



# THE DE LA SALLE *Dispatch*

30 May 2008

## Upcoming Event

*The Class of 2008*

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS**

**Friday, 13 June at 7 PM**

Our Holy Redeemer Church, 37 South Ocean Avenue, Freeport

## Tidings From Brother Thomas

Smiles abounded in the gym last evening as our annual **Family Fun Night** brought students, their families, and faculty together to experience and celebrate the extended family of The De La Salle School. Dennis, present with his parents and two younger brothers, liked the obstacle course the best. For Joel it was the three legged race with his mother that was the most fun. The strikes earned in the Wii bowling game by his mother and sister were the high point for Daniel. (I had fun with that too!) Through it all cheers resounded!

Kudos to Mr. Kevin Rall, Dean of Student Life, who initiated, planned, and executed this event. Indicative of their commitment to our mission and their love for our students, *each* member of the teaching staff shared in our Family Fun Night. Our students are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and involved faculty.

## **WORD OF THE WEEK**

**culpable** – *at fault* (21 May)

**convene** – *to assemble* (28 May)

## De La Salle Stock Market Wizards!

While the closing bell on 2 May 2008 brought another busy week of trading on Wall Street to an end, for our eighth graders, the bell also marked the end of an exciting and suspense-filled program. For nine weeks the students participated in *Nemoday's* Stock Market Game.

During that time, students increased their language arts, social studies, computer, and math skills by using vocabulary, research, and problem-solving in a situation mimicking real life.

“Each student was given a hypothetical sum of \$100,000 and asked to ‘invest’ it in stocks, bonds, and/or funds. In teams of two, students met once a week and made critical decisions on what to buy and when to sell,” explains teacher Mrs. Nancy Hirsch. “They kept portfolios and monitored gains, losses, and balances.”

Final rankings revealed that all of The De La Salle teams increased their understanding. One team in particular, Henry Mena and Jonathan Sabando, came in fourth place out of 380 middle school teams across Long Island. The same team placed sixteenth out of 1,694 combined middle and high school teams. These two men made \$39,806.22 in just over two months! BRAVO!

*Speaking of money – As we near the end of The De La Salle School’s fiscal year on 30 June 2008, we are just \$11,677 shy of reaching a record gross of \$600,000 for the year. With your help we’ll reach this new level.*

## **My Role Model**

My role model is Mr. Rall. His characteristics are that he is always ready to work and very athletic. He is in just about every sport team in his town. He is also very smart, strong, and lastly, a gentleman.

I chose Mr. Rall as my role model because when there is a problem, he is there to help me. He will talk to me of my situations and make me feel better. When he sees people misbehaving, he tells them not to do it, because it will take them nowhere in life.

The thing that I can learn about life from Mr. Rall is that if I make a mistake, I can learn a lesson from it and hopefully, I won’t make that mistake again. And no matter how old I am, I can still follow my goals.

*Ruben Mena, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*

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