



SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter
October 2018

From the President

Dear Parents,

We have ended the first month of school and we are now firmly in a routine as the semester continues. Our freshmen are getting acclimated to high school life, and they seem to be a very fine group of young men. The freshman class is 100% full, and we have had a waiting list of young men who want to be part of the Eagle Experience!



With that in mind, I remind you that our **Open House** for 8th grade students is scheduled for **Saturday October 20th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. If you know young men in the 7th and 8th grades who would benefit from a Salesian education, encourage them and their families to attend this Open House. Several parents have recommended Salesian to their friends; we would appreciate it if you would as well.

Social media and electronic technology have become battle grounds in many families and schools between adults and children. Sometimes, we allow our children to indiscriminately use social media without knowing the content or the source of the content. It is very important that our children's use of social media is moderated, even (and maybe especially for) adolescents. I recently saw this quote and pass it on to you:

“Melinda Gates’s children don’t have smart phones and only use a computer in the kitchen. Her husband Bill spends hours in his office reading books while everyone else is refreshing his home page. This most sought-after private school in Silicon Valley, the Waldorf School of the Peninsula, bans electronic devices for the under-11s and teaches the children of eBay, Apple, Uber and Google staffs to make go-karts, knit and cook. Mark Zuckerberg wants his daughters to read Dr. Seuss and play outside rather than use Messenger Kids. Steve Jobs strictly limited his children’s use of technology at home. It’s astonishing if you think about it: the more money you make out of the tech industry, the more you appear to shield your family from its effects.”

-- Alice Thomson in *The Times*

You may draw your own conclusions.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Pope Francis has asked us to pray the Rosary daily to offset the huge amounts of evil in the world. At the very least, may we pray each day for our children that they will be kept safe from evil and harm.

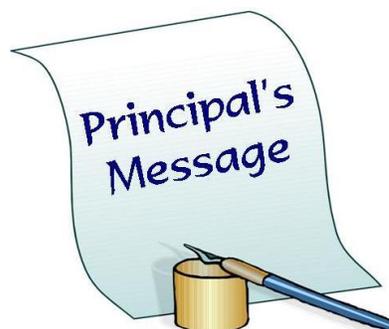
In Don Bosco,

Fr. John J. Serio SDB
President

From the Principal

Dear Eagle Parents:

I first want to thank you for taking this opportunity to read the very first monthly newsletter of the school year. The monthly newsletter is a great way to keep track of upcoming important dates and events for the month from the major departments of Salesian High School. It also serves as an easy way to send out communication of important messages. While this first one is being delivered to your email, all future editions of the newsletter will be posted on the school website.



I am happy to say now that we have completed our first month of school, there remains a positive vibe in the building. I am very proud to see the smiles on the faces of the students as they progress from class to class. I can assure you that there is a consistent positive message of support being preached to them. Young people, particularly young men, need to know that there is nothing wrong with aiming high and that they will be supported in the event that they fall. They will fall, as it is part of the experience as they mature into men. We all have fallen at various times in our lives. But it's the confidence that they can get back up that is a sign of their growth and maturity.

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

- **October 9th** – Starting at **6:30 p.m.**, we will be hosting our **“Back to School”** night for **10th – 12th grade parents**. We will follow similar format to the event last year, where you will follow your son's schedule and have a *brief* opportunity to meet with your son's teachers, learn about the teacher's expectations and what they will be covering across the year.
- **October 12th – 9th Grade students** will be receiving their first progress report. Freshman parents should keep an eye out for it to be uploaded to your son's eLocker on the Portal. Make sure to pay very close attention to the feedback from your son's teachers. You should make it a point to contact your son's teachers in the event of poor comments (behavioral or academic.) With open lines of communication, problems have the opportunity to be resolved.

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.

- **October 15th** – This is the deadline for registration for the **November 2nd** TACHS exam. Please spread this information amongst interested 8th grade parents. If you know someone who hasn't registered for the test, please have them go to the TACHS website: www.tachsinfo.com

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

- **Safety** – In the morning, I ask that you please monitor your speed and driving when arriving to drop off/pick up your son on campus. This is not just for the safety of your son, but the son's of other parents as well. When the yellow bus has turned on its flashing red lights and stop sign, by law, you must observe this and stop until the lights are off.
- **Handicap Parking** – Unless you have the designated tags, I ask that you avoid using our handicap parking spaces while waiting for your son. This is a matter of courtesy to those individuals who have the right to use those parking spaces.

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

PSAT Administration - The PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT will be administered here at Salesian to all freshmen, sophomore and junior classes. Students must report to their homerooms by **8:05 A.M.** for attendance and instructions.

All Sophomores and Juniors will be dismissed at 11:45 am; all Freshmen will be dismissed at 11:15 am. Be sure your sons bring the following items on test day: **Sharpened #2 pencils** (no mechanical pencils) and a **calculator**. Calculators **WILL NOT** be provided to any students who forget to bring their own.

