



La Salle Monthly Newsletter

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Leadership Message

Dear La Salle Parents and Guardians,

As we enter this beautiful Christmas season, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the extraordinary partnership we share in shaping the education, growth, and future of your children. La Salle College Preparatory is an exceptional community because of you, your trust, your involvement, and the many ways you support our mission with heart and conviction. Together, we ensure that your child receives the very best in academic excellence, personal discovery, global opportunity, and spiritual formation.

This semester, I have watched your students work with determination, imagination, kindness, and resilience. They have leaned into challenges, pursued excellence, and strengthened the vibrant spirit that makes La Salle so special. Whether

mastering purposeful coursework, serving others, working in our Centers of Innovation, competing in athletics, excelling in the arts, or deepening their faith, our students continue to rise. Their accomplishments reflect the encouragement they receive at home and the love you pour into their journey each day.

I am also profoundly grateful for our remarkable faculty and staff. Their devotion to your children is inspiring. They give their minds, their hearts, and their energy, guiding students with expertise, attentiveness, and unwavering care. Their work transforms classrooms into places of discovery, joy, and belonging, where every student is known, supported, and invited to grow into the person God has called them to be.

Christmas invites us to slow down and reflect on a moment of profound simplicity and hope: the birth of Christ in a humble manger. In that quiet setting, beneath a rising star, God entered the world not with grandeur, but with promise. The Manger Story reminds us to look upward and inward, to notice the rising star within our own hearts, the light that calls us toward purpose, compassion, and renewal.

May this Christmas season bring peace to your home, joy to your family, and rest to your spirit. May your hearts be lifted by the love of those around you and the hope of Christ's coming. Thank you for walking with us, believing in our mission, and entrusting La Salle with your most precious gift, your child.

On behalf of our entire school community, I wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year. With gratitude and hope,

Perry Martin

President, La Salle College Preparatory

LaSallian Mission & Service

Ugly Sweater Day

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day brought an extra dose of holiday cheer to campus! From playful patterns to festive colors, our Lancers truly showed their seasonal spirit in style.



Adopt a Family



For the last 30 years, LaSalle has hosted an annual Christmas drive called Adopt-A-Family. Each year the entire student body and community “adopt” families and purchase items on their Christmas lists in order to give them a great Christmas and spread holiday cheer. We are so proud of our community and all the efforts they put forth to make this a huge success each year and thank you for your generous support. This year the organizations we partnered with were:

Hillsides:

Hillsides is a premier provider dedicated to healing children and young adults, strengthening families, and transforming communities through quality comprehensive services and advocacy. We envision a world in which children and young adults, families, and communities are able to heal, grow, and thrive. This year La Salle helped fulfill 50 children’s Christmas wish lists in partnership with Hillsides.

Fort Irwin:

The primary mission of Fort Irwin today is to provide realistic joint and combined arms training concentrated on developing soldiers, leaders, and units of America's Army. This is accomplished by pitting soldiers against the harsh environment and adding a determined and menacing opposing force. This year La Salle helped fulfill 41 families’ Christmas wish lists in partnership with Fort Irwin.

Sycamores:

Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services is a highly respected mental health and welfare agency with 10 locations throughout Southern California. For over

119 years, Hathaway-Sycamores has been investing in people. We provide innovative and effective programs and services through a network of locations stretching across Los Angeles and the San Fernando, San Gabriel, and Antelope Valleys for children, youth, young adults, and families facing serious life challenges. This year La Salle helped fulfill 15 families’ Christmas wish lists in partnership with Sycamores

Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. This year La Salle helped fulfill 4 families’ Christmas wish lists in partnership with the Salvation Army.

Christmas Tree Lot



Our Annual Christmas Tree Lot was another success! Thank you to everyone who supported this year’s fundraiser. Our Student Life team, along with the help of some awesome faculty and staff, unloaded a total of 503 Christmas trees early Friday morning! We donated 180 of them to military families at Fort Irwin! Our Student Life parents volunteered alongside the students and went on deliveries and worked the lot for 2 days. We can’t wait to do it again next year. Merry Christmas!

Immaculate Conception

On Monday, December 8, our La Salle community came together for a beautiful celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. With Fr. Tom Baker presiding and our students leading us in prayer and music, the liturgy offered a meaningful pause in the middle of Advent—a moment for us to breathe, reflect, and remember who God invites us to be.

