



SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter January 2019

From the President

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A happy New Year to you! I offer you my good wishes and prayers for a happy, healthy and holy year of the Lord 2019!

Thank you to those parents who contributed to the faculty Christmas fund. Your generosity allowed us to give a substantial gift to every member of the staff. There are certain people on the staff, mostly unseen, who work hard every day in addition to the people whom you see regularly. Their participation is vital for the successful operation of the school. So, thanks to you, everyone benefited from your kindness.

Thanks to those parents and family members who attended our Family Mass on December 9th. It was a very good crowd, and people enjoyed praying together and socializing together. We will celebrate another Family Mass before Easter.

Thanks to the families who joined us for the Christmas concert. This year's event grew from the band to include the choir, Mr. Dwyer's Improv group and a Christmas video (we'll have to buy Santa a new outfit so he can make an appearance next year). Thanks for joining in the fun of the evening!

Thank you to those who attended Christmas Eve Mass in our chapel. We had a full house – current families, alumni, alumni families, faculty members. We prayed together that we may recognize the presence of the Lord, not only in the obvious signs, but especially in the ordinary events and people of daily life. This is the mystery of Jesus, the Word becoming flesh, who lived among us.

Acceptance letters for the Class of 2023 will be sent by all high schools in the Archdiocese of New York on Wednesday January 16th. Some young men and their families, especially those who attend public school, may not be aware of the admissions process. If you know a young man who would benefit from a Catholic high school education at Salesian and has not begun the process for acceptance, encourage him or his parents to contact Mr. Steve Sallustio, Director of Admissions, at (914) 636-0365 or ssallustio@salesianhigh.org. Or invite him to the next Open House, Saturday January 19, 11:00-2:00 at the school.

With so many events – studies, exams, high school acceptances, Spirit Week, let us not forget that the feast of St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesian priests and brothers, is Friday February 1. Without the zeal and dedication of this saint, whose love for young people was unsurpassed, none of us would be here today. We educate your sons each day that they may be “honest citizens and good

Christians” (to use Don Bosco’s words). We cannot underestimate his importance in the history of the Church and of Catholic education, nor his lessons that are as timely today as they were in his own era.

In Don Bosco,

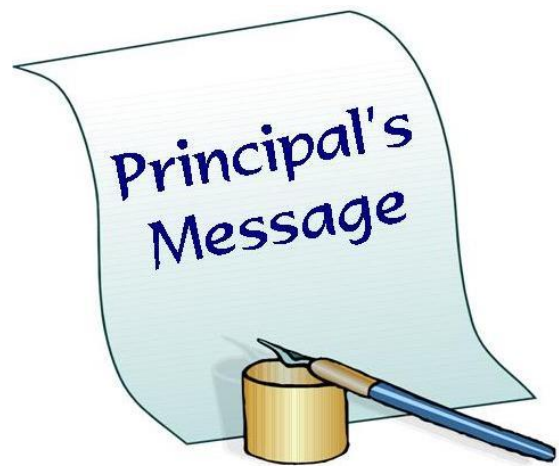
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From the Principal

Dear Eagle Parents:

Happy New Year to you and your family! Hopefully the break was restful and relaxing with the hectic nature of the Christmas season. As much as I want to emphasize hard work and effort in academics, family time and opportunity to recharge are important for young men as well. Maturity goes beyond just the development of the mind, but includes the spirit and body as well, which are all necessary components to becoming whole. However, I do have to emphasize that as we return from our Christmas break, we jump back into the thick of things very quickly.



January is a very short month, in regards to academic time frame, with very little wiggle room. As a matter of accounting, at this point, we have **less than two weeks** before the end of the 2nd quarter and the start of Semester exams. At this juncture, timing and opportunity are very crucial! Your son’s were provided with a copy of their Midterm study guides before going on Christmas break to get an early start on preparing for exams, which begin on **January 17th**. Please stress to your son the importance of these exams, which will represent **20%** of his midpoint average on the next report card. **These exams should not be taken lightly**. While the first three quarters have a failing grade minimum of 55, there is no such minimum for Midterms. This makes preparation very instrumental to success!

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

- **January 7th** – Early Dismissal (@1:15 p.m.) - Faculty Meeting
- **January 16th** – End of the 2nd Quarter
- **January 17th** – Start of Semester Exams – (Religion & Foreign Language)

- **January 18th** – Midterm Review Day – This will be a school day dedicated to your son’s preparation for Semester exams. He will have the opportunity to meet with all of his teachers from his Day 1 and Day 2 schedule for one (1) period to review material.
- **January 22nd – 25th** – Semester Exams – When the schedule is posted, please pay close attention to the date, time and room assignment for your son’s exams.
- **January 29th** – Start of the 3rd Quarter and the beginning of Spirit Week
- **January 31st** – Multicultural Night

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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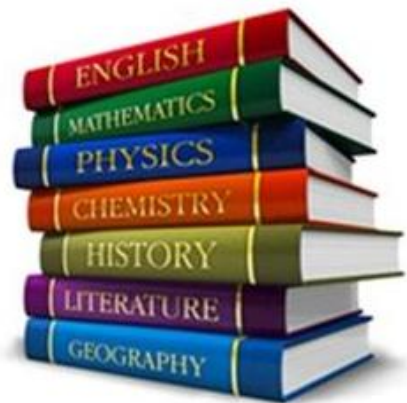


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PS. If you son takes private transport, there will be regular pick-ups in the morning, however, the busses will only run after the last exam of the day. If you son has only a morning exam on any given day, he can either wait for the bus at the end of the day or take public transport home after his exam.

