

*La Salle High School*

# Parent Newsletter

[www.lasalleyakima.org](http://www.lasalleyakima.org)

January, 2024



## A Word from our Principal



First and foremost, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope it is filled with many blessings! I also hope that the time during Advent was restful, reflective, and time well-spent with family and friends. I wanted to share a reflection from my time during Advent; although we are finished opening gifts, taking down the tree, and heading back to work or school, let Christmas remain in our hearts! Let us honor the Newborn Son through our positive and hopeful responses to others, offering a helping hand when needed, and doing our best through challenging life circumstances. Let us remember the joy of Christmas every day of our lives especially as we enter the new year and second semester!

*Developing students in  
faith, integrity,  
scholarship and service*

The first semester at La Salle has been an awesome learning experience for me. I appreciated our hard work and dedication on various events around campus during the first semester. Witnessing the dedication of faculty, administration, staff, students, coaches, and parents was inspiring to me. Our leadership team has also been hard at work on our accreditation, and I am thankful to all for the teacher meetings and leadership teamwork during the past several months. I am passionate about the areas of growth we have identified, and I will continue working with our team to ensure our goals are worked on and accomplished as we move forward.



Parents, as we begin again in the New Year, please remember to search for volunteer opportunities at La Salle. Whether it is at a game, a special event, and/or assisting at another activity, your help and support are needed and appreciated. Please continue searching for upcoming volunteer opportunities on our website. Also, please review the “Inclement weather/Late Start” document which is located on page 3. Another area of need is to host potential international students for next school year. If you are interested, please reach out to me at mhayosh@lasalleyakima.org.

Catholic Schools Week will be from January 28 until February 3. We will have a mandatory All Schools Mass on Friday, February 2nd at Holy Family Church from 9-10:15am. All La Salle Students are required to attend, but parents are highly encouraged. This is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate the gift of a Catholic education. There will be many student activities throughout the week as well.

A reminder and encouragement parents to remind your students to continue the hard work, commitment, and dedication in all classes as second semester begins. Please remind students to reach out to teachers early and often, especially within the first weeks of the semester and as we progress. Finally, thank you to all Faculty, Staff, Coaches, Student Athletes, and parents for your hard work, commitment, and dedication during the first semester. Below are a few photos. Looking forward to all we accomplish in the second semester!

**Live Jesus in Our Hearts,**

**Matthew Hayosh  
Principal  
La Salle High School**





## **Inclement Weather Late Start or Snow Day**

***La Salle High School***  
**2023–2024**

Students of La Salle High School come from a very large geographic area. Our van drivers to the lower and upper valley and designated weather spotters call in to a central person in order for us to determine whether or not we will call a Late Start or Snow Day. The school will use Power Announcement (voice, text, or email) to communicate to staff, parents, guardians, and students about possible late starts, snow days or emergencies this winter.

In the case of inclement weather:

By **6:30 am**, an official **Late Start** will be reported through Power Announcement, Facebook, and the school website.

By **8:00 am**, if necessary, an official **Snow Day** will be reported through Power Announcement, Facebook, and the school website.

If you have not done so, please remember to log onto PowerSchool to identify your preferred modes of communication through Power Announcement. Your student has already verified their own communication preferences. Please remind your student to drive slowly in the event of ice or snow. Most weather-related accidents are caused by teenagers driving too quickly for conditions.

### **Digital Learning Day**

If a **Snow Day** is called, students will be required to complete the day's coursework assigned to them. On these digital learning days, assignments for the day will be posted by instructors to their PowerSchool Class Pages by 10am. Students will be expected to have this coursework completed by the next school day, unless otherwise directed by their teacher.

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Blackfeet Service Immersion

January 6 - 13

## Future Lightning Night

January 12

## No School/MLK Day:

Monday, January 15

## Lightning Cheer Camp

January 27

## Catholic Schools Week

January 28 - February 2

## Giving week

January 29 - February 2

## Junior Unity Ceremony

February 8

## Winter Break/Presidents Weekend

February 16-19

## Put Yourself in the Loop



Download our school calendar onto your mobile device or personal computer.  
Import the calendar into your personal calendar.

Email calendar events to yourself.  
Set-up email event reminders.

## Lightning Updates:



La Salle sends out weekly email and text communications to parents, students and staff.

If you are not receiving these communications please contact school Registrar, Ms. Leda Saenz at [lisaenz@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:lisaenz@lasalleyakima.org) or at 509-225-2900 to be added to these important updates.

