



La Salle Monthly Newsletter

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Leadership Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year!

There is something special about the beginning of a school year. The hallways are once again filled with energy, familiar faces, new beginnings, and the excitement of what lies ahead. As we welcome our students back to campus, we are reminded of the incredible responsibility and privilege we have to educate, form, and accompany young people during such an important time in their lives.

This summer was a season of renewal for our campus. We invested time and resources into improving spaces that reflect the pride we have in our school and, more importantly, the value we place on our students' experience. From new paint throughout the building and amphitheater to additional tables and shade for our outdoor lunch areas, to new landscaping in the common areas, we have worked to make our campus more welcoming and functional.

We are especially excited about several projects that enhance the ways our students learn, create, and come together. New window blinds were installed throughout the building to help reduce direct sunlight and heat in classrooms, creating a more comfortable learning environment while also improving visibility for presentations, videos, and other visual learning activities. Additional campus enhancements included a new outdoor sound system for La Cascade, a renovated band room with an opportunity to better showcase the Arts Walkway, and new art displays on the fourth floor celebrating the creativity and talents of our students. These projects represent an investment in our students and in the community they call home each day.

At the heart of that investment is our Lasallian mission. Our Core Principles—faith in the presence of God, concern for the poor and social justice, respect for all persons, quality education, and inclusive community—remind us that education is about much more than what happens in a classroom. We are called to form young people who are intellectually prepared, grounded in faith, confident in who they are, and committed to using their gifts in service of others.

This year, we will continue to challenge our students to take ownership of their education and their place within our community. We want them to learn how to advocate for themselves, make thoughtful decisions, persevere when things become difficult, and recognize the impact their choices have on others. Our role as educators is not simply to provide answers, but to help students develop the skills, character, and confidence to navigate an increasingly complex world.

And we cannot do that work alone.

Parents are essential partners in the education and formation of our students. Your support, encouragement, expectations, and communication make a lasting difference. When school and home work together, students benefit from a consistent message that their education matters and that the adults around them believe in their potential.

As a community, we also have an opportunity this year to focus on what it means to care for

one another. A strong school community is built through small, everyday actions—welcoming someone who feels left out, showing respect when we disagree, caring for our campus, celebrating one another's accomplishments, and extending grace when someone makes a mistake. These moments may not appear on a report card, but they are essential to the formation of young people of character.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. Thank you for your partnership and for the many ways you support our school. I am excited to see our students fill these renewed spaces with their energy, creativity, laughter, and learning.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead and to another year of growing together as a Lasallian community.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever.

Ernest Siy
Principal

LaSallian Mission & Service



August/September

Welcome back Lancers! This summer, the Student Life team has been hard at work, gearing up for the new school year. The students met weekly and attended a week-long retreat in Palm Desert and Moraga, California. During these meetings and the week-long retreats, the students have been going through leadership training and workshops. They have learned skills such as negotiation, time management and public speaking. In doing this, the students have come up with a theme for homecoming, created fun activities for the first week of school, organized a donation drive, planned the fall rally, worked on the Mass of the Holy Spirit and so much more.

Our first events of the year were Freshmen Lock-In and Transfer Orientation. The Lock-in was a combination of orientation and social. Students were able to find where their classes were for the first day, learn about

some traditions we do here at La Salle and play games, while sharing in community. Transfer Orientation was created by students, for students. The day consisted of meeting new classmates, introducing students to the Lasallian world and some of our daily life, a tour of their campus so they knew where to go on the first day of school and the day ended with community games.

We kicked off the school year with Welcome Week! We welcomed all students on the first day with our welcome line in front of the school, had a canned food drive, celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit, had daily lunchtime activities and ended the week with our fall rally.

It was a meaningful way to begin the year, reminding us that we do not walk alone, but with God's Spirit alive and moving within our community.

Mass of the Holy Spirit

On Tuesday, August 25th, our La Salle community came together for an important moment in our opening week of school: our Mass of the Holy Spirit. This yearly tradition has been a way for us to pause at the beginning of a new school year and place the year ahead into God's hands. We may not know exactly what this year will bring, but we know that we do not enter into it alone. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us, challenge us, strengthen us, and remind us of who we are called to be as a Lasallian community.