Our Liturgy during this Advent season reminds us to take time for reflection and preparation, as we consider how we can respond to God’s call in our unique lives. He reminded us that the Immaculate Conception celebrates the moment Mary was conceived without original sin—a gift of pure grace that prepared her for the unique role she would play in God’s plan. Mary’s “yes” was quiet and courageous, rooted in trust and humility. Inspired by Mary’s example, may we say “yes” to God with confidence, embracing the gifts He has given us and striving to live out His image and likeness in all that we do. Just as Mary accepted God’s call with her whole heart, we are invited to do the same in our own lives, living honorably and faithfully as God’s beloved children. Her response, “May it be done to me according to your word,” continues to teach us how to live with openness and courage.

In his homily, Fr. Tom invited us to see Mary not as distant or unreachable, but as a model for our own lives. Her strength, humility, and willingness to say “yes” speak deeply to our Lasallian identity as people who care for one another and strive to bring God’s light into the world.

This year’s Immaculate Conception Mass was a reminder that God’s grace is real, and an invitation to trust His work in our lives with renewed hope and confidence.



Alumni Corner

We're looking forward to **Alumni Night** at the **December 12th Basketball Game**, as well as our annual **Co-ed Volleyball Game** on **December 28th**, where Alumni and current players come together for some friendly competition.

**Alumni CO-ED
VOLLEYBALL
Game**

Open to all Alumni and Current Players
(Boys & Girls)

**12.28.2025
10:00 AM**

LA SALLE DUFFY
LEWIS GYMNASIUM

RSVP TODAY
<https://boostmyschool.com/25VB>

The first 12 alumni to sign up will receive a free Alumni Athletic Shirt!

TASTE OF LA SALLE IS BACK!

Saturday, March 28, 2026
La Salle Dining Pavilion & Atrium

Taste of La Salle
BENEFITTING THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND
AN UNLIMITED FOOD AND
BEVERAGE TASTING EVENT

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY
MARCH 28, 2026
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PARTICIPATE
AS A SPONSOR, DONOR OR VOLUNTEER,
CONTACT THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT
626.696.4362 OR ALUMNI@LASALLEHS.ORG

Get Your Tastebuds Ready!

The poster features a red background with white and blue text. At the bottom, there is a collage of six images: a taco, a plate of appetizers, wine glasses, a beer, a burger, and a plate of food.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we're already gearing up for our biggest event of the year — **Taste of La Salle**. Please save the date: **March 28th!**

Featuring UNLIMITED tastes from over 20 Eateries & Beverage Companies!

Tickets are \$65 in advance (\$75 after March 1st – \$90 at the door)

Event Tickets, Table Sponsorships, Underwriting Opportunities, and Opportunity Drawing Tickets are available NOW!!!

Seating is only available for Sponsors

[Click here to purchase your tickets!](#)

All proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund

The Alumni Association annually awards one scholarship to an incoming freshman and up to two scholarships to graduating seniors to use toward their college education. The recipients are selected by the La Salle Alumni Association Executive Board and serve as Student Ambassadors of the Alumni Association.

The current recipient of the La Salle Alumni Association Lasallian Heritage Scholarship for an incoming freshman is Ava Medina '29 and the current recipients of the La Salle Alumni Association College Scholarship are Cheryl Au '26 and Olivia Ferrari '26.

ALUMNI ADOPT A FAMILY EVENT!

What an amazing display of generosity and Lasallian spirit! This weekend our Alumni community came together for our Adopt-A-Family event, Breakfast with Santa, and our Alumni Wrapping Party—and the impact was truly incredible.

This year we adopted 5 families, including 2 military members and 2 families who lost their homes in the Eaton Fire. These families not only needed special Christmas gifts for their children, but also essential items for daily living—sheets, a microwave, toiletries, paper towels, and other basics that many of us use every day without thinking twice.

This is why your donations matter so deeply. Because of the 60+ Alumni who gave so generously, we were able to go above and beyond—providing extra grocery gift cards and gas cards to help these families through an especially challenging time.

A heartfelt thank-you to our partners:

- ☐☐ Salvation Army
- ☐☐ Sycamores
- ☐☐ The Military

for allowing us to work with these families and help bring a little comfort, joy, and magic to their Christmas.



Student Voice

Dear Lancer Families,

As students returned to campus after a well-deserved Thanksgiving break filled with gratitude and rest, we continued the holiday season through service and community.

