



# LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

LASALLIAN EDUCATION

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Dear Lasallian Parents,

Greetings and welcome to a new and exciting school year here at La Salle High School! As Director of the Campus Ministry program I thank you for the opportunity to assist you, the parents, as primary religious educators, with the growth and development of your son's spirituality, cognitive abilities and social awareness. I write in regards to your son's freshman retreat, or day of renewal as we call it. A retreat is a wonderful opportunity to seek spiritual perspective in one's life. As a Catholic School in the Lasallian tradition, the spiritual development of our students is essential to our Lasallian Mission. In an effort to instill in students the discipline of retreats and spiritual renewal, La Salle has fashioned experiences that we hope will benefit our young men in ways that are appropriate to their age and situation. Thus, the Freshman Day of Renewal seeks to build self-confidence, character, leadership skills, faith-filled understanding and community, while concentrating on the value of the father and son relationship.

And so, on behalf of La Salle High School I extend an invitation to each father of a current freshman in the Class of 2025 to participate in the Freshman Day(s) of Renewal. The freshman days of renewal are scheduled for **Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. The list stating which day you and your son are scheduled is attached to this sheet and the registration will be available during the freshman orientation on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Please pay close attention to the school weekly e-newsletter for more information regarding your son's Freshmen Day of Renewal.

I realize that this invitation will require some pre-planning and it is our sincere hope that each father is able to join his son on his scheduled day of renewal. With that said, I also realize that some extenuating circumstances will necessitate for a stand-in/significant male role model to participate on behalf of your son (i.e. an uncle, older brother, friendly neighbor, senior Lancer Leader, etc.). And so, if the aforementioned speaks to your familial situation, please feel free to contact me so arrangements can be made.

You might be asking yourself, what are the activities for this day of renewal? In short, "**FAITH, SERVICE and COMMUNITY**" – these are three of the five core values of a Lasallian education. Furthermore, each father and son team will be assigned to a specific service agency within our city. Each team will be asked to assist this agency through three and one-half hours of direct **SERVICE** by feeding the hungry, assisting the elderly, lending a hand in a community clean-up, etc. After the service portion of the day, each team will return back to La Salle High School for some good food, reflection and brief discussion, directly followed by a **FAITH**-filled celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist in the De La Salle Chapel. Lastly, we will conclude our day together, with one of the staples of Cincinnati-living, a father and son team corn-hole tournament here in our gym. Very little screams **COMMUNITY** louder than father and son teams helping needy people in our community and prayerfully reflecting about their experiences together as members of our Lasallian family, while they get to know one another in a friendly corn-hole tournament!

The Campus Ministry office will provide more information about service agency assignments at a later date. We ask that each father and son team plan to arrange for their own transportation to and from the worksites. If this proves to be a problem, please feel free to contact me so that we can make necessary transportation arrangements. Finally, dress for the day is casual and relaxed La Salle attire is highly encouraged.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to work with you and your son throughout the years that awaits us! As always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at 741-2321.

Live Jesus in our hearts...

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