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RiverCurrents

Bridging the news of DeLaSalle on Nicollet Island with our families, friends, and neighbors.

REMEMBERING BROTHER MICHAEL COLLINS, FSC



We said farewell to our dear friend, colleague and leader, Brother Michael Collins, FSC on January 8, 2012 as he was welcomed into the arms of the Lord. From the announcement of his illness throughout his last few days, the outpouring of support for Brother Michael and DeLaSalle was only exceeded by his obvious impact upon our community and schools across the country. The CaringBridge website has been visited over 21,000 times and comments of love, support, and strength left to honor his legacy.

Brother Michael had a deep commitment to providing an education for all students and creating an inclusive and supportive environment for this to occur. DeLaSalle is a better place because he modeled the values of tolerance, strength of character, and loving support to all we encounter, while challenging us to remember that we are always in the presence of God.

We move forward with strength and commitment to the path he blazed for all of us to follow. We look forward to welcoming the class of 2016 as over 200 students took the entrance exam on January 21. We celebrate the successes of our student athletics and activities. As members of the Senior class report their letters of acceptance from collegiate programs, we know that DeLaSalle is doing good work. We are empowered with the fact that the work led by Brother Michael in the last 20 years is work that continues even in his absence. We are grateful for his example and know that Brother Michael would be proud knowing that "Together, the work continues."



A Legacy Fund has been established in memory of Brother Michael Collins. Information is available on the DeLaSalle Website, www.delasalle.com.

GUIDANCE AND COLLEGE PLANNING

JUNIORS: COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

All students need to take a college entrance exam as part of the college admissions process. Eleventh graders are strongly advised to take one of these two tests, ACT or SAT, in the spring of Junior year.

- **ACT:** DeLaSalle will be a test site for both the **April and June ACT Tests**. Take it at De for the “home field advantage”. Apply as early as possible for the June test because spaces will fill up quickly. Check the ACT website www.act.org for more information and to register online.
- **SAT:** DeLaSalle is not a test center site for the SAT. This test is given on May 5, and June 2. Students may obtain more information and register online at www.collegeboard.com.
- **Compare and Decide: Wondering which college entrance test to take?** While interpreting the PSAT results for Juniors, counselors were able to advise students to use their PSAT scores to predict results on the SAT. In the same way, PLAN scores from Sophomore year will provide predictions of success on the ACT. See a counselor to compare your PSAT and PLAN scores and decide which one would be best for you to take. We do not advise taking both tests. Almost all colleges except either.

Additional applications and Test Prep Materials: Materials are available in the Guidance and College Planning Office for preparation and hard copies for those who prefer to fill out the paper application. More information about the upcoming tests appear in the DLS College Planning Guide, also found on the DLS website under the heading, College Planning.

ACT EXAM PREP CLASS AT DLS – SPRING 2012

The class will be taught by Ms. MaryAnn Dorsher for six sessions ending right before the June ACT test date so you’ll be good to go! This is a great deal at \$100! Financial assistance is available if needed. The class is limited, so first come first served. Specifics about registration information will be in *THE SOURCE* soon.

PLANNING AHEAD AND SEARCHING NOW

Aside from taking college entrance exams in the spring, there are many things Juniors can do to be best prepared for the college application process.

- Most importantly, **make an appointment to meet with a counselor in the Guidance and College Planning Office** - Parents are welcome to attend these meetings.
- Do a college search on Naviance. www.naviance.com
- Attend the Spring College Fair at Benilde-St. Margaret on April 17.
- Visit college campuses over Spring break.
- Visit with college representatives this Spring as they visit DeLaSalle to recruit the class of 2013.

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

We strongly encourage all eleventh graders and their parents to attend College Planning Night on **Wednesday, February 15 from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Robert Casanova Room. The Guidance and College Planning Office will present information that is crucial to the college planning process. All tenth grade students and parents are also invited.

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS: SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHING

Searching for scholarships can be overwhelming, especially after having completed a rigorous Fall of applying to colleges. However, finding money that does not have to be repaid can be well worth the time and effort. There are many scholarships available for students, but finding scholarships that fit for an individual student can be challenging. You can begin looking in the Guidance and College Planning Office. Did you know that the

Guidance and College Planning Office publishes a monthly scholarship bulletin with the latest information on scholarships? This list is posted in Senior English classes, and students may stop in the Guidance and College Planning Office for their own copy.

