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

Dear DeLaSalle Friends,

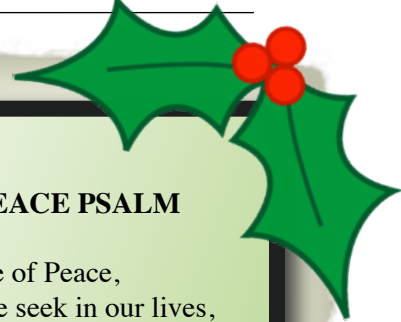
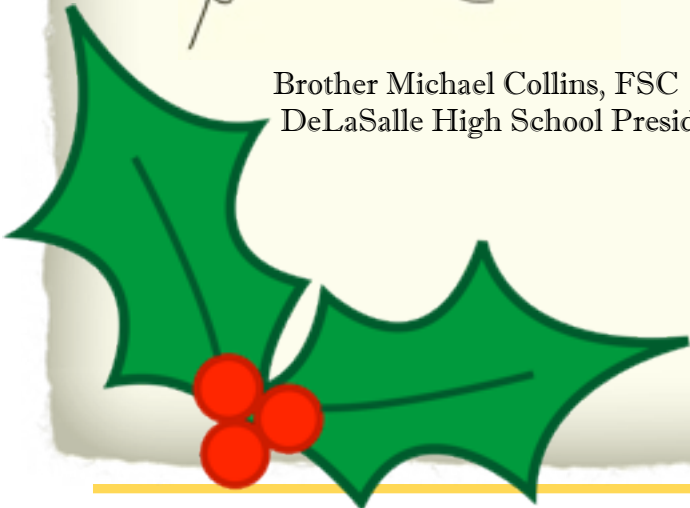
In all parts of the world Lasallians daily remind one another that “We are in the holy presence of God.” Throughout the year that reality takes on different meanings. None is more evident than the time of year in which we find ourselves: Advent.

Advent is that time of year in which the Church encourages us to prepare for Jesus to live not only in our hearts but, in a special way, in our lives at Christmas.

With that in mind, I would like to once again share with you an Advent prayer first suggested several years ago for your reflection. I believe that it continues to be relevant today.

Wishing you peace this holiday season,

Brother Michael Collins, FSC
DeLaSalle High School President



ADVENT PEACE PSALM

O Prince of Peace,
whose advent we seek in our lives,
come this day and show us
how to beat our swords into plowshares,
tools of life instead of instruments of fear.

May your love strip us naked
of all weapons and strategies of conquest,
which are not the tools of lovers,
wise ones and God’s children.

Let us not lust for power
but rather strive for the insight
to be guided on the Way of Peace.

Let us not yearn for a victory
that requires a sister’s sorrow
or a brother’s shamefaced defeat.
With tears, black suits and dresses
and tolling funeral bells,
let us not attend life’s victory parties
that are won at such a cost.

Let us be Advent adventurers and
peacemakers,
hammering swords into shovels,
filling holes and leveling peaks.
Let us be disarmed and vulnerable,
for only through such open hands and
hearts can Emmanuel come.

(From Psalms for Sacred Seasons)

GUIDANCE AND COLLEGE PLANNING

MR. SUND RETIRING!

DeLaSalle salutes Mr. Don Sund, who is retiring on January 6, after 43 years as an educator and counselor, the past six years at DLS. Mr. Sund has retired twice before, only to return to counseling in large part because of his appreciation of DLS and its students. It is a bittersweet time, knowing we will miss Mr. Sund immensely, yet we are excited for him and his time of relaxation and adventure!

SENIORS AND PARENTS: COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

College application deadlines are here! **Many are set for January 1, which lands over Christmas Break!** With the large number of applications to process, counselors need adequate time to complete the necessary forms and ensure that applications and all other supplements are sent by deadlines. **If your deadlines are on and before January 15, please get your application materials to counselors by December 6.** DLS wants each student to be represented in the best possible light for admission committees, and late deadlines are not an option! Parents who have questions, may contact counselors by calling (612) 676-7600.

“FIRST TO COLLEGE” GROUP FOR JUNIORS

Counselors have been meeting monthly with senior students who are the first generation in their families to attend college (parents did not go to college). Eleventh grade students are invited to attend these lunchtime sessions starting in January. We will cover the college planning process and financial aid. We will also provide

information to students whose families may be unfamiliar with the college application process and offer support and encouragement. The first meeting date for juniors is January 26, and meetings will continue every month. Please see Ms. Braun in the Guidance Office to sign up for this group.

