

Good Day Parents,

Happy New Year! On behalf of La Salle University, please accept our sincere wishes for a happy, healthy and amazing year - and a very successful one for your son/daughter.

So much to share with you...

**\*\*Open House – Saturday, February 4, Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Hayman’s Lobby. The Lunch/Academic Fair will be held in heated tents on the tennis courts from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** As is customary, we welcome parent volunteers – whatever time you can offer will be most helpful. Registration involves greeting families and checking in prospective students. At the Lunch/Academic Fair we answer questions mostly from the parents of the prospective students, and more often – they just want your opinion. It is a very good program and your support will only add to its success. My contact information follows or you can email us at [parents@lasalle.edu](mailto:parents@lasalle.edu) if you are able to help.

**A challenge to the parents of the Class of 2015** – at the two Fall Open Houses we did not have a parent volunteer from the freshman class. We hope that you will be the **one** to accept our challenge and become the first parent volunteer from the Class of 2015. Your sash will be waiting for you on the 4<sup>th</sup>! ☺

**The Office of Undergraduate Admission is looking for student volunteers** to host prospective students who come to campus to visit. Lunch will be provided for both students. Students should contact Ryan Gillon in Admissions, [gillon@lasalle.edu](mailto:gillon@lasalle.edu). What a great way for students to exhibit school pride and support their school. Also, volunteerism looks very good on a resume!

**The Men’s Basketball Team** is playing very well and receiving well-deserved attention. Their record at present is 15-6, with 13 straight wins at home (11-0 this year). **Tickets for remaining home games can be purchased by calling 215.951.1999.**

**La Salle’s Campus Store is going “3-for-3!”** On the day after men’s and women’s basketball games, the Campus Store will offer a 3% discount for every three-point shot that La Salle scores during the game. (This discount is good on one item of emblematic clothing – not to exceed 24%).

**Explorer Fitness Classes have resumed and are free for all students** – classes include Flip Fitness, Cardio Core, Yoga and Zumba. All classes are held in the Sts. Edward and Francis Lounge. For a complete schedule students can go to [www.GoExplorers.com/Recreation](http://www.GoExplorers.com/Recreation).

University Ministry and Service (UMAS) has resumed their regular mass schedule on **Sundays, 6:00 p.m. in the De La Salle Chapel and 8:00 p.m. in St. Basil’s Lounge (South Campus). Daily mass is held in the De La Salle Chapel, Monday through Friday, at 1:00 p.m.** Fr. Jim Dever promises a 22-minute mass so students will have time to eat their lunch.

**Senior Portraits will be taken February 13-17 in Union 217.** Seniors should visit [www.ouryear.com](http://www.ouryear.com) to make their appointment – **School Code is 87165.** Portraits will be used for the Class of 2012 yearbook.

The Campus Store will take orders for **Class Rings February 13 – 15. Orders for Cap and Gowns will be taken April 16 – 19.**

**The Office of the Registrar informs us that seniors must apply for May Graduation by Wednesday, February 29.** An official audit must be completed for all eligible seniors who plan to graduate. A helpful reminder from Mom or Dad would be appreciated. Students can simply apply through the portal.

**Commencement Information:**

**Undergraduate Commencement** – Sunday, May 20, 10:30a.m. in McCarthy Stadium

**Baccalaureate** – Saturday, May 19, 6:00p.m. in the Hayman Center

**Commencement Gala** – Saturday, May 19, 7:30p.m. on the Tennis Courts

\*\*Commencement Information will be posted on the website within the next 2 weeks. **Graduation guides** will be mailed to students in early February.

**The Community Psychological Services Center is offering a weight loss group program led by trained professionals, specifically for students.** Students will learn behavioral strategies to help change eating habits, increase physical activity, and make long-term, sustainable lifestyle changes. **Groups will meet on Monday evenings for 10 weeks beginning February 6. Students can call 215.915.1006 for details. \*\***(Please note that students in need of a counselor's services unrelated to this program, should contact the Student Counseling Center, located in McShain Hall – main campus, 215.95.1357.

