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Principal's Message

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“Listen to my story.”

Don't we all have a story we are itching to tell? But we don't tell it to everyone, just to people who matter to us – family, friends, now and again, a teacher.

For De La Salle North, we, too, have a story to tell. It's the story of students working hard and reaching dreams; it's the story of young people challenging themselves and trusting their community of teachers to show them how to meet those challenges. It's the story of people believing we can do just about anything we imagine.

And our story grows. The Class of 2015 joins us this fall with 98 students, so that we are now 304 strong. With our transfer students, 113 new students join the De La Salle North community, bringing vitality and a host of stories. In addition, we have added nearly a dozen new Corporate Internship companies, bringing our total to 72.

Over this oddly cool and damp summer, teachers attended trainings in curriculum development and assessment, advanced placement methods, high impact instructional strategies, and met locally in Level and Department teams to prepare for your children. The school has added courses in Advanced Placement, Journalism, and Year-book; we took great care to add support courses called Foundations in mathematics and language arts at each level.

All these indicators of a growing, maturing school tell one kind of story. But the story that matters is the one your child is a part of each day – your son or daughter walking amid a loving community of teachers and students committed to learning and our common Christian faith; it is the story your child not only hears, but also composes.

Blessings to each family as we open this story-rich year.

Tim Joy
Principal

Parent Volunteers Needed:

Fall Fundraising Scholarship Dinner

On Friday, September 30th, De La Salle North Catholic will host a dinner to raise money for our scholarship fund. Over 77% of students at our school receive tuition assistance. Guests will attend a dinner in our very own cafeteria, decorated to look like a French restaurant. This event relies on parent/guardian support to be successful. Not only does the event raise money for the scholarship fund, the parents, guardians and students who work at the dinner, alongside our principal Tim Joy, have a wonderful time together. De La Salle North Catholic is particularly looking for parents and guardians to help serve the dinner that evening. We also need help cleaning up that evening and the following morning. No experience is necessary – just a ready smile and a willingness to have fun while helping the school. The dinner begins at 7:30, so volunteers would need to be at the school at about 6:30 or so. Please contact Michelle Crimmins at 503-285-9385, x121 or email her at mcrimmins@dlsnc.org if you can help! We look forward to working with you.

SAVE THE DATES

**9/14 National Honor Society
Induction. 7:00 pm**

9/15-16 PICTURE DAYS

**9/19 AM Meeting schedule
CIP Friday**

**9/19 College Information Night for
Seniors and parents. 5:30-7 pm**

**9/26 AM Meeting schedule
CIP Tuesday**

**9/30 NO Classes/YES CIP
Fall Anniversary Event!**

**10/16-22 Lasallian Core Principles
Week**

10/19-20 Family Conferences

**10/26-28 SHAKESPEARE PLAY—
Macbeth**

**11/6 OPEN HOUSE
Shakespeare Festival @
Winningstad Theatre**

**11/14-18 Mix it up Week, 11/18
Sophomore Retreat**

11/19 Peace Fair



Tutoring In Progress (TIP) After-school Tutoring Program

Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (Two days minimally)

Time: 3:35 – 4:30pm

Start Date: Tuesday, September 27th

To further support our students academically, DLSNC is implementing an after-school program, Tutoring in Progress (TIP). TIP will be a collaborative endeavor involving Department team teachers, tutors, and the Vice Principal. Each department would be responsible for opening a classroom after school where students can get additional assistance in a specific subject area. Department Teams will create a weekly calendar identifying who is supervising the room and where the session will take place. (Ideally the room would remain

the same for the week). Teachers would coordinate their schedules based upon their availability.

To support the teacher, tutors would be assigned to work with students for 1 hour after school. Some tutors may be assigned to certain students and other may roam. Tutors will be assigned based upon student need and match. Tutor would work with the same students each session. Classroom would be supervised by a department member (Teacher).

TIP Teams

English: Herrin, Cabrera, Tyler, Seidl

Math: Reis, Chance, Ritter

Science: Barnett, Shindler, ApRoberts

RS/SS/Spanish: Waibel, Nagle, Zupcic, Clark, Dipascuale, Nicola

- Chris Frazier, Vice Principal

Ramping ^{up} with rigor!!

De La Salle North Catholic has taken the next step in improving its college prep environment by offering AP English Literature and AP Calculus to the mix for the seniors.

The courses, which are certified by College Board, will add more of a national curriculum flavor to our instruction. However, the same compassion and diligence toward student success will be applied to the classes even though they do entertain a higher level of effort.

Mr. Tyler has built AP courses from the ground up before and is excited to have Mr. Reis join him in presenting this worthwhile challenge to De La Salle North Catholic.