Four other excellent websites that are free and easy to navigate for scholarship searching:

fastweb.com
collegeboard.com
finaid.org/scholarships/other.phtml
scholarship.com
zinch.com

Books such as *How to Go To College Almost For Free*, *The Scholarship Scouting Report*, *Sports Scholarships*, and *The Scholarship Handbook* are available for overnight and weekend check out in the Guidance and College Planning Office. Also, talk to the financial aid office at potential college choices and make sure that you are aware of institutional endowments and scholarships that are available at those colleges. Finally, check with your relatives. Do your parent/s' employer, union, church, or service club offer scholarships? Do you have a parent or grandparent who is a veteran? It is possible that if you have a job outside of school that your own employer may offer a scholarship for employees. Keep talking to people and asking questions, there may be some surprising answers.

REGISTRATION

TIME TO REGISTER FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

As mentioned in Mr. Barry Lieske's letter to parents on January 20, DeLaSalle will register returning students for the 2012-13 school year during the month of February. Students will receive 2012-13 registration materials on Thursday, February 16. They will be asked to consult with their teachers and with parents about appropriate course selections for the coming year.

Parents must complete an Enrollment Contract and return that contract, along with a non-refundable \$300.00 registration deposit (which is deducted from the tuition), by February 24 in order to secure a place in next year's enrollment. The Enrollment Contract should be turned in to the Main Office.

Course registration for returning students for the 2012-2013 school year will begin the week of February 27. All students whose families have returned the Enrollment Contract, as well as the \$300 registration deposit, will be able to choose next year's classes online. Exact dates and course selection procedures will be posted and available through the INC Classroom in the coming weeks.

NEW STUDENTS TO REGISTER SOON

As of the end of January, over 300 eighth graders had completed at least a partial application to DeLaSalle for the coming year, including the third-largest total sitting for the primary Entrance Exam over the past 30 years of Exams at DLS. All of this is great

news considering (1) the application deadline is not until February 10, and (2) there is an 18 percent decline this year in eighth grade enrollments in the twelve largest DLS feeder schools. We are grateful to our current families for the many positive referrals made on behalf of DLS. Encourage your friends to call Mike O'Keefe at 612.676.7679 for admission information or to schedule a make-up Entrance Exam.

The Class of 2016 will register for classes on Saturday, March 3. Also, beginning in March, and after the February 24 deadline for current students to re-register, we will begin registering incoming transfer students for the 2012-13 school year.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2012-13
FINANCIAL AID DUE BY FEBRUARY 24

Detailed instructions related to financial aid can be found on the DeLaSalle Website www.delasalle.com/parents/business-office. Families who wish to apply for need based financial aid must complete an application with Tuition Aid Data Services(TADS) as soon as they are able and before the deadline of Friday, February 24. Applications are available online at www.tads.com. Families of incoming students in the Class of 2016 are encouraged to apply by Friday, February 10, the same deadline as application for admission.

Families are urged to complete their financial aid application online at www.tads.com; however, paper copies are available from the Business Office. On the application, list DeLaSalle as the first school and identify it using the school code of 23320. Each family

should complete only one application. Applications are not complete until all required documentation has been submitted to TADS and the TADS application fee has been paid.

Families who may need assistance completing the financial aid application are encouraged to contact the TADS Help Line at 612-548-3320 or Ms. Jill Stricker, in the DeLaSalle Business Office, at 612.676.7602 or jill.stricker@delasalle.com.

DeLaSalle is proud to maintain a Lasallian legacy of providing education to so many young men and women regardless of personal financial circumstances. DeLaSalle cannot guarantee, however, that financial aid will be available to families who miss the February 24 deadline, particularly with our growing enrollment. Please complete your financial aid application as soon as possible.

DeLaSALLE THEATRE

Join us in the woods for a tale that contains a cast of characters from the Brothers Grimm, including an ambivalent Cinderella wanting nothing more than to attend a ball, a hungry Little Red Ridinghood on her way to Grannie's, a curious Jack infatuated with climbing the beanstalk, and a songbird Rapunzel stuck in a tower. When a baker and his wife learn the witch next door has cursed them with childlessness, they embark on a combined journey with our fairytale favorites and everyone's wish is granted. In the midst of Act Two, while dodging Wolves, Witches and Giants, the consequences of their earlier actions return to haunt them, with disastrous results. A captivating musical that spins a new perspective on what it is that we truly wish for. Can Witches be right? Can Giants be good? What are the lessons that we teach our children, and how is it best to tell our stories?

Tickets go on sale two weeks prior to opening, February 13, 2012

Tickets are \$8 for Students/Seniors and \$10 for Adults

All DeLaSalle Students with an ID get in for free

Reservations will have assigned seating in the round

Questions: Call DeLaSalle Theatre at 612.676.7696 ext. 409 or email theatretickets@delasalle.com

Into the Woods

March 2 - 7:30pm March 3 - 7:30pm

March 4 - 3:00pm March 9 - 7:30pm

March 10 - 3:00pm and 7:30pm

PARENT ASSOCIATION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

"Making the Most of our Children's Mistakes and Disappointments"

Mistakes and disappointments, although undesired, provide us with unique opportunities; skills and life lessons that children learn seem to develop more poignantly at these times. Dr. Kahn elaborates on how to find the teachable moment in all situations with our children - including the stressful times because of their own mistakes and others when the world lets them down.

