, but it is true, "Where did the time go?" In our fast-paced world, the time goes more and more quickly for all of us, not just adults. Our young people grow up, in some ways, very quickly and more quickly than we did. In other ways, they stay younger for a longer period of time. The quickness of our lives is something to which we must become accustomed.

1) Following this theme, there are two important academic points to make:

- a) We applaud those students who continue to work up to their academic potential. I am very pleased to see students who earn honors for the first time, who earn a higher average than the previous quarter, who accomplish more than they ever thought they would or could. I was talking with two students yesterday who have done better than they ever thought they would do. They were justifiably proud of themselves. To all of them, and to you their parents, I say, "Keep up the good work and don't falter now."
- b) There are other students who will try to make up for lost time and work to overcome lower grades in the first three quarters. Please note: In quarters 1, 2 and 3, the lowest grade that a student can have on his report card is 55%. However, in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the grade that is recorded is the actual grade. If a student earns a 42%, that is the grade that will be listed on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report card. This is also true for January and June exams – the actual grade earned is the grade that is recorded. A student must have a 65% at the end of the course to have passed that particular course.

2) We are reminded that we are already at the midway point of Lent, when we take the opportunity to find a way, through prayer, fasting or almsgiving, to improve our relationship with God. It is never too late to work on this relationship – there are still three weeks remaining until the joyful celebration of the Lord’s resurrection.

3) I remind drivers of several potential hazards:

- a) Please don’t stop to discharge or pick up your passengers in the entranceway to the campus. This is very dangerous – it blocks other cars trying to enter and causes a hazard on Main St.
- b) Please observe a safe speed when driving on campus, especially in the morning and at 2:25.
- c) Please observe the traffic flow – meaning exiting by the ball field and out Lefevre Lane. It takes a minute or two longer, but it is also a safety issue. Too much traffic on Main St., lack of clear vision because cars are parked on Main St., students not paying attention to the traffic. Please obey the traffic signs.
- d) Finally, please adhere to the directions about parking. There is no parking at all back at the baseball field. If you park there, for games or for practice, you face the risk of being towed. There are signs that clearly state this. The Salesian community has had to readjust its parking spaces. The spaces in the back are for Salesian community cars and for employees of the Salesian residence. Please do not take their spaces.
- e) If any students choose to park in the back instead of in their designated spots, they will also face towing.
- f) Thank you for adhering to these regulations.

4) We had scheduled a second Family Mass for Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. However, we will also have four young men receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday. Thus, we will not have the Family Mass at this time.

5) Finally, we invite you to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual President’s Dinner on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend, please call Nick Sedia at 914.632.0248

Thank you, as always, for entrusting your sons to our care.

Blessings!

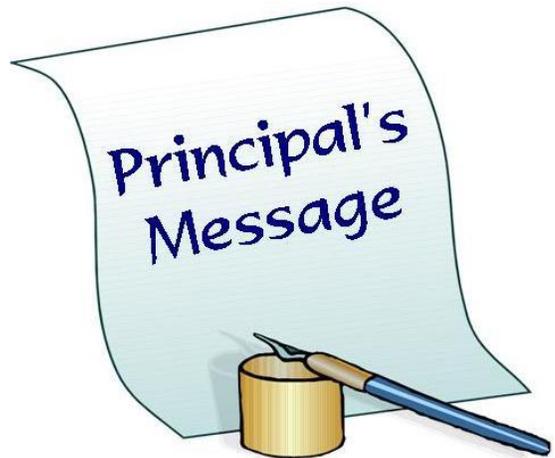
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Fr. John J. Serio SDB  
President

## *From the Principal*

Dear Eagle Parents/Guardians:

Happy April to you and your family! We are entering into the last stretch of the school year. While roughly 75% of the school year is complete, there remains still much to do before the year is complete. Teachers have curriculum left to help students prepare for state Regents exams. AP exams and school-wide final exams are right around the corner. Seniors are preparing for their last two months as high school students before they embark on the next phase of their careers, whether that is college, the work force or military service. As the old saying goes, "It's never over until it's actually over." I assure you this is a reminder that is constantly preached throughout the building. The more students adopt this mentality, the more they will increase their chances of finishing strong.



