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# RiverCurrents

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



## Christian Brothers Gala, A Great Success!

On Saturday, October 15, we came together as a diverse community of alumni, parents, friends and students to celebrate DeLaSalle and each other. As DeLaSalle has grown and changed over the past 112 years, the mission of those who carry on the teachings of the Founder has not: "To touch the hearts of the young entrusted to their care" and "To inspire them with the Christian spirit." The generous support of those attending the Gala plays an important role in the fulfillment of DeLaSalle's mission: "providing a quality, values based, academic preparation for life." The funds raised at the Gala – over \$200,000 will benefit our financial assistance program.

Thank you to all the students, parents, staff, alumni and guests who helped make such a memorable evening!



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**GUIDANCE AND COLLEGE PLANNING**

FINANCIAL AID PLANNING NIGHT

**Wednesday, November 30, at 6:00pm**

Financing your student’s college education is an important part of the College Application process. Ken Pelligrini, from St Mary’s University, joins us for a Financial Aid Planning Night for Seniors and Parents/Guardians. The date is Wednesday, November 30, at 6:00pm in the Robert Casanova Room. Ken is an expert at demystifying the financial aid process and an authority when it comes to the ins and outs of the whole financial aid process. He will give a presentation, have literature for families to take home, and leave plenty of time for questions. Please join us! This talk is especially helpful for seniors and parents, but *parents from all grade levels are welcome.*

ALL-SCHOOL TEST DAY WRAP UP

On Wednesday, October 12 DeLaSalle students in grades 9, 10, and 11 participated in “All-School Test Day.” Each year students at DeLaSalle take a standardized test to: measure their individual achievement in different academic areas, look at interests and aptitudes, assist with course placement, and prepare for college entrance exams. The following tests were administered:

- 9th Grade- ITED  
(Iowa Test of Educational Development)
- 10th Grade- PLAN Test (pre-ACT test)
- 11th Grade PSAT (pre-SAT test)

The test results will be given to students in a classroom interpretation session after test results are returned to us, and a copy of individual results will be sent home with each student at that time.

“I WENT ON AN OFFICIAL COLLEGE VISIT”  
DRAWING FOR SENIORS

Each year the school counselors strongly encourage seniors (and the rest of the student body) to visit college campuses. All Seniors who bring proof into the Guidance and College Planning office of their official campus tour will be eligible to enter a drawing for a dorm size refrigerator. Seniors can bring in proof of these visits and enter once for each official campus tour. The winner will be chosen in January. Good luck to all. We hope each Senior gets at least one entry!

SENIORS AND PARENTS: DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING - PLAN AHEAD!

Make sure that you are aware of application deadlines! The Guidance and College Planning office will be closed during Christmas break and will not be processing applications during that time. Keep the following in mind if you have deadlines over the break.

- If you would like your counselor to review any applications that are due during this time be sure that they are submitted to your counselor two weeks prior to Christmas break. (December 6, 2011)
- If you plan to mail any applications on your own over Christmas break make sure that you have all supplemental materials (i.e.: letters of recommendation, transcripts, and school counselor forms) in your hands well in advance of Christmas break.

Planning ahead will ensure that your application will arrive on time with a transcript and all other enclosures needed so the college may process your application promptly.

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 : College visits,  
 : scholarships, and  
 : announcements are  
 : posted every day in  
 : “The Source”.  
 : Check daily for  
 : information!  
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**Students in Action**

The Students in Action (SIA) committee, is hosting an event to bring awareness to the DLS community about the social justice issue of homelessness, and to bring relief to our homeless brothers and sisters during this Thanksgiving season. On Tuesday, November 22, students are invited to join SIA in making relief packets for the homeless (including toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, non-perishable food, etc.) which will then be distributed through Mary’s Place later that day. After students distribute the packets, they are invited to be “homeless for a night” to help spread awareness regarding the difficulties associated with homelessness. Students will listen to a guest speaker, discuss homelessness, and sleep outside in a simulated homeless community.

