



**La Salle Institute**  
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Middle School families,

The month of August is such an exciting one for educators. You ponder the upcoming school year and all of the tremendous opportunities that it will bring. Additionally, you begin to think about your students and how you can make sure that all of them are being set up for success. Our students are at the center of all that we do at La Salle. The quiet hallways of August eventually give way to energetic chatter in September. We're looking forward to another outstanding school year in the Middle School - one where your son will experience success and improve in many aspects of his life.

New Parent Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, August 30, 2017** beginning at 7pm in the cafeteria. I encourage all new students to come with their parents for the event. We will have presentations from members of our Middle School Student Leadership Council and will also have current teachers and families present to help answer any questions. Prior to orientation on 8/30, feel free to come into the school with your son to walk around the building and get a better feel for the grounds.

The uniform resale will take place on **Tuesday, August 29th & Wednesday, August 30th** from 3-6pm. Additionally, Student Styles, located at 15 Cobbee Road in Latham (220-9244) will be handling all of our Middle School uniform needs. At Orientation, current Middle School students will be present to properly demonstrate how to correctly wear the uniform. For new families, the blue Middle School polo shirts can be worn exclusively in September and October and on every Friday during the winter months. Know that once the warm weather of spring arrives, the blue polo shirts can again be worn exclusively. During the winter months the traditional striped collared shirt and tie should be worn.

I am both pleased and excited to announce the addition of Ms. Alexandra Russell to our staff. Ms. Russell will be the Middle School Guidance Counselor and brings with her a tremendous energy and enthusiasm. Her experience in the field positions her nicely to fill the needs of our students and to help each one of them reach their maximum potential. We are lucky and privileged to have Ms. Russell join our team and know she will help our Middle School continue to spiral upward.

A reminder to all returning parents and important information to all new parents is to keep up to date with the Middle School Facebook page: (<https://www.facebook.com/lisimiddleschool/>)

The page is used often to highlight our students and send out important announcements. Currently on the page you can find some Middle School happenings over the summer and also find school supply lists and summer reading/work materials.

Middle School Orientation for students will take place on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017** (8am-2:30pm). All students in Grades 6-8 will receive their schedules, meet their teachers and begin the process of organizing their locker. The full uniform (polo shirts can be worn) is required for orientation. Please be sure your son brings gym clothes with him for some team building activities that will take place in the afternoon. A picnic lunch will be provided on orientation day. There are no Middle School classes on **Thursday, September 7, 2017** (High School Orientation) and the first full day of school for Grades 6-12 is **Friday, September 8, 2017**.

I am currently seeking a few parents in Grades 7 & 8 who may be interesting in helping/running a Middle School after school program each day from 3-5pm. I ask anyone interested to please contact my office via email ([ssgambelluri@lasalleinstitute.org](mailto:ssgambelluri@lasalleinstitute.org)). Logistics and details will be provided to interested parents.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you very soon as we get ready to begin another journey together. Please know that our push and message with all students is to give their entire self to La Salle. Success comes in many different ways and I always express to our students that as long as they are giving their best - they are being successful. Remember that I view your son's education as a total team effort and one that involves parents, teachers, coaches, mentors, friends and family.

Please do not hesitate to contact with any questions, concerns or suggestions for the upcoming school year. It is important to me and to our staff that you and your son are as comfortable as possible before school begins. I look forward to another year where together, we continue to take our Middle School to new heights!

Go Cadets!

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