



SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter
March 2019

From the President

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday March 6, marks the beginning of the sacred season of **Lent**. Our young men will participate in a school-wide Mass at 10:00 and have the opportunity to receive ashes, which is the biblical sign of repentance. The Lenten season gives us the time to re-consider our relationship with God and find ways to improve or enhance it. The three pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting, almsgiving – provide many opportunities to help us develop our personal relationship with God. We invite you to attend Mass with us on Ash Wednesday, if that is possible. We also invite you to attend Mass any morning here at school if it fits into your schedule – every morning at 7:55am. Come and pray with your son – it will help both of you.

May we come closer to the Lord through the way we treat those around us during these 40 days of Lent.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

We will welcome the Class of 2023 when they come for registration on Thursday March 7. We are happy that these students have chosen Salesian as the place to continue their education. We thank you for spreading the word about Salesian to friends and neighbors, and we invite you to continue to recommend Salesian to your friends and neighbors who have 8th grade sons. ***We are still accepting applications for the Class of 2023.***

OPEN HOUSE – CAMP ECHO BAY

Do you know that we conduct a day camp on Salesian's campus during the summer? ***Camp Echo Bay*** is a great place for boys and girls, ages 4-14 to spend a week, or two...or seven during the summer. We will have camp open house on ***Saturday March 16 and Sunday March 17, 12:00-3:00.*** If you enroll your child for camp and you have a son registered at Salesian, we will offer you \$50 off the weekly camp rate. This is a special arrangement only for Salesian parents.

FAMILY MASS

Our Salesian Family Mass during Advent was so well received that we will have a second Family Mass - ***Sunday April 7, 2019, 10:00 AM*** in the Chapel.

Mass will be followed by a short presentation and 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.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

The 19th Annual President's Dinner will be celebrated on Thursday April 11, 2019 at Glen Island Harbour Club. This evening honors a number of persons who have made contributions to the school or the wider community.

Among the honorees are

- **Fr. Bill Ferruzzi, SDB**, director of the Salesian community and long-time Religion teacher;
- **Mr. Willie Ladson '88**, professional basketball player and now President of Coast2Coast Events, which provides an English-language and basketball program for Spanish young people;
- **Mr. Joe Lanza**, parent of David Lanza '12, president of Sign Design and JC Awning Co., supporter of Salesian HS;
- **Mr. John McCarthy**, former basketball coach, and supporter of Salesian HS.

You should receive an invitation in the mail. We invite you to come and have a fun (and delicious!) evening!

May the season of Lent be a spiritually helpful one for all of us.

In Don Bosco,

Fr. John J. Serio SDB

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President

From the Principal

Dear Eagle Parents/Guardians:

Happy March 1st to you and your family! It is still hard to believe that we sit here early in the 3rd quarter. However, at this point, the newness of the school is long behind us, but we still have much to do before the year is over. At this point, you should have a good feel for your son's academics based on his first semester performance. 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 his portal accounts or his grades and behavior. Contact his teachers as needed for



feedback and advice. While there are no more scheduled Parent/Teacher/Student conferences in the second semester, this should not be the end of the dialogue between parents and teachers. This partnership becomes even more important as we look ahead to not just the end of the 3rd quarter, but the rest of the 2nd semester and his upcoming final exams and Regents in the month of June. As I informed all students: Never settle for less than what you are capable of achieving.

March is a month that will be very eventful, with a number of events that I want to highlight for your close attention. As a matter of accounting, at this point, we have **one month** before the end of the **3rd quarter**.

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

- **March 4th – Early Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)**
- **March 6th – Deadline for Student Course Selection:** On **February 27th**, class assemblies were held to discuss the procedure for your son's to pick their courses, and the link to complete the process was sent out later in the day. If your son has not submitted his course selection by **March 6th**, his courses will be picked for him. On this date, we will also have a school mass in celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. All students are expected to be in **formal dress code (Blue Shirt and Tie)**.
- **March 10th – Daylight Savings (Spring Forward)** – Don't forget to change your clocks!
- **March 15th – Career Day:** Please refer to the Guidance section of the newsletter for further description of this event. For earlier grade levels, they may still be in the midst of determining what they may want to study in college or pursue as a career. For the Juniors and Seniors, with college around the corner, this is an opportunity to help shape
- **March 19th – Financial Aid Information Night** – This event will be for the parents of Juniors. It will begin at **6 p.m.**
- **March 22nd – NO SCHOOL**
- **March 29th – Senior Retreat** – This event will be the last retreat our seniors will experience with us as students.

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

During the month of February, Guidance Counselors visited all English classes to present and discuss the results from the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT. Students can retrieve full score reports from collegeboard.org. Please encourage your son to create an account if he has not done so already.

JUNIORS...the College Process is underway! At this point, all members of the junior class should have turned in the first draft of his college essay and should have decided whether they will sit for the May or June SAT and/or April or June ACT. Exam dates and registration deadlines can be found on collegeboard.org and act.org, respectively. Remember: a study plan is essential to improve your scores!

SENIORS...remember to bring in copies of your acceptance and scholarship letters. In addition, plan accordingly to stay until 2:25 pm for Career Day, held on Friday, March 15th. **You must plan to stay for the entire school day, as the event will end at 2:25 pm.**

ALL SALESIAN EAGLES...We will have over 65 professionals on the Salesian High School campus for our Annual Career Day on Friday, March 15th. This is a very valuable day for students to interact with professionals from various backgrounds to discuss the educational paths toward their dream jobs.



Need some Guidance?
See your
COUNSELOR!

From Athletics

ATHLETICS CALENDAR



Spring sports tryouts contact the following coaches

Golf Mr Sieftring at tsieftring@salesianhigh.org
Handball Mr Federico at nfederico@salesianhigh.org
Tennis Mr D'Alessandro at vdalessandro@salesianhigh.org

Athletics calendar

Volleyball

March 13th @ Holy Cross 4:30

March 19th @ Fordham Prep 4:30

March 23rd vs St Joes 1:30

vs Iona Prep 4:30

March 28th @ Spellman 4:30

From Youth Ministry

It has been another great month in Youth Ministry. The month started with the school wrapping up Spirit Week and celebrating the Feast of Don Bosco with a Mass on February 1st. On February 15th the entire freshman class attended their freshman retreat. The day was filled with spirituality, sharing, reflection and fun. Also that night 12 of our boys went out into the cold and participated in the Midnight Run, where they went into Manhattan feed any homeless they found on the street and gave them care packages. Even with the month shortened by a week youth ministry still was able to have great and eventful month. More to come in March as we enter the season of Lent.

