



# La Belle Dame

The Newsletter of Our Lady of La Salette Parish

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## Welcome our New Principal, Mr. Dan Terbrack

Our Catholic school is part of the heart and soul of La Salette. For 67 years we have been faithful to our mission to share our faith and knowledge with our children and teens.



The staff of our school works closely with parents, families and the community.

We provide our young with an academically rigorous and doctrinally sound program of education and faith formation designed to prepare them to live as faithful Christians and generous citizens.

At the center of this effort is the school principal. Every successful school is lead by a principal who is a leader, a visionary, an inspiration, an educator and a servant.

Last October, I appointed Mrs. Ann Kolley as our school principal and Mr. Dan Terbrack as our assistant principal.

They have worked tirelessly for our children and school. They have continued the La Salette tradition of excellence.

Yet, change seems to always be part of our lives. Mrs. Kolley will leave La Salette at the end of the school year and accept the principal's position at St. Isaac Jogues School. Her new school will help her spend more quality time with her children.

Effective July 1, 2010, Mr. Terbrack will assume the position of school principal. I believe that he has the La Salette spirit, as well as the education, talents and abilities to lead the school for many years.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mrs. Kolley for her years of service at La Salette. She has ministered to us as an exemplary educator and faithful Christian.

Please continue to pray for Mr. Terbrack, Mrs. Kolley and all our school students, parents and families.

- Fr. Connell

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## From Mr. Terbrack

Becoming principal at La Salette is truly a dream come true for me. My family has been at La Salette since 1951, when my grandma and grandpa moved to Berkley. My grandparents were faithful parishioners in every sense of the word: attended mass, donated time and money, and sent all of their children to the school. I come from a family dedicated to Catholic education and I certainly hold these beliefs. I am a lifelong La Salette parishioner and proud La Salette graduate. In fact, my 10 month old daughter Addison was baptized here last October.



One thing I learned while being the assistant principal this year is that in order for La Salette to be successful it takes a total team effort. And by team, I don't simply mean the teachers, parents, and students at the school. I need the parishioners' help and support as well. One thing that makes La Salette such a special place to learn is the sense of family. For Our Lady of La Salette Parish to accomplish its mission, both the school and church need to thrive. One cannot survive without the other. We can't view the church and parish as "us" or "them" because we are all La Salette. I'm not just talking about financial support and weekly offerings, which are critically important, either. I'm talking more about volunteering your time and talents. We have many parishioners here, but only a handful of very dedicated volunteers. Aside from my work in education, I coach 11 year-old travel hockey, volunteer much of my time to the City of Berkley, and have a wife and 10 month old baby at home. I understand how busy life can be, and maybe there isn't a lot of spare time to donate to the parish. But I ask that you please take some time to think about what you can offer the church and school, be it technical knowledge, manual labor, or anything in between. Specifically, I am looking for 7-10 parishioners to donate an hour or two a month to be part of the School Committee. I value the input of those that are not parents, but care about our school.

Another element of support that parents can offer is sending their children to our parish school. To parents who do not currently do that, I ask two things:

The first is to simply take a critical look at our school and all that we have to offer. I could speak for days on the merits of La Salette and the small class sizes, differentiated instruction, sacramental preparation, high standardized test scores, etc. But I'm not going to do that right now. Secondly, if you could, as honestly as possible, tell me why you are not choosing La Salette. The reason that I ask this is so I know what I need to work on to get our own families back. If we can't retain our own parishioners, then something clearly needs to be fixed.

Feel free to call the school to talk anytime at 248-542-3757, ext. 22, or email me at [Dan.Terbrack@lasalette-school.org](mailto:Dan.Terbrack@lasalette-school.org). This isn't just a job for me. La Salette is part of my life. I'm tired of hearing about other schools. If we're not better than the others right now, I promise you that I will do everything in my power to make sure that we are by the time I leave here. I am a proud La Salette parishioner, I will do everything I can to spread the word about what a great place La Salette is to learn, love, lead, and live on. I ask for your prayers and support.