## Contact Us :



509-225-2900



3000 Lightning Way  
Union Gap, WA 98903



[www.lasalleyakima.org](http://www.lasalleyakima.org)

# From the Desk of the President

---

---

Happy New Year!

In our Advancement Office we work year-round to raise funds to keep our tuition costs low and provide tuition assistance to families in need. As you are aware, the cost to educate each student is nearly \$17,000, far less than what most parents pay. One of our many efforts to support our commitment to keep La Salle accessible to your children is our upcoming *Giving Week* (January 29–February 2nd). This will coincide with *Catholic Schools Week*. CSW is an opportunity for all Catholic schools across the country to celebrate the wonderful heritage and impact of Catholic schools across the nation. There is no better way to honor the great legacy of Catholic education in the Yakima Valley than to invite our community to help us ensure the gift of a Lasallian Catholic education is available to students for years to come.

During this week we will also invite our larger Lasallian community, which includes alumni, former parents, benefactors, and supporters to consider a financial investment in the amazing work being done at La Salle High School. The academic and extracurricular programs that are at the core of the La Salle experience for our students continue to be best in our valley. We are exceptionally proud of what we can offer to the students entrusted to our care.

Please be on the lookout for emails and social media invitations to participate in this fundraising drive. Every dollar raised will be directed towards tuition assistance and student programs. To learn more about this important week-long event visit: [www.lasalleyakima.org/giving/donate](http://www.lasalleyakima.org/giving/donate).



Ted Kanelopoulos  
President

---



# Lasallian Heritage

Mrs. Emily Heaverlo  
Director of Lasallian  
Formation and Vocation

## Responsibility: Are We Connected?

**There must be union between you,  
genuine courtesy toward lay people and  
great patience with your students.**

-Saint John Baptist de La Salle

Responsibility simply means one's ability to make a response. When the apostles said "Yes" to follow the vision and teachings of Jesus, they set the foundation for the Church that we have today, a community with traditions. When Jesus said, "Whatsoever you do for the least of the people, you do for me" (Mt 25:40) he began a worldwide effort to tend to the needs of the marginalized. Based upon this faith commitment, hospitals, nursing homes, social services, and schools have become the hallmark of Christian responsibility.

When Saint John Baptist de La Salle saw the conditions of those living in poverty, especially the young children who did not have a promising future, he responded by starting schools. He came to realize that he could not do this alone and so he invited teachers to become Brothers. He took them into his home, taught them, fed them and established rules for them. De La Salle and the Brothers became interdependent in establishing schools in the Lasallian tradition.

The Brothers were identified by the letters FSC, which are an abbreviation for Fratres Scholarum Christianum, Latin for the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Today, we might expand the meaning of FSC to signify Faith, Service, and Charity.

1. **Faith** is more than a cognitive or intellectual activity. It involves a personal relationship with Our Lord and other people. John Baptist de La Salle determined that the spirit of faith would be a pillar of his efforts to change the world through education. People of faith enter into fundamental relationships that impact one another. People of faith make responsible commitments to:

- a relationship with God
- a relationship with themselves
- a relationship with other people
- a relationship with all creation

2. **Service** is the activity that reaches out to those who are needy or wounded. Throughout his life Jesus offered visible signs of service when he fed the hungry, cured the suffering, welcomed the unwanted and washed the feet of his disciples saying, "I have come to serve, not to be served." As a man of deep faith, De La Salle organized schools to serve the needs of society. These needs were so great that De La Salle named the second pillar of his efforts the spirit of zeal—that is, a spirit of complete and energetic dedication to a mission. Both Jesus and De La Salle gave new hope and life to others.

3. **Charity** is the attitude that fills our heart and empowers us to give of ourselves in service. As Saint Paul wrote, "Your attitude must be that of Christ" (Philippians 2:5). It is charity or love that elevates our service into expressions of faith and salvation. In one of the most quoted passages, Paul gives priority to charity, saying, "I may have faith to move mountains, but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may give all that I possess to the needy and I may give my body over to be burned, but if I have no love, I gain nothing by it" (1 Cor 13:3). The founder of the Christian Brothers advised them, "Show much kindness and love to the students you teach."

The more tenderness you show your students, the more they will see God in you." Thus, charity was, in St. John Baptist's vision, the virtue that most powerfully and surely led to salvation. The person of faith becomes a responsible servant when s/he sees the need and offers hope and then is motivated to act out of love. While faith and hope are the foundation, the greatest response is love.