From Academics

Blessings in 2019! As we begin another year, we are mindful that our January Exams are here upon us. As you may be aware, all subjects and courses will be administering exams. The faculty has been asked to distribute review sheets to all students to help with their preparation. Your son will also be given a clear outline as to what will be expected for successful completion of these semester exams. In the upcoming days, you will be receiving the time and date for each exam. Please make sure you review these details with your son. Your son should be on campus well in advance of the start time for his exams so he is not rushing.



Our Junior class will be taking the English regents on January 22nd, and this will satisfy their Semester exam requirement. During the Semester Exam period (January 17th – 25th), we ask for your assistance in making sure your son is prepared, well rested and ready to do his best. **There will be no cafeteria service during exams, so we ask that you provide your son with snacks or lunch to help keep him energized and focused.** Unless they are finished with exams for the day, students **will not** be allowed to leave campus to during exams.

From Guidance

MIDTERMS - Midterms are quickly approaching! *Each student is responsible to know when his exams are, what room to report to each day, and to bring necessary items, like calculators, pens, and pencils.* The schedule and important details, like room assignments, will be posted on the website closer to exam week. Remember to use your time wisely and begin studying NOW! Consider using these study tips:



Need some Guidance?
See your
COUNSELOR!

- ✓ Devise a study plan or schedule
- ✓ Review old Quizzes, Tests, Homework, Cornell Notes
- ✓ Attend review sessions held by teachers
- ✓ Create your own study outlines and flash cards
- ✓ Use websites like Khan Academy and regentsprep.org to assist in studying

Remember when you attend a review session with your teacher, do not expect to be re-taught; go in with specific questions based on what you've already studied...be proactive!

PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 - Results are available on your sons' College Board account! In addition, the Guidance Department will be visiting classes to distribute paper score reports after midterms. PSAT scores give great insight as to how your son will perform on the actual SAT. It is wise to use these results as a baseline and to develop a study plan that will target his weaknesses and further improve his strengths.

JUNIOR FAMILIES - Keep a look out for a very important mailing that will help to organize the start of your son's college process journey.

From Athletics

ATHLETICS CALENDAR



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

Date	Team	Opponent	Site	Time
Jan 5	Varsity Basketball	Moore Catholic	Moore Catholic	5:30
Jan 5	JV Basketball	Moore Catholic	Moore Catholic	4:00
Jan 5	Wrestling	Clarkstown South Tournament	Clarkstown	
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Jan 7	Varsity Basketball	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart	4:00
Jan 7	JV Basketball	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart	5:15

Jan 8	Varsity Basketball	Cathedral	Salesian	6:00
Jan 8	JV Basketball	Cathedral	Salesian	4:30
Jan 8	Frosh Basketball	Greenwich	Greenwich	4:30
Jan 10	Frosh Basketball	Mt. St. Michael	Mt. St. Michael	4:15
Jan 10	Wrestling	Clarkstown South	Clarkstown	4:30
Jan 11	Varsity Basketball	Regis	Regis	7:45
Jan 11	JV Basketball	Regis	Regis	6:15
Jan 11	Frosh Basketball	Regis	Regis	4:30
Jan 12	JV Basketball	Cristo Rey	Cristo Rey	12:00
Jan 12	Frosh Basketball	Xavier	Xavier	2:00
Jan 12	Wrestling	Henry Hudson Tournament	Henry Hudson	
Jan 14	Varsity Basketball	Kennedy Catholic	Salesian	7:30
Jan 14	JV Basketball	Kennedy Catholic	Salesian	6:00
Jan 14	Frosh Basketball	Kennedy Catholic	Salesian	4:30
Jan 15	Frosh Basketball	Scarsdale	Scarsdale	4:30
Jan 16	Varsity Basketball	St Johns	Salesian	6:00
Jan 16	JV Basketball	St Johns	Salesian	4:30
Jan 18	Varsity Basketball	Fordham Prep	Fordham	7:15
Jan 18	JV Basketball	Fordham Prep	Fordham	5:45
Jan 18	Frosh Basketball	Fordham Prep	Fordham	4:15
Jan 19	Wrestling	Stony Brook HS	Stony Brook	
Jan 21	Wrestling	JV City Championships	TBD	
Jan 28	Frosh Basketball	Scarsdale	Scarsdale	4:30
Jan 31	Frosh Basketball	Greenwich	Salesian	4:30
Feb 2	Wrestling	Varsity City Championships	Salesian	

From Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry ended the year in full throttle. December was a month filled with the anticipation of Advent, the joy of Christmas and good old fashion hard work. On December 6th, the junior class attended their class retreat, during which they focused on bettering their school life and having a deeper faith and relationship with God.

This was followed by a blood drive held on December 14th. These donations help to save lives and are needed badly. 72 boys from our Junior and Senior classed donated.

That same night, 12 of our boys went out on our monthly Midnight Run. Here our boys venture to the city and feed the homeless and give them care packages.

Finally, on December 21st, Youth Ministry held an Advent Prayer Service for the entire school and that night hosted 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. The New Year looks bright and full of more opportunities to serve and be closer to the Lord. Happy New Year!!