JUNIORS: COLLEGE PLANNING MEETING WITH MS. BRAUN AND MS. MCADAMS

Ms. Braun and Ms. McAdams are meeting with all juniors individually to begin the college planning process. Juniors whose last names begin with A - L are to meet with Ms. Braun, and juniors whose last names beginning with M - Z are to meet with Ms. McAdams. Sign up in B208 and schedule a time that works for you. We will start your college planning process, which involves creating an account on the Naviance website, if you haven't already done so. Naviance is an especially useful tool for all aspects of college and career planning. The best times to meet with Ms. Braun and Ms. McAdams are before and after school, during lunch, or during study hall.

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS FROM THE OCTOBER 12 TEST DAY

We have started receiving results from the all school - testing day. Results of the grade 9 ITED were given to students and interpreted in physics classrooms in early November. Each student was instructed to bring his/her copy of the results home for parents to look over. Results of the grade 10 PLAN and grade 11 PSAT will be arriving in December. Counselors will be in classrooms to return and interpret results to grade 10

and 11 students in December or January. Each student will be given a copy of his/her results and another copy is placed in each student's file. Ask your child to see his/her results. If you have questions, please call the Guidance and College Planning Office.

Grade 9: Barbara McAdams - 612.676.7621
 Grade 10: Stacey Carter - 612.676.7619
 Grade 11: Beth Braun - 612.676.7673

Where to look for School Closing Announcements:

Snow/Ice day announcements regarding school closings will be sent via our school alert system phone, text, and email.

The DeLaSalle Website will have school closing information.

Announcements will also be broadcast through
 WCCO Radio
 WCCO Channel 4
 KMSP 9
 KARE 11
 KSTP 5

BUSINESS OFFICE



We wish our former Director of Finance, Brian Lynch '98 well as he accepted a new position and moved to Chicago this past month. As DeLaSalle transitions the functions of our Business Office under the leadership of new Director of Finance, Nicholas Grue '98, we are pleased to announce that DeLaSalle will be making your financial information available alongside your student's grades & attendance information in INC Classroom.

Families will receive a preview of the new tuition statement format with their December statement. This preview will include an explanation of the new statement format and instructions on how to access these financial details online. Beginning in January 2012, families will receive paper statements with the new format which will mirror the financial information available online via INC Classroom.

Island Green

To stop the cutting down of trees, DeLaSalle is cutting down on paper.



The Islander community will be greener than normal this Spring because of continued INC improvements. The Business Office is proud to introduce paperless billing and automated financial alert notifications with its "Island Green Initiative".

- Easily access your prior statements.
- Help the environment by reducing the amount of paper DLS uses and cutting down on emissions associated with standard mailing.
- Reduce the mail and paper cluttering your home.

Every DLS family will be automatically enrolled in this paperless billing initiative. Island Green is an easy way to save money, time, paper and our environment. Island Green is convenient and clutter-free, and as a paperless statement family you will:

You may resume receiving your statement by postal mail at anytime. All families are encouraged to go completely **Island Green** by setting up a recurring EFT (electronic funds transfer) payment with any checking or savings account.

- Receive an email every month telling you when your new statement is available for online viewing.
- Be able to view, download or print the same information online that would appear on a paper statement.

*Wishing you a warm holiday season,
Terry, Jill, and Nicholas*

★ Volunteer and sell concessions at sport events ★
 Mariucci Arena / Williams Arena / Target Center / TCF Field / Target Field / Mall of America Field ★

