



THE DE LA SALLE *Dispatch*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2008 Spring Gala

Tonight!

7:30 to 11 PM

Hempstead Golf and Country Club

60 Front Street, Hempstead 11550

516-486-7800

Tidings From Brother Thomas

According to a front page article in the 16 April issue of *Education Week*, a recent study conducted by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute urged “the Roman Catholic Church to embark on a serious campaign to make Catholic education affordable...calling on philanthropists to generously support innovative networks of Catholic schools that operate independently of diocesan structures.” The Nativity Miguel Network of Schools (www.NativityMiguelSchools.org), to which we belong, is one such innovative model. Mr. B. J. Cassin, Chairman of that network’s Board, spoke last week at the *White House Summit on Inner-City Education and Faith Based Schools*. In addition, Pope Benedict, in his comments when he addressed Catholic school educators in Washington, spoke of Catholic schools in our country and stated “Everything possible must be done, in cooperation with the wider community, to ensure that they are accessible to people of all social and economic strata.”

All of us who participate in the mission of The De La Salle School with donations, labor, and prayers are addressing a real need in a real way. Our gala this evening celebrates our solidarity behind this cause and our continued commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of the last, the least, and the lost entrusted to us at our school. Thanks.

WORD OF THE WEEK

clandestine – *done in secret* (30 April)

My Role Model is . . .

Brother Thomas is my role model because he makes me smile. He goes to church and he is a Christian Brother. He says “Hello” when I am feeling down. He sings a song to make me forget all my troubles.

Brother Thomas is a hard worker in his job. He works to get money for our school so that more boys can be educated and learn about God’s love. Brother Thomas is a funny guy and you will feel great with him at your side. He never loses his temper even when he does not get his wish. When something happens that is a problem, he talks smoothly to find out how to fix it.

I picked this person because he has a warm and generous heart that can protect the Earth from harm. He always wants us to read and create stories. He tries to help you be the best you can be.

Being around Brother Thomas has taught me to respect people for who they are and not for their possessions. I have learned to be caring for others, and to have pride in my work so I can get the job I want. Thank you, Brother Thomas, for being the person I hope to become.

Joel Tiburcio, Seventh Grader
Writer of the Week

Eighth Graders Are U.S. Constitution Scholars!

Our entire eighth grade class scored 85 or higher – actually the lowest score was 86 and there were two 100s – on their recent comprehensive test on the history and magnitude of the United States Constitution. *Congratulations to these “soon to be graduates” for serving as exemplary role models for our fifth, sixth, and seventh graders.*

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