# Academics

Vice Principal of Academics  
Mrs. Olivia Hart  
[ohart@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:ohart@lasalleyakima.org)



## 2nd Semester Grade Checks

February 2nd  
March 1st  
March 29th  
April 26th  
May 24th

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- COMMUNITY TALKS
- ADVISING
- JOB SHADOW WORKSHOP

### Seniors:

**Final Grade check for second semester will be May 15th**

### ELIGIBILITY REMINDER:

Students determined to be on probation will be ineligible to practice or play for a period of 3 weeks per 2022-23 WIAA regulations. See the Student-Parent Handbook for more information.  
Effective February 2nd upon first grade check of the semester.



### FIRST SEMESTER GRADES

First Semester Grades are finalized, please reach out with questions or concerns.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Academics: [Ohart@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:ohart@lasalleyakima.org)  
College Counseling: [clamb@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:clamb@lasalleyakima.org)

# **STUDENT LIFE**

## **ENTER TO LEARN LEAVE TO SERVE**

### **FAITH**

**JANUARY 18TH: CONFESSION ON CAMPUS**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK THEMES**

JANUARY 28TH-FEBRUARY 2ND

**SUNDAY:** CELEBRATE YOUR PARISH

**MONDAY:** CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY

**TUESDAY:** CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS

**WEDNESDAY:** CELEBRATE OUR  
FACULTY/STAFF/VOLUNTEERS

**THURSDAY:** CELEBRATE OUR FAMILIES

**FRIDAY:** CELEBRATE VOCATIONS

(ALL SCHOOL MASS AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH)



Student Life Contacts:

**Campus Ministry:**

Mrs. Emily Heaverlo, [eheaverlo@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:eheaverlo@lasalleyakima.org)

**Service:**

Ms. Eileen Maiocco, [emaiocco@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:emaiocco@lasalleyakima.org)

**Student Activities:**

Ms. Anne Whiteside, [awhiteside@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:awhiteside@lasalleyakima.org)

Vice Principal for Student Life

Mrs. Emily Heaverlo

[eheaverlo@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:eheaverlo@lasalleyakima.org)

### **SERVICE**

#### **Blackfeet Immersion**

January 6th-12th, 9 students and 2 adult moderators will make their way to Browning, Montana to serve our Lasallian brothers and sisters at De La Salle Blackfeet Schools. During their time they will be working in classrooms helping the DLSBS teachers and staff, learning about the culture and experiences of the Blackfeet People, and enjoying the beauty of Glacier National Park.

Please pray for our group and the amazing work they will be doing.

### **COMMUNITY**

This semester, we welcome multiple new students from various schools. Two of these students are brothers from Turkmenistan. If you see them, please extend a warm welcome! Our international students bring a wonderful element to our Lasallian community.

# ADMISSIONS



Mrs. Lisa Kanelopoulos  
admissions@lasalleyakima.org  
509.225.2928

## 2024/2025 Applications

(Only NEW students need to apply)

Save \$100 by early deadline of **January 12, 2024**

[lasalleyakima.org/admissions/apply](http://lasalleyakima.org/admissions/apply)

## Student Shadows

Now is the perfect time for students to bring a prospective student to shadow. Call or email Mrs. K to schedule!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Future Lightning Night

All K - 8th grade students are welcome to FLN!

**January 12, 4:30-6:00 pm**

**FREE! La Salle Commons**

Pizza, T-shirt, Games, Entry to Varsity game at 6,  
Opportunity to meet the players!

*Register  
Online!*

### Cheer Camp

**Jan 27, 9-11:30 am**

**Grades 1-8, Cost \$40**

T-shirt and poms included!



## FOLLOW US!



[www.facebook.com/lasalleyakima](https://www.facebook.com/lasalleyakima)



[www.instagram.com/lasallelightning/](https://www.instagram.com/lasallelightning/)

Know a family looking for a Catholic school for Pre-K through 8th grade students? We have 2 partner schools in Yakima, Christ the Teacher Catholic School and St. Joseph Marquette.



**Christ the Teacher**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



# La Salle Athletics

Mr. Don Erickson,  
Athletic Director



Recapping the fall sports season, the football team claimed a co-league championship and had several athletes selected to the all-league teams. Johan Valladares, Tyler Do, and Justus Barker were selected to first team, Jaiden James, Kai Hanrahan, Ian Judd, Adan Villalobos and Andrew Mauch made 2nd team while Roman Manrique-Vivanco earned honorable mention. Johan was also selected as the offensive player of the year while Justus Barker claimed league lineman of the year. Coach Cody Lamb was selected as coach of the year. In Soccer, Marissa Badillo and Olivia Alegria earned 1st team recognition while Ella Craig was selected to the 2nd team. Volleyball saw Natalie Overby selected to 1st team and Natalia Valladares earned honorable mention. Andrew Berger claimed 1st team recognition in Cross-Country.