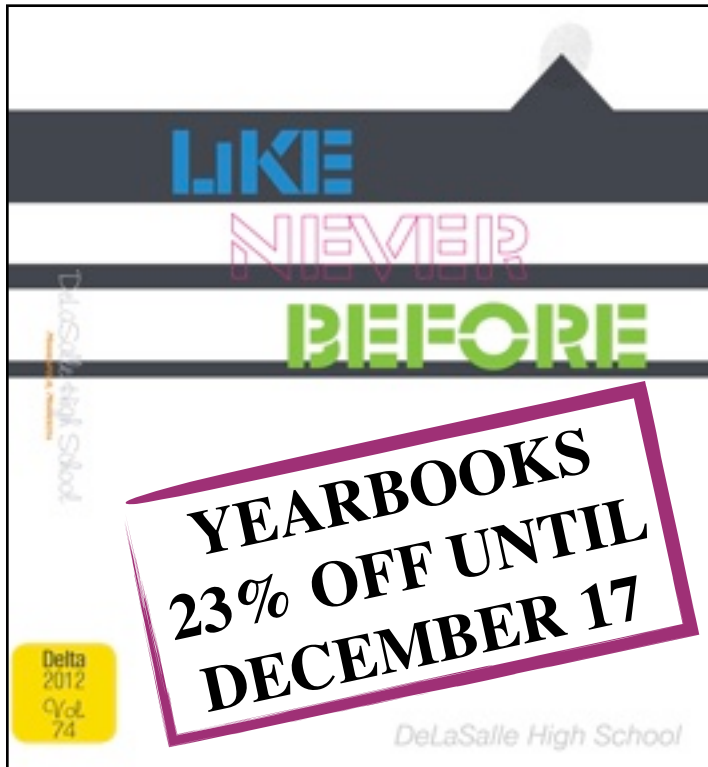
Islander Foundation

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 612.676.7682





YEARBOOKS 23% OFF UNTIL DECEMBER 17

Order your yearbook early and save!
Yearbooks are \$46 until December 17
 After December 17, yearbooks will cost \$55 until April 16 and \$60 after April 16

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)

What are my payment options?

- Cash/Check - with an order form
- Islander Foundation - with an order form
- Installments - contact Ms Beckman to set-up a payment plan
- Credit Card - online at shop.balfour.com

Please bring your completed order form to Mrs. Hines in the Main Office or Ms. Beckman in the Student Services Office. You can contact Ms. Beckman at yearbook@delasalle.com or 612.676.7678 with any questions.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

On November 2, 2011 over 230 members of the DeLaSalle student body gathered together with families in tow to celebrate the academic achievements of the past semester. Pins and letters were awarded to students in recognition of their Honor Roll achievement, and DeLaSalle welcomed 60 new members to the National Honor Society.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Dennis McGrath, DeLaSalle graduate from 1955. Mr. McGrath is the retiring Director of Communication for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis after a career in international public relations and marketing that spanned nearly five decades. As he shared words of encouragement to those in attendance, Mr. McGrath recalled that his years at DeLaSalle were special, that going to a high school and learning about Lasallian values are “not what sets us apart, but what brings us

together”. He encouraged our students to keep these values, hold them dear, and live by them. Rounding out his words of wisdom for the evening were four rules that could be guideposts for our students as they pursue higher education and are good reminders for all in attendance:

- Never Assume
- Always Follow Through
- Keep Everyone Posted
- Be Kind



<u>Grade 12 High Honors</u>	Johnson, Cara*	McCarthy, Clare*	Linn, Patrick	Jones, Grace	Kester, Ellen
Boehme, Hannah*	Johnston, Zachary	Peters, Eric*	McCarthy, Samuel*	Makousky, Anna	Kleis, Tatyana
Braun, Kira*	Kenney, John	Ramsey, Sean*	Means, Molly*	Mullin, Cecelia	Leland, Tess
Cox, M. Addison*P	Kingman, Zoe	Rice, Mackenzie*	Merriam, Nicholas	Ortiz-Velez, Jason	Lopez-Anderson, Justina
Dockter, Clara*	Koniar, Daniel*	Satre, Sydney*	Molumby, Amanda	Osterbauer, Olivia	Lotts, Ian
Duffy, Jack*#	Langford, Miranda	Schaff, Ana*	Olson, Anne	Pemberton, Nicholas	McCoy, Andrew
Johnson, Mara*#	LaQua, Max	Shafer, Margaret*	Partyka, John	Reed, Katharine	McNaughton, Lauren
Juliff, Steven*	MacLeod, Seth	Thomas, Claire	Quednau, Michael	Rembert, Akeyvianna	Miller, Theodore
Lankford, Austin*#	Morrow, Grady	Timmerman, Morgan*	Rainville, Michael*	Rowe, Nathaniel	Morrin, Charles
Mansfield, Dana*#	Mullin, Elinor*	Valure, Nicholas*	Russo, Ellen*	Sankaran, Andrew	Nebo, Renee
McNair, Nathanael*VP	Osterbauer, Rudy	Vitt, Joseph*	Scott, Luke*	Scott, Margo	Nelson, Kristen
Meyer, Lily*	Otto, Leanne	Walstrom, John*	Shaw, Annette*	Sheehan, Kathleen	Organ, Katherine
Regan, Clare*	Roden, Netanya	Wilczynski, Emily*	Sittig, Margret*	Shriver, Nicholas	Palme, David
Rions-Maehren, Thomas*	Schlottach-Ratcliff,	Wohletz, Louis*	Stroncek, James*	Skodje, Jane	Perry, Jane
Russell, Margaret*#	Suzanna#	Xion, Kao Zoua*	Tapio, William	Smith, Maxwell	Pucci, Michael
Schreiber, Dane*T#	Schultz, Allyson*	<u>Grade 11 Honors</u>	Thiel, Amy*	Sophocleus, Alexandra	Renn, Brenden
Schrepfer, Samantha*	Schulz, Benjamin	Andrade, Xitlalitl*	Thompson, Kayla*	Stenglein, Nicholas	Rowe, Mh'Shaila
Stutzke, Hannah*	Smith, Miata	Arocho, Aidee	Tipping, William*	Wagner, Alexandra	Scott, Dejanae
Voller, Vanessa*	Sullivan, Megan*	Bartelt, Emma	Towers, Kimberly*	Wharton, William	Sinchi, David
Wageman, Paul*#	Svanoe, Jacob	Beckstrom, Anna*	Uecker, Natalie	Wheeler, Julianna	Slater, Owen
Weaver, Jessica*S	Tomlinson, Felix	Brandt, Taylor	Vannavong, Anuuke	Wilczynski, Erica	Smith, Olivia
<u>Grade 12 Honors</u>	Towers, Kevin	Campion, Matthew	Warren, Aaron	<u>Grade 10 Honors</u>	Starks, Breanna
Anderson, Elizabeth*#	Traynor, Kathleen	Carpentier, Nicolas*	Watkins, Jayson*	Aleman-Gomez, Ana	Subialka, Bridget
Baboila, David	Turnberg, Joseph	Catanzaro, Theodore	Williams-Frier, Cullen*	Beese, Megan	Suek, Benjamin
Balch, Armonia*	Wald, Mallory	Coughlan-Smith, Merrit*	Wojda, Paul*	Boucha, Jacob	Swift, Kaleigh
Barker, Ross*	White, Anecia	DeGrio, Megan	Zarnoti, Elisabeth*	Brown, Allison	Tank, Jacob
Bettin, Nathaniel	Wiborg, Lucas*#	Donaldson, Grace*	<u>Grade 10 High Honors</u>	Buchl, Noah	Travis, Reid
Betting-Fuentes,	Wojda, Clare*	Dressen, Francis	Ajaluwa, Andrew	Butterfield, Hayley	Violante, Sergio
Annette*#	Xiong, Seng Ye*	Ebner, Ian*	Aubart, Rachel	Cox, Bailey	Whiterabbit, Ronald
Bliss, Matthew	<u>Grade 11 High Honors</u>	Engel, Patrick*	Blaine-Sauer, Simon	Dischinger, Austin	* National Honor
Cervantes, Carlie*	Albert, Benjamin*	Essenburg, Kimberly	Boyd, Connal	Doran, Cooper	Society Member
Crancer, Emily	Aubart, Benjamin*	Extrand, Ivan*	Brown, Hannah Sofia	Efejuku, Michael	P NHS President
Darger, Ella	Barry, Kevin*	Fahning, Chad	Bryant, Anthony	Eftefield, Marisa	VP NHS Vice-President
Enwesi, Colleen*	Billig, Neal*	Florey, Lindsay*	Cline, Amanda	Fairchild, Samantha	S NHS Secretary
Franklin, Carissa	Borman, Anne*	Gregory, Liam	Daley, Fiona	Feldhahn, Alana	T NHS Treasurer
Garner, Cori#	Camilleri, Madeline*	Haugen, Anadelia	Draper, Garrett	Goodman, George	# Alumni Scholarship
Gharrity-Phillips, Marie	Elfstrand, Matthew*	Herrick, Abigail	Eliason, Emily	Grewach, Elizabeth	Award Recipient
Hagar, Madeleine*	Eull, Natalie*	Ingram, Jada*	Elick, Olivia	Harris, Samantha	
Hamel, Peter*	Farrell, Bridget*	Johnston, Vanessa*	Engstrom, Maria	Horstmann, Eve	
Hannah, Lydia	Holbrook, Grace*	Kassa, Pheben	Futterer, Anna	Hughes, Jane	
Hunter, Eden*	Jensen, Madeline*	Kiawoin, Jebbeh*	Gosz, Maria	Johnson, Benjamin	
Hyland, William*	Lieske, Morgan*	LaQua, Madeline	Hellstrom, Grace	Johnston, Victoria	
Jacox, Briana	Loye, Victor*	Leland, Brooke	Henschel, Madeline	Jordan, Elizabeth	

**National Achievement Scholarship
Semi-Finalist**

Nathanael McNair

**Letter of Commendation - National
Merit Scholarship Program**

Kira Braun
Nathanael McNair

**Semi-Finalist - National
Merit Scholarship Program**

Felix Tomlinson

ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Winter activities have begun, so come out and attend a DeLaSalle event. Check out www.delasalle.com and our calendar for more details.

