

Dear Incoming Freshman Parents,

We hear you; we see you and we were once you. La Salle Parent Council (LPC) would like to offer some words of wisdom and advice from one upperclassman parent to an incoming new parent:

Talk to your son daily. Ask how his day was. Start with this question and then listen. Ask if they need any help. Give help if they need it and accept it if they don't. Tell them you love them every day. Because their time at La Salle goes by so quickly!

—Julie Etris, LPC Freshman Representative

Every person you come into contact with matters, make sure they know that.

—Amy Dabbelt, LPC Freshman Representative

Give your son some room to manage his schoolwork and La Salle life on his own. Use PowerSchool as a way of looking over his shoulder. Have him be the one to contact teachers when issues arise, don't always do it for him. He may make some mistakes, but high school is the safe place to make them before he goes to college, military, or workplace. Try to meet as many parents as you can. Attend LPC meetings and events, go to football games, tailgate, etc. Get involved in Camelot Auction. Talk to new people when you get a chance. If there is anything you don't understand or question, reach out to an LPC member or school administration.

—Mariellen Rehtin, LPC Vice President

Here is my best advice/tip for incoming freshman parents - it is something that new parents wonder about every year: Picture Day is Tuesday, August 23. Your son only needs to wear his regular La Salle uniform and his best smile! Historically, pictures have been taken through Lifetouch. Your son will NOT bring home an order form - just look for the blurb about school pictures in the Lancer's Latest Newsletter. If you miss that, do not panic! Last year, La Salle posted on their social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) links to order pictures ON PICTURE DAY so you definitely will not miss out!

—Kathleen Habedank, LPC Secretary

I would tell parents to get involved. With not only their child's education but the school, social events, sports and keep their children involved too. La Salle has something for all students-whether it's a sport or a club or a service that fits every child at the school and they are always welcome for more suggestions.

—Vicki Seng, Fundraising and LPC Senior Representative

Put trust in your kids to read their emails, contact their teachers, figure things out on their own to allow them to take ownership of their school life.

—Gina Reynolds, LPC Logistics

Lastly, just know that you will be coming into something that is new and unfamiliar. Give yourself and your child a little bit of grace and mercy. The rest will fall into place. Remember to ask questions, introduce yourself and put yourself out there to meet new people. Get involved, volunteer. Take pictures and enjoy the time and memories in the making as it goes by so fast.

—Kisha Dosa, LPC President