It's amazing how many "distractions" can play a role in affecting student success. New sports seasons are beginning, the weather is getting warmer, and thoughts of summer are beginning to increase in frequency. **Don't fall for the trap!** In this time, it is particularly important to keep an eye on your son's progress, academically *and* behaviorally. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter does have much influence in determining the complete success of your son's year. Keep in mind that during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, **there is no minimum grade that must be given.** All students will earn their true grade, ***even if that grade falls below 55.*** Therefore, this is hardly the time for your son to take a step back. It's imperative that your son always put forth his best effort to ensure his successful completion of the school year. While you have seen this mentioned previously, I strongly encourage you to:

- If things are trending well, then continue to motivate your son and help him to ensure that his year ends strongly. If you notice concerns from the first semester, then make sure he is putting forth the effort to make corrections.

- Monitor your son's portal account for his grades and behavior. Contact his teachers as needed for feedback and advice. Just because this is the 4th quarter, this should not be the end of the dialogue between parents and teachers, nor should it be a reason that your son believes this is the time to take a step back.
- We are quickly approaching the time for Regents examinations, beginning in June. Make sure to pay attention to dates that your son's teachers are holding Regents review sessions. Your son should take full advantage of every opportunity to prepare himself for these exams.

As a final reminder, please pay very close attention to your son's attendance. At Salesian, students are allowed **10 days of absence**, whether the absence is **excused** or **unexcused**. In the event that your son is marked as unexcused, it is the result of an absence that is not approved ( as outlined within our handbook) or with no phone call explaining your son's absence. This phone call needs to be completed **by no later than 9:30 am**. If your son is absent before or after a vacation/day off from school, this will be marked as **unexcused**, unless there is a doctor's note present.

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

- **April 1<sup>st</sup> – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter; Early Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)**
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Senior Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral** – a group of 25 seniors will attend Senior Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral as representation of Salesian High School. This group will be accompanied by Mr. Janvier, Mr. Beal and Mr. Sallustio. For any student not attending, this will be a regular school and are expected to be present in class.
- **April 8<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards are uploaded to the eLocker in the Portals**
- **April 11<sup>th</sup> – President's Dinner**
- **April 12<sup>th</sup> – No School**
- **April 16<sup>th</sup> – On this date, as a school community, we will celebrate our annual Easter Prayer service. This will be a full day of school, and all students are expected to be in attendance.**
- **April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup> – Easter Break**
- **April 29<sup>th</sup> – Classes Resume (Day 6)**

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.

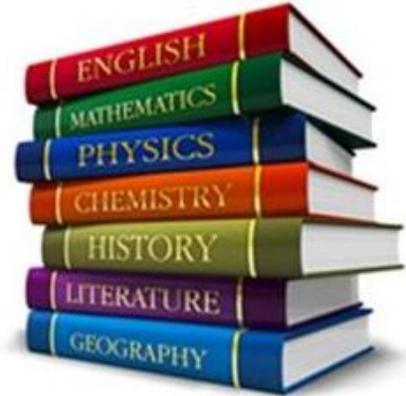
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## *From Academics*

With the beginning of April, we begin the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 2018-2019 academic year. Next week, students will receive report cards for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Please review it with him. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the subject teacher. Continue to check the portal for updates, grades and assignments.



As the weather grows warmer and spring is everywhere in nature, it is very difficult for our young men to give their full attention to school. And yet, this is the time that it is most important to put on the pressure, complete all assignments, and prepare for tests. This quarter will pass very quickly. In just 2 ½ weeks, we will begin the Easter break. There is curriculum in each subject that needs to be completed, and therefore teachers may need to have students' complete work over the vacation.

I implore you to remind your son that time put in now will only produce better results and a successful completion to this year. Enjoy this wonderful season, and thank you for helping us encourage your son to be the best he can

## *From Guidance*

To all of the Seniors and the Senior Families, the end of high school is quickly approaching! Counselors will be coming into classes during April and May to discuss important items that must be covered before the last day of classes. Please continue to bring in acceptance and scholarship letters. Remember: National Decision Day is Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>! You must commit to a school on that day, following the instructions in the acceptance letter.



**Need some Guidance?  
See your  
COUNSELOR!**

To all of the members of the Junior class and the Junior class' families, the college process is underway! At this point in time, the following items should be complete: SAT or ACT registration, college essays (in progress), "working" college list on Naviance, and resumes completed on Naviance. Remember to hand in your appraisal packet on Monday, April 29 to your counselor. In return, you will receive the signature form for two teachers to sign regarding your recommendation letters.

