



Student Activity

news

Greetings from the Activities Office!
We are still in need of ticket takers for home basketball events. The following dates are still available:

Admit One

DeLaSalle High School

Tuesday	January	25
Saturday	January	29
Friday	February	11
Thursday	February	17
Saturday	February	26
Tuesday	March	1

Please contact Ms. Peggy Juergens at (612) 676-7614 or peggy.juergens@delasalle.com if you are available to work. Thank you for your support of DeLaSalle Islander activities!



DE Welcomes Winterfest 2011

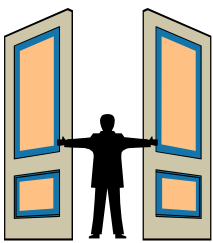
January 31- February 4 is DE's Winterfest, a week of activities to give winter-weary students and teachers a fun break.

Daily after school activities will include the perennial favorites: movie night, skating at the Depot, and tubing at Theodore Wirth Park. Added to the outdoor activities is downhill skiing. On Tuesday the boys' PowderPuff Volleyball game will pit 12th grade boys against 11th grade boys. New this year will be a Rock Band II "battle of the

bands" contest to be held after school on Friday.

Every day of Winterfest Week will be an out-of-uniform day with a different theme. Students who dress in the theme of the day can be out of uniform. The best dressed students for each of these themed days will compete for prizes during lunches.

The week culminates with the Winterfest dance on Friday, at which students will banish winter from the island for the night.



Welcome!

Open House

at DeLaSalle for Prospective Families

Thursday, Jan. 13

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Library Corner

The Library tool for December is the **Research Project Calculator**.

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 power point presentation or prepare a speech?

Stop stressing out and try the Research Project Calculator available through the DeLaSalle Library website. Use this time management tool to stay on top of big assignments, for example, a History Day project.

To find this tool, begin on the home page for the DLS library. Notice the list of topics to the left of the main picture. In that list click on Academics and then on Library and Media Center. This opens the home page for the library. On this home page notice on the left a list of topics under Library Resources. In that list, click on Homework Help & Net Safety. This brings up a page with a headline of Project Time Management. Under this headline, find Research Project Calculator in blue. Click on it to open this tool's starting page.



To use this tool, first choose the format of the project (essay, power point, video) and enter the due date. The calculator breaks the project into manageable steps and estimates the dates that each part of the process needs to be completed in order to have the assignment done on time. The research guide along with due dates can be sent to an email address or printed out.

Let technology and the DeLaSalle Library work for you!

This Research Project Calculator is part of the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM). Check out other ELM resources under Online Databases on the Library website.



Teacher Conference in Chicago

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Space Shuttle mission that repaired the Hubble Space Telescope following its launch with impaired optics.

"It was a great conference," Newman said, "with good ideas and techniques presented in the various sessions, great speakers for the keynotes, and the chance to network with Lasallian colleagues from around the country."

Jung, who has taught at Bishop Kelley High School, a Lasallian school in Tulsa, Oklahoma, added, "Connecting with other Lasallian teachers to see how they approached technology and their curriculum was extremely valuable for my own classroom."



Exams: Finishing Well

Encourage your student to finish the first semester with the best effort possible. Here is the testing schedule:

Thursday JANUARY 20

Period 1
8:30 A.M. - 9:40 A.M.

Period 2
9:45 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

Period 3
10:50 A.M. - 11:50 A.M.

Period 4
11:55 A.M. - 12:55 P.M.

Friday JANUARY 21

Period 6
8:30 A.M. - 9:40 A.M.

Period 7
9:45 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

Period 8
10:50 A.M. - 11:50 A.M.

Period 5
11:55 A.M. - 12:55 P.M.

Students who have study hall or lunches periods 1, 4, 5, or 6 may arrive late or leave early.

All busses will depart at 1:15 P.M. on Thursday and Friday.

Students must be in uniform for exam days.

Applications Available for Financial Aid For Families Seeking Assistance for 2011-2012 at DE

Families interested in applying for need-based financial aid for next year must complete a Tuition Aid Data Services (TADS) Application each year. Applications may be completed online at www.tads.com or picked up in the Business Office at DeLaSalle High School.

Families are strongly encouraged to submit the 2011 TADS application as early as February 11 to ensure consideration of all scholarship opportunities based on financial need.