It was a true joy and honor to welcome Bishop Brian Nunes, Episcopal Vicar for the San Gabriel Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, as our principal celebrant along with Deacon Bill Pilkington. His presence was a beautiful reminder that La Salle is part of a larger Church and a community united in faith and in the shared mission of forming young people.



During the Homily Bishop Nunes articulated a message that encouraged all students to give to everything that they do and most importantly to remain true to themselves.

That is ultimately what our Mass of the Holy Spirit asks of us. To not simply begin the school year but to begin it and every day we live with intention. And thus, allowing God to shape the way we treat one another, the way we serve our community, the way we lead others, and the way we live our Lasallian mission here at our school.

As we begin this new school year, may we continue to carry that spirit with us. May our hearts remain open to where God is calling us, and may we continue to build a community where every student, every teacher, every staff member, and every family in our La Salle Pasadena community may know that they are named, noticed, and known.

New Faces



Alfred DiRusso
World Languages



Amanda Argueta
Religious Studies



Devin Blanchard
Counseling



Eric Corsello
Social Studies



James Spellman
Social Studies



Jared Soliman
Mathematics



Michael Romo
Physical Education



Michelle Herrera
Religious Studies



Victoria Gallegos
Dance Instructor



Kiani Reis
Athletic Trainer

Alumni Corner



La Salle Homecoming 2026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

[LASALLEHS.ORG/HOMECOMING](https://lasallehs.org/homecoming)

Homecoming 2026

Friday, October 9
7:00 PM • Kohorst Field

La Salle Lancers vs.
St. Anthony's

Discounted \$5 Alumni Tickets must be purchased online in advance. [Click here](#) to purchase your Alumni Tickets.

Special Alumni Entrance: Enter through upper parking lot baseball gate (look for the balloons!) Stop by the Alumni Tent starting at 6:30 pm to say hello in the East End Zone for free swag & friendly faces

Free Field Pass for those that Pre-Register!

At half-time we will be honoring our Tenth Battalion Alumni Athletic Award recipients Kyle Cuellar '18

For more information visit lasallehs.org/homecoming or contact the Alumni Office at 626.696.4362 or alumni@lasallehs.org.

Alumni Chapter of San Diego Happy Hour



What: Join fellow Lancers for an evening of reconnecting, networking, and catching up while enjoying great food and drinks.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

English Pub Brewing
11545 Sorrento Valley Rd. #305
San Diego, Ca. 92121

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Hosted by the Alumni Association: Pizza and your first drink are on us!

Please feel free to share this invitation with fellow alumni in the San Diego Area.

[RSVP](#)

Class of 2006 20 Year Reunion

Where Memories Meet Again



October 3, 2026



1:00 PM -
4:00 PM



Benny Boy Brewing
1821 Daly St. Los Angeles, CA 90031



REGISTER TODAY!



626-696-4362



alumni@lasallehs.org

Class of 2006 20 Year Reunion

Saturday, October 3,
2026

1 pm - 4 pm

Benny Boy Brewing &
Cider House

Your ticket is \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door and includes an open bar featuring beer, seltzers, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. Food will be available for purchase throughout the evening.

We can't wait to celebrate with the Class of 2006!

[RSVP](#)



DECADE OF THE 90's

HOME COMING!
Decade of the '90s Tailgate & Party
Honoring the Class of 1996 - 30 Year Reunion
October 9th & 10th

CLASS OF 1996 30 YEARS

LA SALLE'S DECADE OF THE '90s

Get ready to go BACK TO THE '90s!
(1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999)

We're bringing the '90s back to La Salle for an entire weekend of memories, friendship, and Lancer pride—and we want YOU to be part of it!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

DECADE OF THE '90s TAILGATE

Calling ALL alumni from the '90s! Come back to campus, reconnect with old friends, enjoy the tailgate, and cheer on the Lancers.

- La Salle College Preparatory Atrium
- 5:30 PM | Game Time: 7:00 PM
- \$20- Includes Drinks, Voucher to the Snack shack, Ticket to the game, Field Pass, Alumni Gift! Family members welcome!

A VERY COOL SURPRISE IS COMING AT THE START OF THE GAME!

Class of 1996: This is your kickoff to an unforgettable 30-year reunion weekend!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

DECADE OF THE '90s + CLASS OF 1996 30-YEAR REUNION

Join your classmates from the 90s for a night of catching up, reminiscing, and celebrating the friendships and memories that started at La Salle.