**Tutoring programs** are available in 50 courses – students can schedule an appointment by going through the Portal and select the **GradesFirst icon**.

**Academic & Learning Support Services will continue to offer workshops this semester to help students with time management, study skills, etc.** Students can visit [www.lasalle.edu/portal/learningsupport/index.php](http://www.lasalle.edu/portal/learningsupport/index.php)? The schedule includes 4 on-line workshops that students can view from the convenience of their room.

**Mid-semester holiday will be March 5 – 9** and dorms will close on Friday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. Dorms will re-open Sunday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m.

We have had a few personnel changes in our office that I am pleased to share with you. Trey Ulrich, who was the Director of the La Salle Fund, was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations and Helene Holmes was appointed Director of the La Salle Fund. Jason Bodman, '11 was hired as Assistant Director of the La Salle Fund and will coordinate the student callers for the Phon-A-Thon.

Jason wants our parents to know that the student callers will be contacting them shortly. Student callers continually tell us that their favorite segment of calls is to our parents. Student callers have great conversations with parents and will gladly share the latest news on campus.

**Mark Badstubner, Division of Student Affairs, Director of Community Standards and Support, has provided a very important letter to our parents advising them about the Greek Community here at La Salle.** Unfortunately, if we were to add this letter as an attachment our email might be subject to spam filters. Therefore, we have placed this letter on the Parents' Association website, [www.lasalle.edu/parents](http://www.lasalle.edu/parents) and encourage you to read the entire version of this letter. Here are some highlights:

Women's organizations, Alpha Sigma Tau, Alpha Theta Alpha, Delta Phi Epsilon and Gamma Phi Beta, will be holding their recruitment events the week of January 30 – February 3 in the Student Union. Pre-registration is required by Friday, January 27 and can be done at <https://lasalle.mycampusdirector.com/register/>.

Our men's organizations, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Phi Delta, Phi Beta Sigma, Inc., Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Sigma Phi Lambda, will hold their recruitment events the weeks of February 6-12, in various locations around campus.

**\*\*There are several un-recognized Greek organizations that attempt to function at the University despite their national charters being revoked. The University and the National Organizations do not in any way support involvement or activities of these groups. They are not supervised and involvement with these organizations is potentially dangerous. The following groups are not recognized by the University or National Organizations: Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), Gamma Sigma Sigma (Gamma Sig), Delta Sigma Phi (Delta Sig), and Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI).**

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's involvement with our Greek organizations, please feel free to contact **Katie Owsianiecki, Community Coordinator for Greek Life** at [owsianiecki@lasalle.edu](mailto:owsianiecki@lasalle.edu) or at 215.991.2957.

Our office works very closely with the Alumni office and they want our parents to know that many of their events and programs are open to all members of the La Salle Community. You can visit their website at [www.lasalle.edu/alumni](http://www.lasalle.edu/alumni) - select 'Events' for a list. Please call me if you have an interest in any of the events or programs.

Mary Kay McGettigan, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, Clubs and Chapters encourages our parents to join us in various cities this baseball season. We have secured tickets for games in San Francisco, Washington, Chicago, Baltimore, and Florida. There will be 2 minor league games – the Trenton Thunder and the Reading Phillies. Details forthcoming on a wine tasting event!

**On Saturday, March 10, the Alumni Office will be hosting an alumni event in Clearwater, Florida to see the Philadelphia Phillies play the Baltimore Orioles.** This event is open to all members of the La Salle Community and we have reservations for 200 tickets. The reception is from 12:00p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the picnic pavilion and the game begins at 1:05p.m. The cost is \$50 per person and includes picnic buffet and game ticket. If you are interested, please let me know soon – tickets sell out quickly. This price does not include air transportation!

Our family is hoping to attend the Phillies game in Florida but it coincides with our granddaughter's, 1st birthday. Details are still being worked out for the big day, but whatever happened to cake and ice cream? Abby recently attended her first La Salle event - a basketball reception, and she enjoyed herself immensely. We hope that you will consider coming out to a La Salle University event – we know that you will have a good time too!

Thank you for your time, consideration and support.

All the best,

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