# *From Athletics*

## ATHLETICS CALENDAR



<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SITE</b>
April 1	Golf	Fordham Prep	4:00	Pelham
April 1	Volleyball	Holy Cross	5:00	Holy Cross
April 2	Handball	Molloy	4:00	Molloy
April 2	Volleyball	St Johns	4:30	Salesian
April 2	Var Baseball	St Raymonds	4:15	St Joseph School
April 3	Golf	Stepinac	4:00	Stepinac
April 5	Handball	McClancy	4:00	McClancy
April 5	Var Baseball	Iona Prep	4:00	Iona Prep
April 5	JV Baseball	Iona Prep	4:00	Salesian
April 6	Track	Msgr Farrell Invitaional		Msgr Farrell
April 6	Volleyball	St Edmunds	3:00	Iona Prep
April 6	Volleyball	Iona Prep	4:30	Iona Prep
April 6	JV Baseball	St Raymonds	12:00	Salesian
April 8	Tennis	Stepinac	4:00	Stepinac
April 8	Golf	Regis	4:00	Away
April 9	Handball	Holy Cross	4:00	Orchard Beach
April 9	Volleyball	Xaverian	5:00	Xaverian
April 9	Var Baseball	Xavier	4:30	Salesian
April 9	JV Baseball	Xavier	4:30	Xavier
April 10 Courts	Tennis	Xavier	4:00	Pinebrook
April 10	Golf	Mt St Michaels	4:00	Pelham
April 10	Volleyball	Regis	4:30	Salesian
April 10	Var Baseball	Molloy	4:30	Salesian

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April 10	JV Baseball	Molloy	4:15	Molloy
April 11	Tennis	McClancy	4:00	McClancy
April 11	Handball	LaSalle	4:00	Orchard Beach
April 12	Var Baseball	All Hallows	4:15	Salesian
April 12	JV Baseball	All Hallows	4:00	All Hallows
April 13	Track	Iona Prep Invitational		Iona Prep
April 15	Tennis	Xaverian	4:00	Pinebrook Courts
April 15	Golf	Kennedy Catholic	4:00	Pelham
April 15	Handball	Molloy	4:00	Orchard Beach
April 16	Volleyball	Spellman	4:30	Salesian
April 16	Var Baseball	Spellman	4:00	Salesian
April 16	JV Baseball	Spellman	4:15	Spellman
April 17	Var Baseball	Regis	4:30	Salesian
April 17	JV Baseball	Regis	4:00	Regis
April 18	Var Baseball	Regis	10:00AM	SUNY Maritime
April 18	JV Baseball	Regis	4:00	Salesian
April 23	JV Baseball	Msgr Farrell	4:00	Salesian
April 24	Var Baseball	Fordham Prep	12:00	Fordham Prep
April 24	JV Baseball	Fordham Prep	4:00	Fordham Prep
April 25	Var Baseball	Kennedy Catholic	4:15	Kennedy Catholic
April 25	JV Baseball	Fordham Prep	4:00	Salesian
April 28	Golf	Kennedy Catholic	4:00	Away
April 28	JV Baseball	Cardozo	TBA	Salesian
April 29	Tennis	St Peters	4:00	Pinebrook Courts
April 29	Var Baseball	McClancy	4:00	McClancy
April 30	Handball	McClancy	4:00	Orchard Beach
April 30	JV Baseball	Stepinac	4:00	Salesian

## *From Youth Ministry*

March was truly a blessed month full of opportunity to serve and pray. During this month, the season of Lent began on Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>. A school wide mass was held where our students attended and many chose to have ashes placed on their foreheads. The following week twelve of our young men ventured to Manhattan and provided care packages to feed the homeless. A prayer group also began to meet every Tuesday in our chapel where scripture was read and prayer intentions were also offered. The prayer group consisted of both students and faculty. Stations of the Cross were also held on Fridays. This is where our young men recite the Stations of the Cross and through prayer remember the final stages in Jesus' life. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Senior retreat also occurred. This was the final retreat for our Senior class and the day consisted of prayer, conversation and fun. That same night NRG was hosted by Youth Ministry. NRG stands for "Night of Renewal and Gathering." Here our students attend an Adoration service followed by an open gym. Not only was NRG attended by our students, but students from 2 other Salesian schools, Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey, New NJ) and Mary Help of Christians Academy (North Haledon, NJ.) Finally the month concluded with a Confirmation retreat for confirmation candidates from the parishes of Holy Name and Blessed Sacrament. The retreat was held on our campus and run by our young men in Youth Ministry. There will be more to look forward to in this month of April as Easter approaches.