- La Salle College Preparatory La Cascade (Area between the Gym & School Building)
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Casual Dinner • Drinks • Tour • Music • Memories

Let's celebrate the 90s for Two nights! One unforgettable weekend.

Mark your calendar and start spreading the word!

[RSVP](#)



Student Voice

Dear Lancer families,

It's great to be writing to you and to announce that school has been going swimmingly, especially with the action-packed Welcome Week. The purpose of Welcome Week is to raise school spirit throughout the school year, and I can confidently say that it was a success!

In the morning hours of Day 1, we started with a welcome tunnel in combination with our cheer team to share our school spirit with the students. It was truly a blessing to be there with such enthusiastic students.

Another thing that occurred throughout the entirety of Welcome Week was a canned food drive. Designed to help Friends in Deed, different classes competed to see who could donate the most cans. While my seniors unfortunately came up short, I'm glad to report that the junior class has won free popsicles!

Lunchtime during Welcome Week is filled with festivities put on by our wonderful Activities Team. From the hyper and wildly entertaining Water Wednesday, in which most participants ended up soaked in water, to the more calm and heartwarming Friendship Friday, where students had the opportunity to make friendship bracelets for any acquaintances they had met throughout the first week, there was something for everyone.

All of these activities created much greater anticipation for the showcase of Lancer pride: the Fall Sports Rally. The rally, aptly themed around the World Cup, featured many creative games. From baguette fencing to Antonio's legendary performance in the Brazilian dance battle, this rally was certainly one to remember.

We were also joined by Bishop Brian Nunes as we celebrated our first Mass of the school year, the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Now, despite the exemplary Mass and outstanding homily, I think the most memorable part of the Mass happened at

the very end. One of the traditions that schools have when a bishop visits is to ask him for a day off of school. When asked for said day off, he prompted our Commissioner of Spiritual Life, Alannya Muro, to rap our request to a beat. Alannya absolutely smashed this challenge, and now both students and teachers will receive a day off!

Now, as for our fall sports teams, they have been excelling in their respective fields! Football, cheer, girls' volleyball, girls' golf, boys' water polo, girls' tennis, and cross country are the sports that are taking place this fall. Football has had some legendary individual performances, including our running back Denzel Carter, who broke the school record for touchdowns in a single game with six. Girls' volleyball had a great showing at home with a legendary "blackout" crowd. Both boys' water polo and girls' tennis have also had strong starts to their seasons.

On August 21st, the seniors celebrated the beginning of their last year in high school with the tradition of Senior Sunrise. We gathered at the school early to reflect and spend time with our friends while watching the sunrise on the first day of our final year.

I truly believe that this beginning to the school year was exceptional and sets the standard high for the great things that Lancers will accomplish this year. If a student perspective is something you enjoy, expect much more from me this year. I am David Eriksson, your 2026–2027 Student Body President, and I can't wait to share more exciting information with you all!

See you next time!

David Eriksson
Student Body President

Greetings from Parent Association



When we first considered La Salle, my oldest daughter was coming from public school. She was shy and quiet, and I worried that in a larger school she might be overlooked simply because she was no trouble. I wanted her to attend a school where she would be seen not just as a student, but as an individual.

From her very first day at La Salle, I began to see that we had made the right decision. Even though she didn't know anyone, students were friendly and welcoming, and she quickly made friends. She joined Jazz Band, which gave her a community and a place where she could become more comfortable and confident.

Over the years, I watched her grow from a quiet, shy girl into a young woman others looked up to. Through Jazz, she took on leadership roles and learned to guide and encourage other students. Seeing that transformation was one of the greatest gifts La Salle gave our family.

Now, with one daughter recently graduated and my younger daughter a junior, I have had the opportunity

to experience La Salle from two different perspectives. My younger daughter has become deeply involved in art, theater, and Jazz while taking a rigorous academic course load. Her teachers have recognized her talents and have encouraged her to pursue them. In particular, her art teachers truly see her gift. They praise her work, both to her and to me, and make her feel that what she creates matters.

La Salle has also opened opportunities for both of my daughters that I don't believe they would have experienced otherwise. They participated in the study abroad program in Zaragoza, Spain, and my younger daughter will be studying in Costa Rica this spring. Last summer, she also took an art class at UCLA for college credit and lived on campus for three weeks. These experiences have helped them become more independent and prepared them for life beyond high school.