Before sending students off on break, our community joined together on Thursday, November 20th for a Prayer Service. Students were given colored coffee filters and asked to place it in the water buckets. As the colors melted off of the filters, this signified new beginnings. This service and Mrs. Fitzsimmons' speech offered reflection on the joy of the chapters of our lives. One of the most exciting highlights was the Center for Global Perspectives' foreign exchange trip to France and Spain during Thanksgiving Break. From joining their host student in the classroom to one-in-a-lifetime Spain experiences, students had the opportunity to learn from one another and gain a global insight. These connections and exhilarating journeys that La Salle provides its students opportunities to learn far beyond the classrooms.

Joining together again after the week-long break, students began bringing in gifts for their adopted families. Through the Adopt-a-Family initiative, each mentor class worked together to provide gifts and essential items to families in need during the holiday season. On December 10th, Student Life collected every toy and gift to make these holidays extra special for the community. This demonstrates our concern for the poor and social justice, and reinstates the kindness and generosity of our community. Student Life's annual Christmas Tree Lot on December 5th and 6th was a big hit.

This tradition of selling and delivering trees to the community and donating trees to military families spread holiday cheer and brought students, parents, alumni, and staff together.

That same weekend, the Performing Arts Department presented the winter dance concert, Trust Fall, from December 5th through 7th. The performances showcased the dedication and talent of each and every one of our dancers. "Trust Fall," the winter dance show, was looked forward to by many students, myself included. Getting to support many of my fellow cheer teammates in their dancing element filled me with pride and awe. Leading up to finals week, Ugly Sweater Day allowed students to let loose and show off their silliest ugly Christmas sweaters. Along with the sweaters, the gift wrapping contest took place in the amphitheater during lunch time. Gingerbread cookies were also put on display along with frosting and sprinkles to decorate and eat with friends. Seeing the student body join together for times like these is always the cherry on top of my day.

From Thanksgiving to Christmas, the holiday season at La Salle has been filled with inclusivity, faith, and service. Please wish the lancers goodluck on their final exams and I wish you a joyful holiday season filled with family, love, and gratitude. Thank you for your continued support. Next up: Winter Formal and Christmas!!!

Until next month!

GiaBella Mena
Student Life President

Greetings from Parent Association



Dear Parents,

I am writing to share our positive experience with La Salle. As we toured various high schools, La Salle truly stood out. What impressed us most was the student-led tour and open house—events staffed by friendly, informative, and enthusiastic student ambassadors. It was an exceptional way to showcase the spirit and community of La Salle, and I felt confident it was the right choice for our son.

I am delighted that our son chose La Salle, and his freshman year was everything I hoped for. It's hard to believe he is now almost halfway through his sophomore year and will soon embark on his first college tour with La Salle in March. Over the past year and a half, I have watched him learn and grow

both inside and outside the classroom. He's challenged himself with rigorous coursework, discovered new interests, made mistakes and learned from them, and formed meaningful friendships. La Salle has truly provided a supportive environment for his growth.

As a working mom, I was inspired by Sonia Barajas-Garcia to join the Parent Association Board, where I have had the pleasure of serving on the hospitality team. Serving on the PA Board has allowed me to connect with other parents during meetings and stay informed about school activities. Being part of this community, even in small ways, has been rewarding.

I have found the presentations at Parent Association meetings to be especially valuable. Some have been particularly moving—such as Mr. Martin's discussion on our community's efforts to support those impacted by the Eaton Fire, or Ms. Daniels' experience hosting foreign exchange students. Now, I have the privilege of serving as Co-President alongside Sonia. I am proud to be part of the La Salle community and grateful for the opportunity to contribute.

Sincerely,

Amy L. McEvoy P'28

Counseling Center

December 2025/January 2026 College Center Newsletter

RECENT UPDATES

San Diego College Tour

We had 33 students join us for the San Diego College Tour on November 21st. The rain stayed

at bay and allowed us to have a successful trip, touring San Diego State University, The University of San Diego, and The University of California, San Diego. Students were able

to tour the universities, learn about the differences between them, and overall get a feel for each campus.

We were so blessed to have an alum give us a tour of SDSU, and the students were able to view the dorms as well as ask questions about dorm life, activities on campus, and academics. She was also able to share some knowledge of how well-prepared she felt for the rigor of her academic coursework and why the classes she took here at La Salle were instrumental in her preparation for college.



USD



SDSU



UCSD

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

A group of our selected students attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at Camp Cedar Crest in Running Springs, CA, from December 5 to 7. RYLA is a leadership experience

designed to help students grow as leaders while having fun and building meaningful connections. Our students participated in workshops, collaborated with peers on projects and team activities, and received valuable mentorship.