- Dan Terbrack





## Our School! You'll be Amazed...

We would like to share with you some highlights of this school year. La Salette is an A+ school where Christian values are blended with academics. You will be amazed, as we all were, with the accomplishments of your children.

### First Academically:

- Five students have been attending Bishop Foley for advanced math, some completing 10th grade math in the 8th grade
- Eight students competed in the Vicariate Spelling Bee staying in for several rounds of words
- Our students projects at the Cobo Hall Science Fair netted eight honorable mention awards, 19 excellent awards, two outstanding awards, and one third place
- The IOWA tests, taken in October, showed that the longer a student stays at La Salette, the higher their scores-averaging two grade levels above their current grade. 8 of the 13 eighth grade students scored at the 13th plus grade level, or as a freshman in college
- 12 students became members of the National Honor Society, three new students have been inducted
- Students learned first hand through Jesuit novices who taught religion in classrooms this fall about life dedicated to Christ
- Mrs. Takahashi taught Japanese and shared a home with both the Squires and Sheibels families

Second, our students have advanced charity in a truly Christian way:

- \$1500 was raised at the Mission Fair during Catholic Schools Week and donated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen
- \$400 was raised during the Lenten Penny Wars for the Rice Bowl Project
- 600 turkey dinners were served to the homeless at Thanksgiving
- 40 pairs of gloves and hats were donated to children in need
- 5,000 pounds of food was collected during the monthly St. Vincent de Paul food collections
- Enough beverage bottles were collected to purchase language arts books for sixth and seventh grades

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Third, students have participated in many exciting activities that brought learning up close and personal, including:

- On site learning during nearly 30 field trips from Washington DC to Lansing, from the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts to the zoo, from nature centers to the apple orchard
- Assemblies like the Spoon Man, author Jennifer Ward and dog Byron, a capuchin monk, and the Red Cross offered experience with real life careers
- The recycling program, coordinated by Middle School students, has collected enough paper, plastic, and juice boxes to save more than 20 trees. We earned a Green School award for our efforts to save the earth
- Middle school students displayed projects featuring food, music, and culture from countries around the world
- Middle school language arts students adapted the Agatha Christie novel *And Then There Were None* into a play
- The Stations of the Cross were dramatically presented to students by talented middle school actors
- Middle school students participated in service hours ranging from babysitting, baking, altar service, Angels Night Out, Safety squad, and tutoring
- Creative minds and hands have joined the Robotics Club, Writers Club, and Scouting

We also have talented athletes. More than 100 students participated in 17 sports teams competing throughout the school year. These athletes are coached by parents and staff from our parish and school.

Most importantly, the staff has been able to spend nearly 1300 hours in the company of your children. They have brought joy, love, frustration, tears, and pride to our day. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sharing them and you with us.

*-The Teachers of Our Lady of La Salette Catholic School and Academy*



## Fall Festival

Our Fall Festival, which celebrates the Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette, will be held on September 17, 18, and 19. Expect food, fun, friends, an alumni reunion, and much more. Save those dates!

## Logo Design Contest: Fall Fest Fun Run

The Third Annual Fall Fest Fun Run will be September 18. This year - we add a new challenge! We are looking for talent within our La Salette community to design our logo. The contest began June 9 and entries are due August 21. Our judging staff includes:

- Deb Fritsch
- Jim Fritsch
- Drew Pennington
- Craig Rankle
- Ed Szykula

Email your submission to dpenn6@wowway.com. The winner will be announced August 28, and the winning entry will be selected to appear on our runner shirts and all marketing materials.

Spread the word and recruit runners. Even better, challenge a friend or family member to a friendly competition!

- *Drew Pennington*

Thanks so much to Deb and Linda -and all of the auction committee (and their families) - for all their hard work and dedication toward making Auction 11 a success. To all our volunteers: We appreciate your commitment and dedication!