One of the things I value most is the support from the teachers and staff. Additional help is always available, and the teachers I have spoken with have consistently spoken about both of my daughters with genuine praise. Most importantly, my daughters have gained courage, confidence, and the ability to advocate for themselves. They have been encouraged to excel academically while also developing their individual gifts in music, art, and theater. They have made wonderful friendships and, just as importantly, have truly had fun along the way.

Looking back, I would tell myself that choosing La Salle was one of the best decisions and investments we could have made for our girls. Watching them become confident, independent young women who know their strengths and are willing to pursue opportunities has made every part of the journey worthwhile.

I joined the Parent Association Board because I believe it is important for parents to be involved and to support the school that is guiding and nurturing our children. La Salle has given so much to our family, and being part of that community is one way I can help give back.

Teresa Salazar
P '26, P '28

Counseling Center

September 2026 College Center Newsletter

A New Year, A New Face & Lots Ahead



The Counseling Center is buzzing again, and we are excited for another year of supporting our Lancers!

We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Devin Blanchard to the Counseling team and the La Salle community. Ms. Blanchard brings valuable experience and expertise to our department, and we are so happy to have her with us. Get to know Ms. Blanchard by reading her brief introduction [here](#).

Starting the Year Strong

The first few weeks of school are all about reconnecting.

Counselors have begun their individual student check-ins,

starting with our freshmen and transfer students as they settle into life at La Salle. As the year continues, we will meet with students across our caseloads to discuss academics, goals, activities, challenges, and anything else on their minds.

We remind students that their counselor is one more person in their corner. Stop by with a question, talk something through, grab a stress-relieving squishy, or, if you're lucky, find some candy!

September also marks the start of our individual senior college meetings as the Class of 2027 enters the college application season.

A special thank you to all of the families who joined us for Senior College Information Night. We loved seeing such a

wonderful turnout and hope you left feeling more informed and confident about the college application journey ahead.

Seniors, Application Season Is Here!

Fall is an exciting and busy time for our seniors, and the counseling team is here to help every step of the way.

College Application Workshops

Need another set of eyes on an essay? Have a Common App question? Not sure how to report a course or activity? Come see us!

Throughout the fall semester, counselors will host weekly drop-in College Application Workshops where seniors can work on applications, ask



questions, receive feedback, and get help navigating the process.

Every Wednesday
September 16 - November 18

2:45-3:30 p.m.
Counseling Center

Walk-ins welcome!

College Planning Survey

Seniors who have not yet completed their College Planning Survey in Scoir should do so as soon as possible. Counselors schedule individual senior meetings in the order surveys are received.

This is also the time to complete the letters of recommendation process. All seniors are required to request a letter from one teacher. Students should speak with prospective teacher recommenders in person before submitting their formal request through Scoir. Thoughtful, detailed brag sheets help counselors and teachers write stronger, more personalized letters, so give your recommenders plenty to work with! All requests and brag sheets are due in Scoir by October 1, regardless of the application deadline.

Colleges Are Coming to La Salle!

One of the best ways to explore colleges is to meet the people who represent them.

Each fall, La Salle traditionally welcomes over 100 college representatives to campus between early September and mid-November. Students can view the most current visit schedule and sign up through Scoir.

College visits are a fantastic opportunity to explore schools, ask questions, and demonstrate interest. All students may register, and we especially encourage juniors and seniors to attend. At many smaller private universities, the representative visiting La Salle may even be one of the people who later reads the application.

Pro tip: See a college on your list? Sign up, show up, and come prepared with a question or two.

Hit the Road With Counseling

Sometimes the best way to learn about a college is to walk the campus yourself.

San Diego College Tour
Join us as we head south to visit:

- University of San Diego
- UC San Diego
- San Diego State University

Date: November 16, 2026
Cost: \$125; meals not included
Registration: Opens in mid-September

Space is limited to 36 students, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Ms. Baltazar at gbaltazar@lasallehs.org with any questions.

Coming This Spring: Santa Barbara

We are also planning a one-day Santa Barbara College Tour, tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2027. Additional information, including participating colleges, cost, and registration details, will be shared once finalized. Ms. Kwon will be the point of contact at ckwon@lasallehs.org.

CSU College Night

Students and families interested in the California State University system can meet all 22 campus representatives, learn about admissions, get Cal State Apply tips, and explore financial aid resources at CSU College Night.

