

August 1, 2022

*“The power of hope once again launches the commitment of Lasallians to the human and Christian education of children, young people, and adults in whom we find the face of God and the best expression of what is deeply human.” (Declaration on the Lasallian Educational Mission: Challenges, Convictions, and Hopes, 2020)*

Dear La Salle Families,

This summer I had the opportunity to participate in our Lasallian district’s Mission Assembly with the theme, “Responding to God’s Call to Hope and Action.” The work focused on developing vision and direction for the district on key thematic areas and absolutely affirmed the goodness and power of our Lasallian tradition that began over 300 years ago. Of particular note is that while current research points to the power of relationships in student learning, Lasallian educators have rooted their pedagogy and vocation in serving as “Big Brothers and Sisters” to their students since the 1600s. The Brothers and Partners who participated in this assembly certainly feel the weight of the past few years and its impact on young people, but hold great hope that our faith, belief in each other, and commitment to young people will lead to transformation. As I start my 27th year at La Salle Prep, I take great pride in this Lasallian identity and mission.

While summer is still in full swing, we joyfully anticipate welcoming our students to the 2022-2023 school year. As we plan for the months ahead and continue to reflect on the needs of our students in this time, we are paying particular attention to the following:

- the continued return to beloved traditions alongside the creation of new opportunities for community and belonging
- a steadfast commitment to providing an exceptional education that prepares students for college and life
- the development of programs and opportunities to foster student skills and mindsets that align with our recently developed Graduate Profile

We recognize the needs of our student body are diverse and unique, and we will continue to support students as needed while also challenging them to fulfill their potential and grow over the course of their high school years.

As we begin this school year, I look forward to welcoming many new Lasallians to our school community. On our [website](#), you can find information about the following welcome events:

- August 28-29: 9th grade overnight retreat at Camp Howard
- August 30: 9th grade and transfer student academic orientation (including iPad orientation)
- August 30: New parent breakfast and orientation
- August 30: 10th - 12th grade registration (schedules, pictures, parking passes, etc.)
- August 31: 1st day of classes
- September 7: Back to School Night
- September 26-30: Homecoming Week

In addition to welcoming many new students to La Salle, we welcome new faculty and staff as well:

- Mr. John Huelskamp, President
- Mr. Aaron Hollingshead, Vice Principal for Student Life

- Mr. Peter Shelburne, Mathematics
- Ms. Amanda Barker, French
- Mr. Kevin Doyle, Counseling
- Ms. Anna Hooker, English
- Mr. Noah Banks, Religion
- Mr. Paul Collins, Religion
- Mr. Sam Valdez, Content Marketing Manager
- Ms. Jennifer Reeves, Advancement Associate

As we begin this school year, we want to remind families that we align with the guidance of the Oregon Health Authority and Clackamas County Public Health when it comes to protocols addressing COVID-19. At this point, masks continue to be optional for school. If we anticipate any changes in our COVID responses, we will communicate with the community.

Please take time to read through all the [information](#) we have posted on our website about the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Reach out if you have questions. We pray for blessings on this year and all the good work ahead of us.

Live Jesus in our Hearts,

Alanna O'Brien, Principal