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College Applications

At this point, all University of California and Cal State applications are completed and submitted. Seniors, please ensure that you have added them to your list of applied schools on Scoir. Counselors need to have colleges listed in order to send records, track your college applications, and put together your graduation program. Parents, please remind your seniors to submit their official SAT/ACT scores to the schools that require them, if any, and to test-optional schools for which they wish their test scores to be considered. To do so, they need to log in to their College Board or ACT account and select the

option to send scores. Colleges only accept official scores sent directly from the testing agency. Students applying to Cal States and UCs do not need to submit test scores for admissions consideration (they will only be used for placement purposes) as both systems are test-blind.

Please remind your student to check their email and portals regularly to monitor the status of their applications and update results (acceptances, denials, deferrals, waitlists) on Scoir. Counselors do not receive the notifications the students do, so please make sure to communicate anything you need us to update.

Letters of Recommendation

Counselors and teachers will not be able to write letters of recommendation or complete school/counselor reports during the Christmas break. Please plan ahead. All requests and brag sheets for letters of recommendation are due at least three weeks before the student's first application deadline.

FAFSA, CSS Profile, and Cal Grant GPA Verification

The 2026-2027 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is already open. Parents will complete it using their

financial information from the 2024 tax year. Please check with your student's college of interest for the FAFSA deadline. The priority deadline is March 2, 2026, but we encourage families to complete it when it is as soon as possible. The FAFSA can be completed [here](#). Please note that selected colleges may also require the CSS Profile, which is found in the student's College Board account. [Here](#) is the complete list of schools that require the CSS Profile.

La Salle has electronically submitted GPAs to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) for all seniors. Cal Grant provides aid for California students planning to attend college in California. Students who submitted the FAFSA will automatically be considered for the Cal Grant. Please note that the Cal Grant GPA differs from the one listed on the transcript. Once students have completed their FAFSA, wait one week, then create a [WebGrants account](#) to check the Cal Grant status. Please see your counselor with any questions.

Save the Date for Same Day Admission

- On January 29th, from 11:10 a.m. to 12:55 p.m., **Azusa Pacific University** will be on campus to offer on-the-spot admission to seniors.
- On February 26th, from 12:20 pm to 12:55pm, we will have the **University of La Verne** on campus for seniors' direct admission opportunities.

Concourse Match Platform

Match powered by Concourse is a program we rolled out to our Seniors. It is a reverse application where universities will review profiles and send offers to students every month. These are REAL admission and scholarship offers. The universities do not see the student's personal contact information and the students cannot see which universities are using Match.

The philosophy behind Match is to introduce students to new university opportunities and get them to think outside of the box. For colleges, it allows them to search for students who may not apply to them in the traditional format or for them to fulfill specific enrollment needs on their campus.

Seniors may create their Concourse Match account [HERE](#). This [introductory video](#) and [brochure](#) can provide more details.

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Kick-off of College Planning for Juniors

Counselors will begin meeting one-on-one with every junior in January for detailed college planning. The college planning survey for juniors was released on Scior on December 8th. Surveys are due by January 30th, and meetings will be scheduled in the order the surveys are received.

SAVE THE DATE - College Night for Parents of Juniors

Our counselors will share the key aspects of the college planning process with junior parents on Wednesday, February 4th, at 6:00 PM in the dining hall.

Following this event, Revolution Prep will offer a PSAT Interpretation program, providing parents with insight into how to review their child's PSAT scores, their implications for college admission, and how to best prepare for the official SAT or ACT. We recommend reviewing your student's PSAT score report (accessible via your Parent PowerSchool portal under Document Library) prior to the event. This session will be held from 7 - 7:30 PM.

February ACT

This year, we will be offering the

ACT to all juniors in person on February 14, 2026. Students will register to take the ACT with Science and no Writing on their own via myact.org. Once we receive the students' scores in late February, we will then issue a credit back to their tuition account. Full directions on how to register for the ACT can be found in this [Powerpoint Presentation](#). Please reach out to Mr. Hou at ohou@lasallehs.org if you have any questions.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PreACT Score Reports

Just before Thanksgiving break, we distributed PreACT score reports (taken in October) and returned test booklets to freshmen and sophomores. The freshmen took the PreACT 8/9, and the sophomores took the PreACT; both tests are precursors to the ACT. Additional information on the PreACT and the PreACT 8/9 can be found [here](#). This includes a video and directions on how to interpret your student's score report (also accessible via your parent PowerSchool portal under Document Library). Please review with your student if you have not done so already.