Pasadena Convention Center
300 E. Green Street, Pasadena
September 22, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Westin Anaheim Resort
1030 W Katella Ave, Anaheim
September 24, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Admission is free. Registration information is available [here](#).

Testing: What Families Need to Know

Testing policies continue to vary by college, so students should always check the requirements of the individual institutions they are considering.

Class of 2027

Many colleges remain test-optional. While the UCs and Cal States do not use SAT or ACT scores for admission, they do use them for placement purposes.

For colleges that do consider test scores, our general recommendation is that students take either the SAT or ACT and then decide whether submitting their scores strengthens their applications. A good rule is to consider submitting a score when it is consistent with or above the college's admission averages.

Seniors testing this fall should also confirm the last accepted test date for each college on their list.



Class of 2028

Juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 7. La Salle has already registered all juniors, and students will test on their own laptops or iPads.

The PSAT provides practice for the SAT and serves as the qualifying examination for National Merit Scholarship programs. Junior Mentors will help students install Bluebook and complete a digital readiness check before testing day.

We also encourage juniors to consider taking the official ACT at La Salle on Saturday, February 27, 2027. La Salle will serve as a testing site, and additional information about reimbursement for junior families will be shared.

Most juniors will also take their first SAT during the spring. Families considering test preparation should choose a program that concludes relatively close to the student's planned testing date.

Classes of 2029 & 2030

Students will take the PreACT on Wednesday, October 7, as part of National Testing Day. The PreACT gives younger students an opportunity to experience the format and content of the ACT before taking the official exam during junior year.

Want a Practice Run?

The best way to become comfortable with a standardized test is to experience one before test day.

Through our partnership with Revolution Prep, students in all grade levels can take online practice SAT and ACT exams from home. These

mock exams help students build pacing, endurance, and familiarity with the testing experience. Students receive scores immediately and may also schedule an individualized score review with our Revolution Prep representative, Oscar Cancio (oscar.cancio@revolutionprep.com), or [book a meeting with Oscar](#).

Upcoming Practice Exams

- September 26 | Digital SAT
- October 10 | Digital ACT
- February 27 | Digital SAT
- March 27 | Digital ACT

Suggested donation: \$20 to La Salle's Academic Programs. Register [here](#).

Need a Little Academic Boost?

Revolution Prep also provides several academic support options available to students across grade levels:

- Homework Help Drop in for support in a variety of academic subjects.
- Small-Group Tutoring Groups of one to three students work consistently with a tutor in a major academic subject or on executive functioning skills.
- Private Tutoring Individualized, one-on-one support with a consistent tutor.

Additional information and registration are available [here](#).

Make Academic Support Work for You

One of the simplest ways students can start the year strong is by using the support already built into their school day.

La Salle's Academic Support period gives students dedicated time to meet with teachers, ask questions, review challenging concepts, and get ahead.

A Days: 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

B Days: 11:10 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Students can select the teachers they would like to see for the upcoming week through FlexiSched. We encourage families to talk with students about using this time intentionally, not only when they are struggling.

Learning to approach a teacher, ask for help, advocate for yourself, and use available resources builds more than stronger grades. It develops confidence, independence, communication skills, and personal responsibility.

Our Doors Are Open

September is just the beginning.

Whether a student is adjusting to high school, navigating a difficult class, thinking about college, exploring future possibilities, or simply needs someone to talk to, the Counseling Center is here.

We encourage students to stop by, ask questions, and stay connected with their counselor throughout the year.

We are excited for everything ahead, and we look forward to walking alongside you this school year. Go Lancers!

Upcoming Events

SEP/OCT 2026

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

SEPTEMBER

25
FRI

Make-Up picture day

OCTOBER

3
SAT

Official SAT Exam at La Salle
Class of 2006- 20 year reunion

5-9
MON-FRI

Homecoming Week

7
WED

National Testing Day
NO SCHOOL for Seniors

9
FRI

Homecoming Football Game vs
St. Anthony

10
SAT

Homecoming Dance

12
MON

Indigenous Peoples Day
NO SCHOOL

30th Annual Lancer Invitational
Golf Tournament

13
TUE

Parent Association Meeting
Sophomore Service Day

14
WED

Sophomore Retreat

22
THU

Coffee with the Counselors



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.

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