Parents, please consider attending our upcoming parenting session with Dr. Kahn. He spoke to some of us last month and was excellent! His presentation will run from 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Robert Casanova Room. Dr. Kahn's presentation will be followed by the Parent Association's regular business and update meeting. The evening will conclude at 8:00pm.



ISLANDER WINTER CHEER CLINIC

WHAT? SPIRIT IS THE NAME OF THE GAME! OUR CHEER CAMP

INCLUDES TRADITIONAL SIDELINE CHEERLEADING SKILLS, AS WELL AS THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF COMPETITION CHEER: STUNTS AND LIFTS, TUMBLING, AND DANCE. DELASALLE'S CHEERLEADING PROGRAM HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND BEST IN MINNESOTA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IN 2009-10, THE COMPETITION TEAM EARNED ITS ELEVENTH STRAIGHT TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. COME LEARN FROM THE BEST, 5 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MULTIPLE NATIONAL TITLES.

WHO? A GREAT CAMP FOR ALL KIDS – FROM BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED CHEERLEADERS. KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE

WHEN? SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012 1PM- 4PM
THOSE PARTICIPATING IN CAMP WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM AT THE HALF-TIME OF A DELASALLE VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL GAME ON SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012 AT THE TARGET CENTER!

COST? PER CHEERLEADER IS \$25 **INCLUDES A SPECIAL CHEER GIFT!

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/A/APPS.DELASALLE.COM/CHEER-TEAM/](https://sites.google.com/a/apps.delasalle.com/cheer-team/)

?? QUESTIONS: CONTACT HEAD COACH SHANNON FOREMAN AT 612-676-7687 OR SHANNON.FOREMAN@DELSALLE.COM

DRIVER EDUCATION

The 2012 Winter Driver Education, 30-hour classes are scheduled for Monday - Friday, starting February 6 through February 17, 2012. Driver Education classes are available for DeLaSalle students who are 15 years of age and older. Please see Mary McLaren in the Administrative Office for a course application.

Families with additional questions may direct them to Ray Kroll at 612.819.9645. Registrations for February 6, 2012 class must be submitted no later than February 3, 2012.

HISTORY DAY

HISTORY DAY AT DELASALLE:

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Each year eleventh grade students at DeLaSalle participate in History Day, a nationwide program for students in grades 6-12. This year's theme is "Revolution, Reaction and Reform in History." Students have five options to present their analysis: research paper, exhibit, dramatic performance, web page or documentary.

Completed projects will be on display at DeLaSalle History Day on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in the Library and Technology Center from 6:00 - 8:00pm.



Beginning at the school level and on through regional and state competitions, student projects are judged based upon the degree and competency of each project's historical accuracy and interpretation. The best projects from each state History Day advance to the National History Day contest, held in early June 2012, in Washington, D.C. For more information regarding History Day projects and events, please visit Mr. Marrin's webpage.

LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

In December, you heard about the Gale Group resources for History Day projects. This month the focus is on ABC-Clio databases and e-books which are also great support tools for history projects.

ABC-Clio online databases provide in-depth and objective information on current and historical events and issues for the United States and the World.

Whether you are researching ancient or modern history, or government information you will find answers with ABC-Clio. This is a perfect resource to use in locating primary and secondary information for your History Day Project. The DeLaSalle community has access to over 6,000 encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and guides available through the ABC-Clio e-books link. Make sure you look at the e-books

separate link on the main ABC-Clio page or through the e-book links on library web page.

To get to these resources while on campus go to the DeLaSalle High School **Library and Technology Web site** and select → **Digital Resources** → scroll down to select the **ABC-Clio** online database.

Students are encouraged to visit the Library and Technology Center for help using this tool and any of the many databases to which DLS has access. This tool is also available from home or the public library. Be sure to access the remote login information when you are signed into your IslanderApps account. You can also read about access to our Online Databases in the archived October issue of RiverCurrents.

ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Various activities have been competing during the winter months and those seasons start to wind down in February. Students involved in **Quiz Bowl, Knowledge Bowl, Math League, Competition One Act** and **Speech** are currently practicing and competing. All of these programs have experienced individual and team successes during the 2011-12 season.