## La Salette Dad's Club

Our Lady of La Salette Parish is forming a Dad's Club (formerly the "Do-Dad's"), and we're looking for you. The Dad's Club will serve a variety of purposes from providing assistance to the school (whether it be helping to clean up, adopting classrooms, offering expertise, being visible at events, etc.) to simply offering each other moral support (after school hours of course). All interested dads please send me a response so I can begin creating the database. We need your help! Get involved today, unlimited spots still available... so don't delay.

- *Dan Terbrack*



## The Results Are In!

Now that all the expenses are paid, and the numbers are tallied, we can reveal the results of this year's auction. Our net profit for the auction was \$22,500! While this number did not quite reach our goal, we felt that the event was very successful in the fact that everyone had a great time and enjoyed each other's company. We sold over 200 tickets and had well over 400 gifts, surpassing our goals for both of these areas. Thanks again to everyone who contributed.

There is still time to purchase items from the auction.

Visit:

<http://www.lasalette-church.org/Auction/Auction.htm> to make your purchases - but hurry before those items are gone!

Linda and Deb will be back next year, as will most of the committee. If you have any comments or suggestions to improve the auction, they would love to hear them.

Save the Date! Next year's auction will be May 7, 2011.

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*Deb Fritsch and Linda Gable-Smith*



## **Bereavement Committee**

Please join our entire parish in extending our gratitude to two very special volunteers. First, to Irene Morrison - thank you for your leadership and service on the Bereavement Committee. Your years of dedication have ensured our parish families feel both comfort and community as their loved ones pass away.

We thank you Irene, and welcome Pam Golden, as she assumes the role. If you would like Pam to contact you when she is organizing a funeral luncheon, please let her know.

## **Congratulations Graduates!**

Congratulations to our out-going 8th graders. Best of luck during high school!

- Dylan Enquist--Arizona-out of state
- James Paprocki--Bishop Foley
- Andrew Downs--Royal Oak Public
- Lordanthony Grissom--University Liggett
- Khalil Hall--Birmingham Groves
- Madeline Miller--Mercy
- Chanze Stuckey--Mercy
- Jordan Woods--Shrine
- Brandi Davis--Undecided
- Jordan Gee--Shrine
- Clemia Jackson--Shrine
- Donovan Sullivan--Brother Rice

## **Read and Reflect**

For your summer inspirational reading, check out our library, located near the south Coolidge doors. New titles now on display!

## **Read Bulletins OnLine**

If you're traveling this summer, be sure to check out weekly bulletins through the Parish website.

## **Blood Drive**

Our Lady of La Salette School is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on August 13, 1:00-7:00. Please take a moment to make an appointment or recruit a donor – the need is constant and often desperate for cancer and trauma patients awaiting therapies.

This drive is being sponsored by college-bound parishioner Marie Perrault, who will earn a \$500 scholarship at the completion of a successful drive. Call Marie for your appointment: - 248-545-1594.

Your pint donation will save three lives, plus you'll be able to help a student as well!

## **Consider Electronic Giving**

Our Lady of La Salette has partnered with [e-paluch.com](http://e-paluch.com), so that you can now make your contributions electronically. e-Contributions allows you to make contributions to both the regular and special offerings electronically and automatically, using your credit card or checking account. You can sign up through e-Paluch's safe and secure [parishioner's web page](#). You can enter how often and how much to contribute to the parish. Parishioners can select any or all funds offered by their parish through e-Contributions.

e-Paluch processes the contributions and directs the funds to the Parish's bank account. You can make your contributions once a week, once a month, or semi-monthly. It's a great financial planning tool for you and La Salette, and a time saver for both as well!

## **Save These Dates**

- Prospective Parent and Realtor Breakfast, July 19
- Volleyball Camp, August 9-13
- Blood Drive, August 13
- Boys Basketball Camp, August 28-29
- School Resumes, August 30
- Fall Festival, September 17-19
- Auction 12, May 7, 2011



### Congratulations First Communicants!



### Congratulations Confirmandi!

The whole Church resounds with joy as we welcome those who are confirmed to full membership in our community. May God continue to bless you as you grow in wisdom and grace! May the Holy Spirit be with you on your journey of faith!



### Scout Mass





**From Auction 11**