College Fair - Salesian will be hosting a College Fair on **Wednesday, October 24th**. All Seniors will attend the fair from **1 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.**; all Juniors will attend the fair from **1:45 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.** Sophomores are invited to attend after dismissal from **2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.** A list of visiting schools will be provided via email closer to the event.



Need some Guidance?
See your
COUNSELOR!

From Athletics

ATHLETICS CALENDAR



DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
10/1	Soccer	Spellman	4:00	Spellman
10/3	Soccer	St Peters	4:00	City Park
10/4	X-Country	Development Meet	4:00	Van Cortlandt Park
10/5	Soccer	Spellman	4:00	City Park
10/10	Soccer	St John's	5:00	Fordham University
10/10	X-Country	Soph. Sectionals	4:00	Van Cortlandt Park
10/11	Soccer	Cardinal Hayes	4:00	City Park
10/12	X-Country	All Hallows Invit	4:00	Van Cortlandt Park
10/15	Soccer	Kennedy Catholic	6:15	City Park
10/17	Soccer	St Joe's by the Sea	4:30	City Park
10/19	Soccer	McClancy	4:00	City Park
10/20	X-Country	NYC Carnival	8:00	Van Cortlandt Park
10/22	Soccer	St John's	4:00	St John's Prep
10/24	Soccer	St Peters	4:30	St Peter's
10/27	X-Country	Sectionals	8:00	Van Cortlandt Park
11/2	Varsity Basketball	Tryouts	2:30	Athletic Center
11/3	Freshmen Basketball	Tryouts	8:00AM	Athletic Center
11/3	JV Basketball	Tryouts	10:00AM	Athletic Center

From Youth Ministry

September was a great start for Youth Ministry at Salesian High School! It was definitely a jam-packed month where our students reached out to help while having a great time. First, the year started with our annual Freshman Orientation that was conducted by our Big Brothers group. This group composed of 32 seniors who accompanied their freshmen “little brothers” during their first days here at Salesian. These seniors did everything from helping them with locker issues to showing them around the school. These young men helped to continue the tradition of family and brotherhood here.



Later in the month on September 21st, the Big Brothers also hosted a E - Sports game night, where students brought in their video game systems and hooked them up to TV's and computer and played as a community. Also on that night, the first Midnight Run of the year was held.

September also brought the year's first Youth Ministry meeting. There the year's agenda started to come into shape and the Youth Ministry team was able to welcome 12 new members.

Finally, on September 28th the Mass of the Holy Spirit was held in Wiegand Center. Here the choir performed and did a wonderful job leading their fellow students in song. More to come next month as the October is full of great events and activities

From Dean of Students

As we have completed the first month of the school year, the newness of the school year has been wearing off and hopefully your son has become acclimated to his daily school routine. Going forward, there are items that I want you to pay close attention to assist your son in making the right decisions over the course of his year:

Dresscode

Please ensure that your son is ready for school each day by having the appropriate uniform top, pants with belt and dress shoes. As a reminder:

- 9th – 11th grade students **must** wear dark grey dress slacks with the navy blue or grey polo shirt. Seniors are allowed to wear the beige style slacks with their black polo shirts. All grade levels are required to wear black / brown dress shoes. **Boots of any style are not allowed!** When your son enters the school being he is expected to be in dress code, so remind your son to bring his school shoes home. I do expect that students have their shirts tucked in for the whole school day until the last bell for dismissal.
- Students must be clean shaven when entering into the school building (no mustache / beard or extreme hair styles.) Failure to do so will result in your son getting a detention. Students who are unable to shave due to dermatological reason must have a doctor's note. Also, do not allow your son to get a haircut that includes sculpted lines in his hair. In the case that your son does get one of these haircuts with sculpted line in his hair, he will have one day to fix

the haircut. In the event that that he returns back the next day to school with the same haircut, he will be sent the home and cannot return to school until he fixes the haircut.

Attendance

It is understood that over the course of the year, there will be unforeseen occurrences that will affect your son's ability to come to school (sickness, bereavement, etc.) With the block schedule, missing one day of class can be valuable class time lost. Your son is responsible for making up any work missed while he was absent. In the event your son is unable to attend, a phone call is **required** with a sufficient reason of why he is unable to attend (Stating "He is sick" is not sufficient reason.) Any student who is absent, with no phone call made, will receive an **unexcused absence** on his school record. Any student missing **15 days or more** in any class **may be ineligible to receive credit** in that class.

Please make sure your son arrives at school on time. If he takes the public bus or is driven, ensure that he leaves early enough to avoid being late to school. Students who are marked as being tardy to school will serve detention. Persistent tardiness will result in **Saturday detention** or possible **Suspension**.

Detention

At Salesian, part of your son's growth & development involves his learning to be accountable and responsible for his actions inside and outside of school. Therefore, in the event your son's makes a poor decision, he will serve detention that day. In the handbook on Section II - *Disciplinary Action Process* on page 21, students are **NOT** excused from detention because of athletic games and practices, jobs, doctor appointments, etc. It is that student's responsibility to serve the detention that day. If he is unable to serve that day, a one day extension can be granted. In the event your son does not appear for detention without approval, the detention will double, so make sure your son fulfills his obligation.