Start dates for Spring Sports:
Softball: March 12
Track: March 12
Boys' and Girls' Golf: March 19
Baseball: March 19
Boys' Tennis: March 26

The **Competitive Cheer Program** winds down its competition season during the month of February. February will be highlighted by participation in the WOW Factor Sports Cheer & Dance National at the Minneapolis Convention Center February 10-12. Come out and support the Islander Cheer team!

Wrestling and **Basketball** seasons are coming to an end and we would like to remind all fans of some very important information. Sportsmanship plays an integral role in the success of our programs. We encourage all fans to display appropriate behavior when attending events. Spectators can help promote fair play by:

- Taking part in cheers and applauding good performances
- Working cooperatively with contest officials and supervisors in keeping order
- Refraining from making negative comments about officials, coaches, participants and/or fans
- Staying off the playing area at all times
- Showing respect for public property and equipment

Wrestling team sections begin February 18 at South St. Paul High School and individual sections begin February 24 at Simley High School. For ALL section events everyone must pay admission. The Minnesota State High School League sets all admission prices for wrestling sections: \$6.00 for students/seniors and \$8.00 for adults. These admission prices are good for an all day section wrestling event.

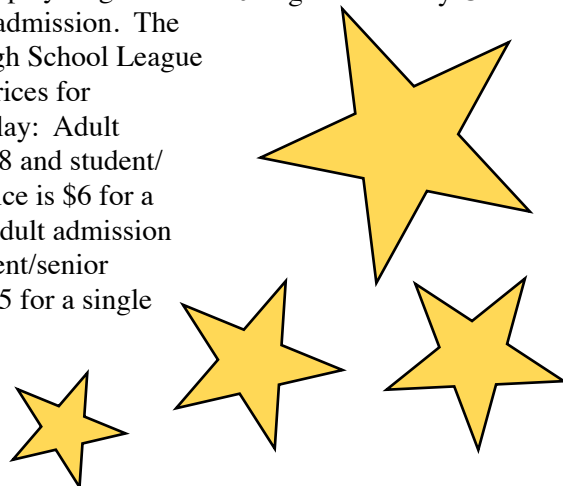
Basketball playoffs begin early in March. The first round girls' game is on March 1 and the first round boys' game is on March 8. The higher seeded school serves as host to the first round games, both for the boys' and girls'. For ALL playoff games everyone must pay admission. The Minnesota State High School League sets all admission prices for basketball section play: Adult admission price is \$8 and student/senior admission price is \$6 for a double header and adult admission price is \$7 and student/senior admission price is \$5 for a single game.



Thank you for your cooperation and support of Islander activities. Check out our website for more in depth information on all of our programs.
www.delasalle.com/office-of-student-activities

Spring Sports

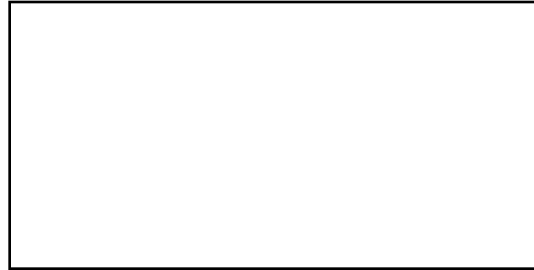
During the month of March, spring activities begin. A reminder to all those interested in participating, you must have a current physical and eligibility form on file in the Student Activities Office. If you are not sure if you have all of your information in, please see Peggy Juergens or Darcy Cascaes.



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How can I order a yearbook?

- Pick up an order form from the Main Office or Student Services Office.
- Print off an orderform from the [DeLaSalle Yearbook](#) webpage.
- Order your yearbook online at shop.balfour.com (Credit Card Payments)

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LOOKING AHEAD

February 2012

- 2/1-2/3 Catholic Schools / Winterfest Week
- 2/7 Eleventh Grade Class Retreat
- 2/13 Parent Association Meeting, 6:30pm
- 2/15 Junior/Parent College Planning Night
- 2/16 2012-2013 Registration Materials Distributed
- 2/20 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
- 2/21 DeLaSalle History Day
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- 2/24 Financial Aid Application Deadline

March 2012

- 3/2-3/3 Spring Musical, *Into the Woods* 7:30pm
- 3/3 Registration for the Class of 2016 9:00am-Noon
- 3/4 Spring Musical, *Into the Woods* 3:00pm
- 3/5-3/9 Social Justice Awareness Week
- 3/9 Spring Musical, *Into the Woods* 7:30pm
- 3/10 Spring Musical, *Into the Woods* 3:00pm and 7:30pm
- 3/12 Parent Association Meeting, 6:30pm

The most up to date information can always be found on the online school calendar:
<http://www.delasalle.com/news-events/school-calendar>

Contact Ms. Beckman at yearbook@delasalle.com or 612.676.7678 with any questions.