Limited space is available to be “Homeless for a Night,” so students who wish to participate should sign up today in the Lasallian Ministry office.

To make all this happen SIA is writing grant letters to companies such as Target and Wal-Mart, and collecting small toiletry items the week before the event. SIA would greatly appreciate any and all support. Starting November 11, a list of collection items will be posted in first hour classes and “THE SOURCE.”

Contact Mr. CJ Hallman at 612.676.7690 or [cj.hallman@delaslale.com](mailto:cj.hallman@delaslale.com) with questions.

**Library and Technology Center News**

THE LIBRARY TOOL FOR NOVEMBER:

**Research Project Calculator (RPC)**

Have you ever scrambled the night before a paper is due to quickly pull something together? Ever been frustrated with trying to figure out a presentation or prepare a speech? Stop stressing out and try the Research Project Calculator!



**Research Project Calculator**  
The Research Project Calculator is another helpful tool available through the DeLaSalle Library and Technology Center webpage. You choose the format of your project (essay, Power Point, video) and enter the due date.

The calculator breaks your project into manageable steps and estimates the dates that each part of the process needs to be completed in order to have your assignment done on time. The research guide along with due dates can be sent to your email address or printed out.



Once you have the timeline figured out for your project, you might need help with the content. You can always stop in the LTC to see Ms. Roggow for help but if you are not at school you can use ASK MN. A Librarian is in for assistance no matter where you are 24/7.

To access the RPC & Ask MN look under *Homework Help & Net Safety* on the Library & Technology Center Webpage. Both of these services are part of the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM). Check out other ELM tools under Online Databases on the Library webpage.





**Auditions!**

Auditions for the Competition One Act, "Wake-up Call," and the two 10-minute, student directed, Freshman Plays:

**November 14, 15 & 16**

Auditions for the Spring Musical, "Into the Woods": **December 5-8**

More information is available on the theatre webpage.

<https://sites.google.com/a/apps.delasalle.com/theatre/>

**Diversity Week 2011**

Diversity Week 2011 - Take the Next Step in Order to Accept was filled with expression, discussion, differences, similarities, and things we hold in value and appreciate about DeLaSalle.

The week began with a performance by Dr. Mykee Fowlin, exploring the stereotypes and labels we put on one another. It was an emotional morning for students and staff as we were reminded how important it is to build one another up as a family in Christ.



Midweek, the DeLaSalle students and staff who went to Kenya this summer elaborated with photo and video presentations on their six week cross-cultural experience. They talked especially about the relationship with our twin-school in Kenya and how we continue to support them through prayer and financial contributions that are sponsored by our out-of-uniform days among other efforts.

At the end of the week, DeLaSalle students and staff again came together and took part in our Diversity Celebration Assembly. Performances by Irish Dancers, African Drums, Chinese Dragons, Spoken Word and Argentinian Song rounded out the morning highlighting many of our own students, alumni, and

staff. The morning's presentation concluded with our own DeLaSalle step team with precision and timing.

Diversity Week 2011, provided a platform to celebrate the wealth of diversity that exists at DeLaSalle and how important it is to "Take the Next Step in Order to Accept". We are so fortunate, on the island, to take that time and extra effort to support and affirm one another in a special way!

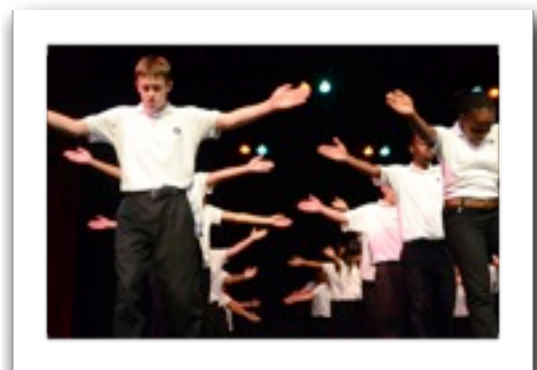


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**Student Activities Office**

## WINTER SPORTS

A reminder to all those interested in participating in a winter sport. The Student Activities Office needs a current physical on file and a completed eligibility form. Physicals are good for three years and the eligibility form must be completed every year. Please stop by student activities if you have questions.