Completed applications are due February 25, 2011.

To deal with any questions, contact Ms. Jill Stricker at (612) 676-7602 or jill.stricker@delasalle.com.

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With a click of a key or two, the newsletter can be ready to read on your computer or smart phone.

Contact the editor, Bro. Larry Zeman, at larry.zeman@delasalle.com to request the DLS newsletter as an e-mail attachment.

No School on January 24

Teachers to Attend Workshop on Students' Language Development

In the fall of 2010 DeLaSalle invited Ms. Deirdre Kramer and Ms. Ann Mabbott, Hamline professors of Education, to assess its development of language proficiency in its curriculum. The professors found that while many DeLaSalle students are proficient in social vocabulary, they may lack the academic vocabulary that enables them to achieve at a higher level.

As a follow up to this observation, all teachers will be attending a workshop conducted by Hamline University on Monday, January 24. At the workshop Kramer and Mabbott will help teachers become more cognizant of the challenges students face when they lack academic vocabulary. Developing an academic vocabulary will help our students expand their college options.

Teachers will work on learning the best practices for developing academic language with an emphasis on English Language Learners in a morning session. After a lunch break teachers will observe videos of instruction that address the system of language and writing language objectives.

Hamline will also follow-up with observations and techniques that teachers can integrate into their lesson plans to help all of our students.

Christian Service Hours Due Jan. 21

For 12th graders the completion and documentation of 60 hours of volunteer Christian Service and a personal reflection paper are due on the last day of first semester—Friday, January 21

This is a requirement for graduation from DeLaSalle. All students must meet this requirement in order to participate in DeLaSalle's commencement exercises next spring and have transcripts forwarded to another school.

(Note that these hours are not to be confused with work service hours that are connected with tuition assistance. Direct questions about work service hours to Ms. Bernie Hines in the Main Office.)

In mid-October, the Lasallian Ministry staff mailed to each parent or guardian of a 12th grader a statement of their student's status with the Christian Service program.

Any concerns or needs regarding Christian Service hours may be addressed to Mr. CJ Hallman or Bro. Larry Zeman in Lasallian Ministry. Call (612) 676-7600.

DLS Directories Done

The 2010-2011 family directory has been printed. A copy may be obtain from Ms. Bernie Hines in the Main Office.

11th Graders!

Please make an appointment to see Ms. Braun, Ms. Carter, Ms. McAdams, or Mr. Sund! They will start their college planning process by creating an account on the MNCIS website—an extraordinarily useful tool with all aspects of college planning and career planning. Students should sign up during a time that is convenient for them. Best times to sign up are before school, during their lunch, or during study hall if they have one. Take the time, make the move, and do it!

12th Graders Need FAFSA

What is the FAFSA? The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the form that the government uses to determine a student's eligibility for college financial aid, which may include: scholarships, grants, work-study and loans.

How do one apply for FAFSA? In order to complete the FAFSA, parents will need to have their 1040 tax return (2010 version) for reporting taxes, not the W-2. They should plan to complete taxes as soon as W-2 forms are received in January. Applying is FREE. Do not use sites that charge a fee.

Where is the FAFSA available? FAFSA is available either:

- at www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete for the online.
- at 1-800-FED-AID to ask for a paper application. Please allow 7-10 business days to receive your copy.

When should FAFSA be filled out? Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 of each year. Remember to keep copies of all submitted documents, as well as the student pin number and the parent pin number. (Applicants will use the same pin numbers to fill out a FAFSA each year.)

College Applications

Did you know that the Guidance and Counseling Department has already processed nearly 500 applications during this school year alone? Not only that, DeLaSalle teachers and administrators have written nearly 1,000 letters of recommendation for college applications and scholarships!

Students, it is always a nice touch to send a thank you note to the staff members who have worked so hard on application letters for you.

Scores on PSAT, PLAN Tests

The PSAT (Pre-SAT), PLAN (Pre-ACT) scores will be given out in classes and interpreted for the students after break. Parents/guardians, look for these test scores coming home with your student and the interpretation directions as well. Every 11th and 10th grader will get them to bring home.

In light of finals coming up:

12 Test Taking Tips

Semester finals are January 20-21. Here are some study tips to help your teen become a more efficient and effective learner.

