



# THE DE LA SALLE *Dispatch*

16 May 2008

## Upcoming Events

### Mock Trial Competition

Saturday – 17 May 2008 – 10 AM

St. John's University

## Tidings From Brother Thomas

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of St. John Baptist De La Salle, the man in whose honor our school is named. He is responsible for setting in motion the movement that has spanned more than three and a quarter centuries and six years ago took root here in Freeport. On 15 May 1950 he was recognized as the Patron Saint of Teachers. (Visit [www.lasalle.org](http://www.lasalle.org) to learn more about the history of St. John Baptist De La Salle.)

Our observance began with our daily morning assembly and included a prayer service and a teacher appreciation day activity hosted by the Student Council. Each member of the Council stood up and offered a brief testimony about why they valued the commitment of each of their teachers. It was structured according to the procedure whereby the teachers announce the Gentleman of the Week each Friday and offered the adults further evidence that our students mimic our actions with uncanny precision! The teachers were also presented with gifts by the student leaders. De La Salle, who regularly reminded the first group of teachers he called together that “the grace to touch hearts” was the grace of their state, would be proud of the way the teachers at The De La Salle School effectively go about the business of touching hearts.

## **WORD OF THE WEEK**

**tenacious** – *tending to stick* (7 May)

## 2008 Spring Gala Update

The De La Salle School's 2008 Spring Gala honoring founding trustee Anthony Giammona was an unprecedented success. An overflow crowd in excess of 260 people gathered at the Hempstead Golf and Country Club and at the end of the night more than 500 raffles were sold and more than \$150,000 was raised for the school's scholarship fund! “The excitement was

palpable,” commented Marty Bevilacqua, one of the hard-working 2008 Gala Committee members. “Hundreds of Anthony’s friends joined together to recognize his generosity and guidance and to celebrate the school’s sixth academic year.”

The lucky raffle winners were \$10,000 first prize Betty Santoro, \$5,000 second prize Brian Bast, third prize \$3,000 Ray Bartoli, \$1,500 fourth prize Mary Jane McCartney, and \$1,000 fifth prize Marcia Caruselle. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed to the celebration’s success – our honoree, gala committee, Trustees, benefactors, staff, students, and friends. Your efforts will ensure that *inspired transformations* will continue at The De La Salle School.

## **My Role Model is . . .**

My Dad is my role model. He is strong, brave, funny, and I love to be near him. My Dad likes baseball, like I do and we have fun watching it together and playing it in my backyard.

I chose my Dad because he is always there for me. And he works so much to let me have a normal life. My Dad is from the Dominican Republic. He came here when he was around 20. Today my Dad is a chef and makes a lot of money. I can learn about life from my Dad such as I need to work for what I want and not everything is going to be free. I think my Dad was smart to tell me this.

These reasons are why I love my Dad and he is a good guy. I think everyone should take my Dad’s advice.

*Alex Tiburcio, Sixth Grader, Writer of the Week*

## **Spreading the Word**

Kristine Boniello, daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Boniello, The De La Salle School’s social studies teacher and Dean of Academics, went online to **General Mills’ BoxTop\$ for Education**, signed up and encouraged her co-workers to sign up as well!

Last year The De La Salle School received \$282 from this program, and we have received \$333 so far this year. But with lots more people collecting General Mills’ box tops, the sky’s the limit! Check out their website at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com), and start collecting those box tops. Send them to us and we will take care of the rest. And thanks, Kristine, for thinking of our students!

## **Lenten Offering**

The De La Salle School population observed the Lenten practice of almsgiving by remembering our Lasallian twin in Nakuru, Kenya. A total of \$840.45 was donated – an increase of ten percent over our record-setting 2007 collection! Many thanks to Brother Richard for spearheading this project. His daily exhortations encouraged participation by students and staff and proved that by joining together, The De La Salle School can reach across the world to its fellow Lasallian students.

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