Also, if you plan on attending home basketball games there is a fee. Adults are \$5, Senior Citizens are \$3, and students are \$3 (K-12). All current DeLaSalle students are free at home regular season events. For admission you must show your student ID. We do sell a season pass for \$50. If you plan on attending away games, students and families should be prepared to pay an admission price.

We are looking for volunteers to take tickets at home basketball events. If you are interested please contact Peggy Juergens at [peggyjuergens@delasalle.com](mailto:peggyjuergens@delasalle.com).

Reminder to all fans: The Minnesota State High School League, in conjunction with DeLaSalle High School, reminds all fans to show good sportsmanship at all home and away events. The MSHSL rules provide for fair play and good sportsmanship among athletes, coaches and spectators. Since booing and jeering do not support anyone, we encourage you to give positive support to your favorite team. We ask that spectators promote the ideals of good sportsmanship by applauding fair play and by showing respect for all participants and officials.

SPORTSMANSHIP IS EVERYONE'S  
RESPONSIBILITY!

Interested in coming out for a winter sport? Check the below dates, times, and locations of the first day of practice!

**9th Grade Girls' Basketball**

Monday, November 14th  
3:15pm to 5:30pm – Main Gym

**10 - 12th Grade Girls' Basketball**

Monday, November 14th  
Meet at 4:30pm in Room A116  
Practice 5:30pm to 8:00pm

**9th Grade Boys' Basketball**

Wednesday, November 16th  
3:15pm to 5:30pm – Main Gym

**10 - 12th Grade Boys' Basketball**

Monday, November 21st  
6:00am to 8:00am – Main Gym

**All Wrestling**

Monday, November 21st  
at Minnehaha – Meet at DeLaSalle  
Bus will leave DeLaSalle at 3:15pm  
Practice 3:30pm to 5:30pm at Minnehaha  
(please have your transportation pick you up at Minnehaha after practice)

### DeLaSalle says goodbye to Brother Robert Thomas, FSC



The end of the 2010-11 school year at De also brought to a close one of the more storied teaching careers in the history of school. Brother Robert Thomas, FSC, retired

after 42 years teaching on the third floor of the B building, having shaped the college and professional lives of thousands of alums by virtue of his high standards and exacting regimen in the classroom.

Brother Robert’s teaching career at DeLaSalle was unsurpassed in many ways. In terms of longevity, Brother Robert is only one of two teachers in the school’s history whose career spanned parts of six decades. Beginning with the 1967-68 school year, Brother Robert ruled the DeLaSalle Biology classroom for 42 of the next 44 years, the span broken only

by a two-year stint teaching at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, TN.

In terms of standards and work ethic, “Bio Bob,” as he was reverently known by his students, set high expectations for his students. “If a grade of ‘C’ defines average or expected work,” he would explain at the beginning of the term, “then a student wishing to earn an ‘A’ or ‘B’ should be expected to perform exceptional work, to do extra projects so as not be average. It’s not ‘extra credit’ to boost a grade or salvage a test score. It’s the additional work or additional learning that the exceptional person would do when striving for excellence.” And so, for many, many years, DeLaSalle Biology students were expected to complete a certain number of additional projects on weekends and in the evenings to earn – quite legitimately – a grade that reflected their drive for excellence.

Some alums of the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s have suggested that, had there been social media in the prime of Brother Robert’s career, someone surely would have started a tribute page on Facebook. Students of that era more often than not would recite their classes as “having English, math, Brother Robert, history, Spanish, and choir.” The stature of the teacher superceded the title of the course; it wasn’t just a Biology course when Brother Robert Thomas was at the front of the room.

A special reception celebrating Brother Robert Thomas will be held on Wednesday, December 14 before the annual Christmas Concert from 5:30 - 6:50pm. Alumni, Families, Friends and Students wishing to attend should RSVP to Anna Carol, Director of Communications at [anna.carol@delasalle.com](mailto:anna.carol@delasalle.com) or 612.676.7671.