Before the Test

1. **Avoid cramming.** Keep up with your homework and reading. Do not wait until the night before a test to start studying. The more prepared you are, the less nervous you will feel and the better you will do on the test.
2. **Talk to your teacher about his/her tests.** Find out what the test will be like. Will it be essay, multiple-choice, short answer, or some combination? Make sure you know what material the test will cover.
3. **Go to bed early ...** which you will be able to do if you don't cram. Get some exercise during the day to help you sleep earlier.
4. **Eat a healthy breakfast.** Some protein should be part of your breakfast. Avoid too much sugar, which is common in cereals and syrups.

• **REMEMBER:** DeLaSalle teachers offer after-school study help daily, especially prior to tests.

During the Test

5. **Always think positively.** Use positive self-talk: "I can do this. I know this material." Negative thinking brings negative results. Be positive!
6. **Scan the test before starting.** Notice how long it is and what type of questions.
7. **If nervous, use relaxation techniques.** Diaphragmatic breathing (breathing from your stomach), meditation, and prayer can help you feel calmer.
8. **Read carefully.** This applies to directions, questions, and answers. Ask for help if something isn't clear.
9. **Start with the easiest questions.** Answering them will give you confidence. Mark the hard questions and go back to them last.
10. **Guess smart.** Definitely guess if you can rule out two answers on multiple choice questions, maybe even just one.
11. **Don't spend too much time on any one question ...** unless you have time and it's your last question.

A Final Point

12. **For more test-taking tips,** come into the Counseling Office. Good luck students!!

More New Faces at DeLaSalle

Ms. Anna Carol • DeLaSalle welcomes a versatile young talent, Ms. Anna Carol, to lead the efforts of its students on stage. As the new Theatre Coordinator, Carol will manage the department's budget, choose the plays to be performed, and hire the staff to guide the students' work.



Ms. Anna Carol
Theatre Coordinator/
Resident Director
of Theatre

Carol will direct some of the plays, notably the musicals, because of her choreography skills and experience, but she will not direct all of the plays. In hiring some professional play directors from outside the school, DeLaSalle gives the students the enriching experience of working under the leadership of different directors. Carol graduated magna cum laude from Minnesota State University—Moorhead with a bachelor of arts degree in theatre performance, directing, and dance.

In the spring of 2008, her work at DLS started as choreographer for *Grease*. In the next year she added to her résumé impressive work as director and choreographer of *Les Misérables*. In the spring of 2010 she added the direction of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Carol boasts that her working with DeLaSalle students is the highlight of her year. She says, "I walk away every day with such joy and fantastic stories."

"My staff and I," Carol explains, "are working to train students in their areas of interest and allowing them to have some ownership over the work throughout the program including: lighting, scenic and sound design,

playwriting, choreography, and performance. ... I am proud of the fact that DeLaSalle has such a standard for excellence. My main goal is to continue to find ways to share the gifts and talents of our students with our community."

The gifts and talents of DeLaSalle new Theatre Director have taken her to a variety of theatre venues—the Ordway Theatre in St.

Paul, the Paramount Theatre in St. Cloud, the Paul Bunyan Playhouse in Bemidji, Grand View University in Des Moines, the Sandstone Theatre in Farmington, New Mexico, and the National Theatre for Children in Boston.

More about DeLaSalle's new director of theatre may be found on her website at www.annacarol.net.

As she reflects on the power of plays, Carol says, "Theatre has such power to evoke conversation, and challenge ideas, but most of all it is a testament to

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Know Your School

How does the Development and Alumni Relations Office serve our school?

The Development and Alumni Relations Office coordinates external relations between alumni, friends, parents, and benefactors of DeLaSalle High School. We provide leadership in the areas of fund raising, alumni relations, class reunions, special events like our Alumni Hall of Fame, the Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, and the Student Scholarship Benefit, as well as a wide range of external activities with our entire community of supporters.