If you plan on attending home basketball games there is a fee. Admission for adults is \$5 and \$3 for seniors and students (k-12). All current DeLaSalle students are admitted for free at home regular season events with a student ID. We do sell an all season pass for \$50. If you plan on attending away games, students and families should be prepared to pay an admission price at other schools.

We are looking for volunteers to take tickets at home basketball events. If you are interested please contact Peggy Juergens at peggy.juergens@delasalle.com or 612-676-7614.



Fall Sports Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lucas Wiborg '12 for making the Star Tribune third team All Metro Football Team.

Congratulations to Anna Nelson '15 who was on a school record breaking 400 freestyle relay team.

Congratulations to All State First Team Soccer Players Paul Wageman '12 and Mukwelle Akale '15.

LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY RESEARCH

The National History Day Theme for this year is **Revolution, Reaction and Reform in History**. The best place to start identifying an individual for the history day topic or a speech in one of your classes is Gale Group's Biography Resource Center, a database from the Gale Group collection. The new interface allows you to search across multiple databases using the initial Find search box on the front page. Make sure to check the button to select ALL databases before your search.

To search the Biography Research Center database you need to scroll down to find it in the list and specifically select that database. The Biography Resource Center is a comprehensive database of biographical information on over 340,000 people throughout history, around the world. A good way to browse the database is to use the category browse feature or to focus in by using the advanced search feature. It is a great source for any research project about people.

Don't forget to search the Gale Group collection of e-books in the Gale Virtual Reference Library. There are many new titles added to the collection this year. The collection can be searched by individual title or as part of the cross database search from the top of the page. Subjects covered in the collection include: Primary Sources, Timelines, Arts & Humanities, Animal Sciences, Biology, Literary Criticism & Characters, Government, Global Religion, Writers, Folklore & Cultures and much more.

To use this database when on campus, go to the DeLaSalle High School Library Web site and select → Online Databases → Gale Group or select the Gale Group from the ebooks page. Students are encouraged to visit the Library for help using this tool and any of the many databases to which DLS has access. This too is also available from home or the public library.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF MUSIC
BANDS, CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7:00PM FLORANCE CENTER
FREE ADMISSION. PLEASE VISIT DELASALLE.COM FOR ADDITIONAL FREE PARKING
OPTIONS AND SHUTTLE SERVICE INFORMATION.**

FALL PLAY: ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Last month, a cast and crew of over 60 students brought to life the whimsical and wild production of *Alice in Wonderland*. Alice was played interchangeably and in tandem by Abby Herrick '13 and Jessica

Lockett '14. While chasing the White Rabbit, hiding from eccentric queens, and trying to solve the riddle of a Mad Tea Party, our audiences were taken on a topsy turvy journey within Lewis Carroll's zany world.

Do join us as we present the *Second Annual Spotlight Night of Theatre* on January 27 at 7:00pm. This evening will feature our Competition One Act, Freshman Feature - 10 minute plays, a preview of the Musical and Specialty Acts.

Mark your calendars for the spring musical, *Into the Woods*, opening March 2, 2012!



Upper Left: Full Cast
Lower Left: The insane White Queen, Lily Meyer '12 and bewildered Alice, Abby Herrick '13.
Center: Guests at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party: Hatter, Zach Beckman '13, Doremouse, Danika Partridge '15, March Hare, Xena Johnson '14 and Alice, Jessica Lockett '14.
Lower Right: The White Rabbit calling court to order, Margret Sittig '13.

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Brother Robert Thomas, FSC Retirement Reception:

December 14, from 5:30-6:50pm. All guests who RSVP to the reception will have reserved Christmas Concert Seating. Please RSVP to Brother Robert Thomas' retirement reception by Friday, December 9 to Anna Carol by phone: 612.676.7671 or email: anna.carol@delasalle.com

LOOKING AHEAD

December 2011

- 12/8 Immaculate Conception Liturgy
- 12/9 Ninth Grade Class Retreat
- 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>

Did you know....that we depend on the support of parents, alumni and friends to make DeLaSalle High School accessible? Many young women and men who make up our diverse student body would not be here without financial aid support.

As you make your plans for end-of-year philanthropic giving in the coming weeks, please consider a gift to DeLaSalle. It's easy - visit www.delasalle.com and click on the Donate Online button. We put each and every gift to good use. You can feel good knowing that your gift will help us provide all that DeLaSalle has to offer - for mind, heart and soul - to the many deserving students whose lives are blessed and transformed with your help.