**All guests who RSVP will have reserved seating for the Christmas Concert.**

★ Volunteer and sell concessions at sport events ★

Mariucci Arena / Williams Arena / Target Center / TCF Field / Target Field / Mall of America Field





## Islander Foundation

The Islander Foundation enables participating members to request grants to offset fees and expenses associated with attending DeLaSalle.

Be sure to complete your trainings, so you are ready to start signing up and working.

For more info on training dates: Please contact Douge M. Schildgen [douge.schildgen@delasalle.com](mailto:douge.schildgen@delasalle.com) 612.676.7682

**New School Store Hours****Monday** - 8:00am - 8:30am**Tuesday** - 3:00pm - 5:00pm**Wednesday** - 8:00am - 8:30am**Thursday** - 8:00am - 8:30am & 3:00pm - 5:00pm**Friday** - 3:00pm - 5:00pm**YEARBOOKS**

The DeLaSalle yearbook committee is pleased to announce this year's yearbook, **LIKE NEVER BEFORE.**

The 2011-2012 yearbook will be bursting with 136 full-color pages of photos, student portraits, activities, and highlights of the year. The smiles and memories of DeLaSalle will be remembered forever in the yearbook.

Order your yearbook early and save!

**Now until December 17, 2011**

**Yearbooks are \$46**

December 18, 2011 until April 16, 2012

Yearbooks are \$55

April 17, 2012 until June 3, 2012

Yearbooks are \$60

Yearbook order forms are available online or in the Main Office. Please bring your **completed** order form to Mrs. Hines in the Main Office or Ms. Beckman in the Student Services Office. Credit card payment is also taken online.

**Would like to pay in installments?**

That's OK. Please contact Ms. Beckman to set-up a payment plan. You can contact Ms. Beckman at [yearbook@delasalle.com](mailto:yearbook@delasalle.com) or 612.676.7678.

**ADS FOR GRADS**

Parents, give your senior an extra reason to look forward to looking back by leaving a lasting message in the DeLaSalle yearbook. The yearbook is one of our favorite school traditions and **submissions are due by November 23.** Students anticipate reliving the school year through photos, student portraits and event highlights. Soon your child will be bursting with excitement to review the yearbook. Imagine the surprise when your child finds a personal message from you! [Senior Ad order form](#) is available online ([www.delasalle.com/activities/activity-program/yearbook](http://www.delasalle.com/activities/activity-program/yearbook)) or visit the Main Office to pick up an order form. Please bring your completed order form and picture(s) to Ms. Beckman in the Student Services Office.

**Did I already purchase a Senior Ad?** A list of those that have ordered a Senior Ad is posted on the yearbook webpage on the 15th and 30th of every month. It is important that all students/families review the list to check for accuracy.

# Buy A Brick

**and help a DLS student build a future.**

<http://www.delasalle.com/support-delasalle/giving-opportunities>

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**Parents: Yearbook Ads for Grads due November 23!**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**November 2011**

- 11/1 All Saints' Day Liturgy
- 11/2 Academic Awards & NHS Induction, 6:30pm
- 11/3 Late Start 10:30am - 3:00pm
- 11/11 Tenth Grade Retreat
- 11/11 & 11/12 Fall Play, *Alice in Wonderland*, 7:30pm
- 11/14 Parent Association Meeting, 6:30pm
- 11/18 & 11/19 Fall Play, *Alice in Wonderland*. 7:30pm
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Liturgy
- 11/23 Staff Work Day - NO SCHOOL
- 11/24 - 11/27 Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
- 11/30 College Financial Aid Planning Meeting

**December 2011**

- 12/8 Immaculate Conception Liturgy
- 12/9 Ninth Grade Class Retreat
- 12/12 Parent Association Meeting, 6:30pm
- 12/14 Christmas Concert, 7:00pm
- 12/20 Christmas Liturgy and Program
- 12/22 - 1/3 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL



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