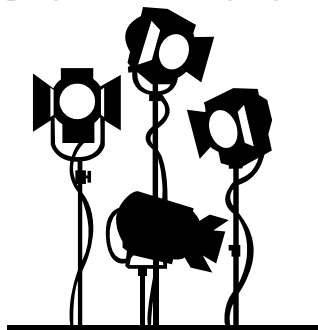
The Development staff also works to assist Brother Michael Collins in coordination with the Board of Trustees through the Finance, Development, and Investment Committees to ensure to ensure the success of our fundraising efforts, the second largest revenue item in the budget behind tuition. Last year we raised over \$2.36 million for DeLaSalle. The Alumni Relations Director works in coordination with DeLaSalle's Alumni Association.

Who is on the staff of this office? Our staff includes Mr. Dave Thorson, Vice-President for Development; Ms. Shannon Gahagan, Annual Fund Director; Ms. Shannon (Vye) Foreman '03, Alumni Relations Director; Ms. Emily Beckman, Data Coordinator; and Ms. Gerilyn Hommerding, Student Scholarship Benefit Director, and Mr. Douge Schildgen, Manager of the Islander Foundation.

sharing in the human experience with one another. It is a reminder to sing and sing beyond what we already know."

Her statement echoes in some ways the scripture theme that DeLaSalle has for this year, "Sing a new song unto the Lord." Theatre invites us to reflect on our human experience and from that experience, sing a new song about life.

Editor's Note: In coming issues, watch for news on more staff members new to DeLaSalle.



Theatre DeLaSalle



Maura Williams-Freier '11 fills the room with her voice as she sings "Arioso" from the *Messiah*.

Handel's 'Messiah' to 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'

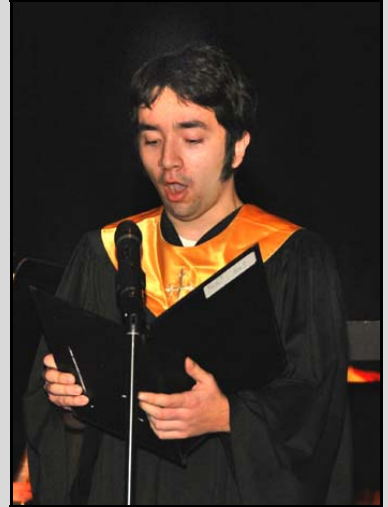
It's not too surprising to hear someone mention this year's school theme at various Islander events. This year the A Cappella Choir gave the theme "Sing a New Song Unto the Lord" (Psalm 98:1) more than a casual mention. They sang it in Latin: "Cantate Domino." It was a fitting point to highlight as DE celebrated Christmas.

The program offered more than an hour of wonderful music by the A Cappella Choir, the Chamber Orchestra, the Concert Choir, and the Symphonic Band all led by Mr. Mark Capecchi.

Simon Blaine-Sauer '14 provides the piano accompaniment. Mr. Doug Duea turns the music pages for the young pianist.



Following tradition, some audience members joined the DeLaSalle student musicians in performing the concert's final selection, Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."



Felix Tomlinson '12 sings a solo on the "Every Valley" selection from Handel's *Messiah*.



Samantha Harris '14 and Tom MacLaughlin '11, members of the Chamber Orchestra, added red Christmas hats to the music for the evening.