Mr. Zupcic is also offering an government course for the senior class with an Honors Constitution Club option.

It is an exciting time for DLSNC as the school enters the next ten years of prepping our students for their futures.

- Cary Tyler, English (AP and College Prep) Teacher



Summer Special Appeal

Successful!

Due to the efforts of our Development team, and especially Michelle Crimmens for the email blast, the math department now has a set of 50 graphing calculators valued at \$100 each. We appreciate the support of the community who responded so quickly. Thanks, everyone!

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

Local Festivities

Race Talks: Opportunities for Dialogue
"The Latino Experience in Oregon" @ Kennedy School Gymnasium. 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.

Tuesday, September 13

6 p.m. doors; 7 p.m. event

Free

All ages welcome

Come out for lively presentations by:

Mario Alba, Principal, H.B. Lee Middle School, Reynolds School District -- Portland, OR

Uvalde Garcia, Community Activist, Los Angeles transplant

Alfonso Lopez, Assistant Director of Hiring and Assistant Professor of Education, Pacific University -- Forest Grove, OR

Dr. Perla Rodriguez, Principal, Cornelius Elementary School -- Cornelius, OR

Following the presentations, the audience will break into small discussion groups to talk over the evening's subject matter and more general topics of race and ethnicity. These discussion groups are facilitated by trained volunteers from Uniting to Understand Racism.

El Grito (Fiestas Patrias) Sept 15 11:00am – 10:00pm
 Celebrate the Mexican tradition known as El Grito de Independencia at the Pioneer Courthouse Square! Entry is free and the party begins at noon and continues until 10 p.m. In addition to folkloric and Aztec dancers and live mariachi, salsa, cumbia, and pop music, the event will include food and beverages for sale, community booths, and vendors. Portland Mayor Sam Adams will proclaim September 15 as the "Day of El Grito y Fiestas Patrias Celebration" in the City of Portland.

La Luna Nueva @ Miracle Theatre

A festival of Hispanic arts and culture from around the world in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Beginning September 16, Miracle Theatre Group will present **La Luna Nueva**, a festival of Hispanic arts and culture from around the world celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Join them for spirited flamenco, Cuban jazz and intimate boleros, bilingual poetry and songs from local authors and musicians, storytelling for families, open mic nights and staged readings of four new plays.

FREE EVENTS of La Luna Nueva

DRAMA

"The House of the Spirits/La Casa de los Espíritus", a play by Caridad Svich, based on the novel by Isabel Allende
Two Staged Readings: 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26, 2011 • Free • English and 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011 • Free • Spanish

POETRY

Noche de los poetas (Poets Open Mic Night)
7 p.m. • Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011 • Free • Bilingual
 Enjoy works of poetry by Latino poets — from both the canons of literary giants such as Pablo Neruda and Federico García Lorca as well as original work by local authors. Audiences are invited to also bring their own Latino poetry to share in English or Spanish.

VISUAL ART

Visual Art Exhibits curated by Allan Oliver
Open daily 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Sept. 16-Oct. 2, 2011 • Free
 Throughout the festival, art lovers can view the original paintings of two impressive visual artists from Perú. William Hernandez, who now lives in Portland, will display his collection entitled "Sol y Luna (Sun and Moon)" in the lobby of El Centro Milagro, while Claudio Alberto Soriano exhibits "Recuerdos del pasado y del futuro (Past and Future Memories)" in El Zócalo, a new community space adjacent to the theatre lobby.

For more information go to milagro.org.

Noted Hispanic Young Adult Author Visit

On October 17, 2011, at 7 p.m., **Matt de la Peña** will present the Multnomah County Library's 2011 Teen Author Lecture to the public at Slavic Church Emmanuel, 2025 S.E. 82nd Ave., near S.E. Division, Portland, Oregon.

Due to the generosity of the library's sponsors, this year's event is FREE. Space is limited, and seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis, so plan to arrive early.



De La Salle North Catholic
High School

Notes from the Business Office



TRI-Met Youth bus passes increased to \$27.00 beginning this month.

Remember that lunch accounts must be prepaid as we cannot handle money in the cafeteria. We encourage our families to complete the Free or Reduced lunch application. Please turn in the completed form to the Business Office as soon as possible to find out if you are eligible for this benefit.

De La Salle North Catholic Class of 2011

STATS:

54 seniors in the Class of 2011

96% accepted to college/university

59% of seniors won scholarships

37 will attend 4-year colleges/universities: 68.5%

14 will attend 2-year colleges: 25.9%

1 student will attend a proprietary school: 1.8%

1 student enlisted in the military: 1.8%

1 student will defer college until 2012: 1.8%

Students will be attending 32 different colleges