Boys' basketball is off to a great start and looks to be a solid contender in the SCAC "West" conference. They are currently 5 and 5 with wins over White Swan, Sunnyside Christian and Kiona-Benton. Girls' basketball was cancelled due to the lack of turnout. We anticipate that we will bring back the program next year.

The next sports booster club meeting is set for Wednesday, January 17th. Booster club meetings are held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month at the Kiln Taproom in Yakima (815 South 72nd Avenue). The meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Please join us if you are able.

We have decided not to opt up to the 1A classification for sports competition for the 2024-28 classification cycle. We will stay in the 2B classification. Please watch for updates.

Students wishing to participate in any of our spring programs (track, tennis, golf, baseball or boys' soccer) need to sign up on-line beginning Monday, January 8th. Questions??, please contact Leda in the main office.

Please continue to visit the school calendar and league website for scheduling updates and other information. The league website is [scacconference.org](http://scacconference.org).

Don L. Erickson, AD

**Contacts:** Athletic Director: Mr. Don Erickson, [derickson@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:derickson@lasalleyakima.org)

Assistant AD: Ms. Olivia Newman, [onewman@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:onewman@lasalleyakima.org)



# Parent Volunteer Opportunities:

We need your help  
and you need to earn  
**30 parent hours!**

Here is how to sign up:

Go online to [lasalleyakima.org](http://lasalleyakima.org) and click volunteer sign up, check for new opportunities and sign up for shifts.



## Ongoing & Coming Up:

### BASKETBALL

Concession, Ticket sales,  
Merchandise sales, clean up,  
and more!

For all home games! Sign up on  
Volunteer spot or email us!

*St. Pat's Gala is just around  
the corner, see next page for  
more info & how to help!*

- Grant writing
- Auction Donations
- Landscaping  
donations/help

Sabra Nelson  
[SNelson@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:SNelson@lasalleyakima.org)

509-225-2990



# Save the Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024! La Salle's 25th Annual St. Patrick's Day Gala and Auction!



- Delicious Irish fare catered by D'lish Catering
  - Local wines and Craft Brews
  - Celtic fusion music by Beltaine
  - Awesome LIVE Auction
  - First ever Silent Auction
  - \$10,000 Raffle Drawing
- Dancing 'til the wee hours with Soundwave Entertainment

***So, save the date and put your table together as we celebrate our favorite holiday and our favorite fundraiser!***



## ***Ways you can help:***

Support La Salle and showcase your business by becoming a Gala Major Sponsor or gather your friends and purchase a "Shamrock Table"!

We are also seeking LIVE and Silent Auction donations—vacation condos, sporting tickets, dinner parties, concert tickets, etc., with Parent Volunteer Hours offered for each donation. **Please contact Debbie Moorer at 509-945-3123 or [debbiemoorer@lasalleyakima.org](mailto:debbiemoorer@lasalleyakima.org) for more information.**

**Parent Volunteers are needed for a variety of opportunities.** Please contact Debbie Moorer or Sabra Nelson for more information or go to Signup.com to volunteer!



***This is our largest fundraiser of the year...  
we need YOU!***



# COLLEGE GUIDANCE COUNSELING



Exciting news! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year 2024–2025 is now open, and we're thrilled to share that the process has been simplified for your convenience. The U.S. Department of Education has implemented changes to make completing the FAFSA easier than ever. These updates aim to streamline the application, reduce confusion, and expedite the financial aid process. We encourage you to take advantage of these improvements by starting your FAFSA today. This essential step opens the door to various financial aid opportunities, making college more accessible. If you have any questions or need assistance navigating the new changes, we are ready to help. [CLICK HERE FOR FAFSA.](#)

## [\*\*Free Course on College Admissions\*\*](#)

Khan Academy has created an interactive course that provides students timelines, real-life student stories, resources, tutorials, and more to help students learn about the entire college admissions process: Making High School Count, Exploring College Options, Applying to College, and Paying for College. Simply add "College Admissions" to your Khan Academy account, click [HERE](#) to access, or talk with Mr. Lamb for assistance.



**CODY LAMB**

*clamb@lasalleyakima.org*