DeLaSalle's Men's Chorus—(left to right) Christian Glanville '11, Andrew Detloff '11, Eric Peters '13, Ryan Howell '11, and Will Tipping '13—performed "Angelus Domini" by Biebl.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Classes resume	3	4 B/C/V Boys' Basketball 5:30/5:30/7:00 PM @ Brooklyn Center C/V Girls' Basketball 5:30/7:00 PM vs. Brooklyn Center @ DLS	5 V Wrestling Quad 5:00 PM @ St. Paul Johnson	6 Lasallian Ministry 7:30 AM C/B/V Boys' Basketball 4:15/5:30/7:00 PM vs. Breck School @ DLS C/JV/V Girls' Basketball 4:30/5:45/7:15 PM @ Hopkins	7 9 Gold Boys' Basketball 4:15 PM vs. Maranatha Christian Academy @ DLS C Boys' Basketball 5:30 PM vs. St. Croix Preparatory Academy @ DLS V Girls' Basketball 6:00 PM @ Breck	8 C/9 Gold Boys' Basketball 10:00/11:15 AM @ Cretin Derham-Hall V Wrestling Tournament 10:30 AM @ Norwood Young America V Boys' Basketball 11:00 AM vs. Superior @ University of Wisconsin - Superior V Competition Cheer 11:00 AM @ Totino-Grace Eagle Extravaganza
9 Math League 4:00 PM @ Blake (downtown campus) Parent Association 6:00 PM R. Casanova Room	10	11 C/B/V Boys' Basketball 4:15/5:30/7:00 PM vs. St. Agnes @ DLS C/V Girls' Basketball 5:30/7:00 PM @ St. Agnes	12	13 Lasallian Ministry 7:30 AM Open House for Prospective Families 7:00 PM	14  Martin Luther King, Jr. Liturgy 9:14 AM Christian Service Hours due for 12th Graders C/JV/V Girls' Basketball 4:15/5:30/7:00 PM vs. St. Anthony @ DLS B/C/V Boys' Basketball 5:30/5:30/7:00 PM @ St. Anthony Village	15 Entrance Exam for Class of 2015 V Wrestling Tournament 9:00 AM @ St. Croix Lutheran JV Boys' Basketball 10:00 AM @ Tartan C/9 Gold Boys' Basketball 10:00/11:15 AM @ Totino-Grace V Competitive Cheer 10:30 AM @ Edina Sweetheart Classic JV/V Girls' Basketball 1:30/3:00 PM @ Maranatha Christian Academy
16  "I have a dream..." Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	17	18 C/JV Girls' Basketball 4:15/5:30 PM vs. Mounds Park @ DLS C/B/V Boys' Basketball 4:15/5:30/7:00 PM @ Mounds Park Academy	19	20 Semester 1 Final Exams	21 Semester 1 Final Exams C/JV/V Girls' Basketball 4:15/5:30/7:00 PM vs. Visitation @ DLS	22 V Wrestling Tourney 9:30 AM @ Minnehaha Academy (north campus) JV Boys' Basketball 10:30 AM @ Robbinsdale Cooper 9 Gold Boys' Basketball 9:30 PM vs. St. Thomas Academy @ DLS
23 Professional Development Day for Staff NO SCHOOL	24	25 Semester 2 begins C/JV/V Boys' Basketball 4:15/5:30/7:00 PM vs. Concordia Academy-Roseville @ DLS C/JV/V Girls' Basketball 5:30/5:30/7:00 PM @ Concordia Academy-Roseville	26	27 Lasallian Ministry 7:30 AM C/B/V Boys' Basketball 4:15/5:30/7:00 PM vs. St. Croix Lutheran @ DLS	28 C/JV/V Girls' Basketball 4:15/5:30/7:00 PM @ St. Croix Lutheran Spotlight Theatre Night 7:30 PM Florance Center (see page 1)	29 V Competitive Cheer MN State Cheer Championships vs. TBA @ Roy Wilkins Auditorium-St. Paul 9 Gold/ C/JV/V Boys' Basketball 1:00/2:30/3:45/5:15 PM vs. Eden Prairie @ DLS
30 Catholic Schools Week → DLS Winterfest Week →	31					



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Semester Exams

January 20 - 21



Look Ahead

- Feb. 2 All School Test Results - Interpretation Meeting for Parents
- Feb. 11 Class of 2015 Admissions Applications Due
- Feb. 11 11th Grade Retreat
- Feb. 16 Delayed Start • Classes begin at 10:30 A.M.
- Feb. 17 Registration Materials for 2011 - 2012 distributed to current students
- Feb. 21 Presidents' Day Holiday • **NO SCHOOL**
- Feb. 22 History Day
- Feb. 23 College Planning Night for 11th Graders and Parents
- Feb. 25 2011 - 2012 Financial Aid Applications and Registrations Due
- Feb. 26 Registration for the Class of 2015
- Mar. 4-6 Musical Theatre Performances
- Mar. 7-11 Social Justice Awareness Week
- Mar. 9 Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- Mar. 11-13 Musical Theatre Performances
- Mar. 14 Spring Sports Practices Begin
- Mar. 24 Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences
4:00 - 7:00 PM • **NO SCHOOL**
- Mar. 25 Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM • **NO SCHOOL**
- Mar. 25-Apr. 4 French and Spanish Class Trip
- Mar. 28-Apr. 1 Spring break • **NO SCHOOL**

Epiphany

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; ¹¹ and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

(Matthew 2)



Nativity figures created by students in Introduction to Visual Arts.