



THE DE LA SALLE *Dispatch*

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, 16 November, 7:30 – 8:45 AM

Welcome Breakfast*

Tidings From Brother Thomas Director's Advisory Council Members Share Ideas

Eight members of The De La Salle Director's Advisory Council gathered recently. On the agenda were two items – meeting several fifth grade students just back from their week at Spring Brook Farm in Vermont and “brainstorming” ways to increase public awareness about the school.

Alexander, Dennis, and Olivier, three of the thirteen dairy farmers, shared thoughts about their trip – new experiences and skills learned, what they liked best (and worst!), and how they will encourage next year's fifth grade to participate. After the students' presentation, the council members offered the following suggestions about how to conquer the perception that “The De La Salle School is the best kept secret in Freeport.”

- increase media coverage in *Long Island Catholic*
- seek volunteers through *Newsday's* Act II feature, local high school community service programs, and St. John's University
- outreach to local Catholic churches
- host a breakfast where Advisory Council members can bring a friend and introduce them to The De La Salle School (see article below)

Parent Forum Provides Helpful Information

“Tips on Parenting Your Adolescent” was the topic of the most recent Parent Forum. More than two dozen parents attended the session led by Dr. Edward Dana, Director of Social Services at Martin De Porres School in Springfield Gardens. A practitioner of child and

adolescent psychotherapy, he suggested ways for parents to set expectations and limitations when dealing with their teenagers. He also engaged the audience in offering ideas about building lasting parent-child relationships.

Parent Forums are a vital part of The De La Salle School experience and encourage parental involvement in our students' education. Future Forums are scheduled for January, March, and May in 2007.

***“Welcome Breakfast” Scheduled for 16 November 2006**

Last month's Donor Recognition Breakfast was so successful that we have decided to use it as a model, this time expanding our invitation list to include guests of Director's Advisory Council members. Scheduled for Thursday, 16 November at 7:30 AM, we are hoping that our guests will come away thinking as last month's invitee, Sister Joanne Callahan, OSU, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Rockville Center, does – *“Your school is unique and it is evident that you are all working together – faculty, staff, and students to make the learning experience all that it should be for the young men. Morning prayer and assembly highlighted that you are a Catholic school and that you celebrate the accomplishments of all students.”* If you would care to join us on 16 November, please respond to ahattauer49@yahoo.com.

WORD OF THE WEEK

pugnacious – *showing a readiness to fight* (18 October)

sinister – *threatening evil, harm, or danger* (25 October)

Timely Tip for Personal Time Management*

Kathy Prochaska-Cue, Extension Family Economics Specialist

Consider your biological prime time – That's the time of day when you are at your best. Are you a “morning person,” a “night owl,” or a late afternoon “whiz”? Knowing when your best time is and planning to use that time of day for your priorities (if possible) is effective time management.

**This timely tip, the fifth of 13, is brought to you courtesy of The De La Salle School Development Office.*

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