



RESPONDING TO THE CALL

## WINTER NEWSLETTER PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Greetings De La Salle Academy Community,

Our annual school theme of "Power of Character" has been integrated into our community in various ways since we resumed in-person instruction in August. One of the blessings of returning to a full school day schedule this year has been the ability to see the students in action. To welcome students to campus each day, converse with them, and see them building community and friendships has been a great joy to witness. A successful Lasallian education features the hallmarks of Faith and Service. When we are together in community, we share our faith experiences through daily prayer and weekly assemblies. We serve one another by learning how to be better ambassadors and stewards of our gifts and opportunities.

During our recent morning assemblies, we have reflected upon the passage from Matthew's Gospel that reads: "You are the light of the world...Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do..." Since it opened its doors, De La Salle Academy has celebrated the ways that students have exemplified the virtues of **faith, respect, responsibility, perseverance,** and **service**. Each Friday, students and staff publicly acknowledge the individuals that they have seen "sharing their light" with the school. These Good Deeds are tokens of appreciation and affirmation that acts of kindness and generosity strengthen our community.

It inspires teachers and staff to be part of the students' lives and to accompany them in developing and sharing these gifts with each other and the greater community. We hope it is inspiring to our supporters who so generously allow this mission to grow, as well.

Chris Giangregorio  
Principal

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### SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST

**Donor Tours are  
happening Now!**

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# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

De La Salle joined thousands of Catholic schools across the country in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This annual celebration highlights the various aspects of the school community that make it unique and contribute to its mission. At DLSA, we held appreciation days for the following:

**Community:** We collected goods to donate to our local food bank, Monument Crisis Center.

**Vocations:** Br. Anthony Lenz, FSC reflected upon his path to becoming a Brother, while challenging students to consider how they can live lives of purpose and be of service to others.

**Staff:** The 8th grade families surprised the staff with a potluck luncheon to show their gratitude. We know the families are the primary educators of our youth. We are honored to partner with them, and we extend our gratitude to all DLSA Families!

**Students:** We concluded the week with a day of competition and collaboration! Our students participated in Escape Room Challenges, science experiments, art projects, a soccer tournament, and more!

It was a day of joy to celebrate our community's greatest asset: STUDENTS!



# NEW WAYS TO ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY

# WEBSITE UPDATE



## Ways to Support our Academy and Students

- Volunteer for Homework Support
- Social Media Intern- Do you have passion and skill for using social media to engage an audience?

*We need your help!*

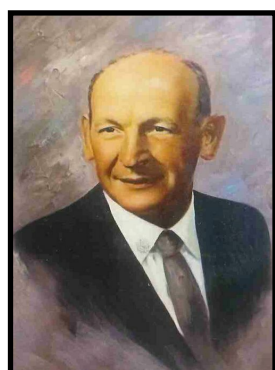
Have you ever wondered what type of dedicated educators it takes to work at DLSA? Visit our website's staff page to get better acquainted.

In the coming months we will be adding more robust content to our site. We look forward to highlighting our growth and progress with our DLSA community.

## UPCOMING

Did you know that you can come take a tour of the Academy? We would love to have our supporters sign up for a 45 min tour starting in March. Spots are limited.

To RSVP contact Wendy Duncan at 925-471-8163 or email [duncanw@dls-academy.org](mailto:duncanw@dls-academy.org)



(1923 - 2018)

## DLSA remembers Mr. Ken Hofmann

The Monument Corridor has long been an East Bay neighborhood that needed more access to faith-based schools for promising students. In 2013, Mr. Ken Hofmann partnered with the De La Salle Christian Brothers and brought life to the vision of such a school.

Through the generosity of Mr. Hofmann, the Hofmann Family Foundation agreed to sponsor the initial five years of the Academy, which opened its doors in 2014. Knowing that education and impacting societal change are life-long journeys, the Hofmann Family Foundation pledged to support the DLSA mission for an additional ten years; thus, ensuring quality educational experiences for the students and families for years to come.

Without a doubt, the support and philanthropy of the Hofmann Family have made this Academy possible, and for this we are forever grateful. On February 15th, we offered our prayers of thankfulness on Mr. Hofmann's heavenly birthday. God bless you and your family, Mr. Hofmann!

## HOW TO SUPPORT

There are many ways to support the work we do at De La Salle Academy:

- **FOLLOW US** on social media
- Shop on Amazon?  
Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), search for " De La Salle Academy, Inc" & start shopping. Amazon donates a percentage of the goods purchased.



## 2 WAYS TO GIVE



### 1. ONLINE

Visit our secure online giving site to give a one-time donation, or set-up easy recurring gifts.  
<https://dls-academy.org/giving>



### 2. CASH OR CHECK

If you prefer to give cash or check, please mail to:  
Attn: Wendy Duncan  
1380 Galaxy Way, Ste A  
Concord, CA 94520

**AS WE RESPOND TO THE CALL THIS YEAR, WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING OUR STUDENTS WITH A TRANSFORMATIVE AND HOLISTIC EDUCATION.**



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## A Lasallian Catholic Education

De La Salle Academy is a 5th - 8th Grade Lasallian Catholic middle school. Inspired by the mission of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, De La Salle Academy provides a transformative, life-changing, and accessible Catholic educational experience for promising boys from underserved families in the greater Concord area.

De La Salle Academy works with philanthropists and community partners to provide students, graduates, and families with access to quality educational opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them due to geographic or socioeconomic factors.

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## SPOTLIGHT

### *WHO WAS ST. MIGUEL FEBRES CORDERO?*



Francisco Febres Cordero (1854-1910), was the first Christian Brother to come from Ecuador. On February 9th, DLSA celebrated his feast day and honored him by recognizing his outstanding dedication to teaching and his life with a school Liturgy. As one of only nine schools in the country with the Lasallian San Miguel middle school model, DLSA has focused on connecting our students with the life of San Miguel.

At the age of nine, he became one of the first students at the school opened by the De La Salle Christian Brothers in 1863. But writing and teaching secular subjects was not his primary joy-- his first love was guiding students in their faith formation.

At DLSA, we honor him and all of our Brothers who serve and dedicate their time, energy and love to those around them. We also offer our prayers of support and solidarity with our fellow San Miguel schools across the United States.

Pictured: Feast of the Immaculate Conception at De La Salle High School