Mock SAT & ACT

The best way to prepare is to practice. Open to all grade levels, the mock exams are an opportunity for students to “sit” and experience the test prior to taking the official exam. This will help students work on their pacing, endurance, and enhance their skills. Both the practice digital ACT and SAT will be offered online, and students may take the exam from the comfort of their homes. Students will receive their scores immediately following the exam. Parents and students may schedule a free individualized score review with Revolution Prep representative, Jean Stroud, at (818) 217-0951 or at jean.stroud@revolutionprep.com.

Below are the mock exam dates for the school year. To save your spot, please visit www.revolutionprep.com/partners/2/. The price is a suggested \$20 donation.

- **February 28**, Digital Mock ACT online at 9 am
- **March 28**, Mock Digital SAT online at 9am

Bay Area College Tour

La Salle will be taking a group of students to the Bay Area College Tour in the spring semester!

- Currently have 7 spots available ! The deadline to sign up is this Friday, 12/12.
- Tentative list of colleges we will be touring: Saint Mary's College of California, UC Berkeley, University of San Francisco, San Jose State University, Santa Clara University, and UC Santa Cruz.
- Available to all grade levels
- Date: March 5-6, 2026; we will fly out from Burbank early in the morning and return the next day.
- Cost: \$745 including airfare, transportation, hotel lodging, etc. Meals are not included!
- Deposit of \$300 is due by 12/12, the rest of the \$445 due 1/16.
- A mandatory meeting will be held virtually on February 24th at 6:00 pm.

Registration is open now and on a first-come, first-served basis. Please use this [LINK](#) for more information and to register.

Please contact Ms. Cathy Kwon (ckwon@lasallehs.org) if you have any questions about the tour.

Upcoming College Fairs

NACAC is organizing the [Greater Los Angeles Fair](#) on February 10, 2026. This is a great opportunity to gather information about multiple colleges in a short period and connect with admissions officers.

NACAC Greater Los Angeles
College Fair

Location: Pasadena Convention
Center

Date: Tuesday, February 10th

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

We hope everyone has had a wonderful first semester of the 2025-2026 school year. We look forward to seeing you all after the break. Wishing you all a restful and wonderful break, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Upcoming Events

DEC/JAN 2025/2026

[Click here](#) to view our master calendar online

DECEMBER

18
TUE

Winter Formal

19-9
MON-FRI

Christmas Break
No School

JANUARY

16
SAT

Dollar Dress Day
12:20PM Dismissal

19
SAT

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School

23
THU

Winter Rally

26-30
MON-THU

Catholic Schools Week

FEBUARY

6
THU

Dollar Dress Day
12:20PM Dismissal

Communications Corner

La Salle College Preparatory is looking forward to sharing exciting news, important updates, and event recaps with our community! Please see below for more information on how to keep up to date and informed with what is happening at La Salle! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us via email at communications@lasallehs.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA - @LaSallePasadena

Be sure to follow us on all of our social media channels to see event highlights and updates.



www.instagram.com/LaSallePasadena



www.facebook.com/LaSallePasadena

WEBSITE - WWW.LASALLEHS.ORG

The La Salle website contains a variety of resources for parents and students. Here, you can find Athletic Schedules, a Master Calendar of Events, COVID-19 Updates, Bell Schedules, Directory, and so much more! Feel free to peruse through it to learn more about all La Salle has to offer.

EMAILS

All information will be sent directly to the parent email listed on PowerSchool. If emails are not being received, be sure to check the Spam Folder first. Otherwise, contact Owen Hou (ohou@lasallehs.org) to make sure the correct email is listed for your student.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Every Friday afternoon during the school year, expect an email update from us regarding Upcoming Events, Announcements, and School News currently happening at La Salle. The [Weekly Bulletin](#) will also be available to view as a PDF on our website.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

During the first week of every month, we will send out an email with the [Monthly Newsletter](#) that contains recaps of the month as well as events to look forward to. The Monthly Newsletter will also be available to view as a PDF on our website.

APPLY TODAY!

**2026-2027 Admissions Application
Now Available**

We're excited to officially announce the launch of our 2026-2027 Admissions Application, powered by Finalsite. As we begin the admissions season, we're eager to share more about La Salle with the greater community! Our Admissions Team looks forward to helping all of our prospective families through the admissions journey here at La Salle!

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the admissions process at La Salle, please feel free to contact the Admissions Department at admissions@lasallehs.org

[LASALLEHS.ORG/APPLY](https://lasallehs.org/apply)

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