

# DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL



## TOUCHING LIVES, CREATING THE FUTURE





# WELCOME

We want to thank you for your interest in our school! We are part of a community that can trace its roots back 330 years — to a young man who changed the way the entire world thought about education. That young man was John Baptist de La Salle. A series of events led De La Salle to recognize that a strong education should not be limited to the wealthy. Instead, he believed that every young man, regardless of his background or family status, should have the opportunity to learn. He and a group of other men realized that they must educate the whole person on subjects that would help them succeed in their everyday life. De La Salle and these men would become the Brothers of the Christian Schools, known in the English-speaking world as the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Alert to the needs of his times, De La Salle was an innovator in developing teacher-training programs and in curricular and pedagogical practices. In the 18th century, teachers were the equivalent of servants, but De La Salle realized that teachers were leaders from whom children learned important academic and life lessons. It is that history of innovation and education upon which our school is founded.

As educators, we are honored to continue that Lasallian tradition in the 21st century. Our mission is to love, instruct, and guide students in an environment that is moral, caring, and joyful to help your son succeed. At De La Salle High School, we both support and challenge students as they become mature, responsible members of society and the church. We are blessed to be considered for your son's high school education. We have helped generations of young men discover and fulfill their potential. Our academic offerings, religious education programs, Campus Ministry outreach, and co-curricular programs work together to provide a robust education for our students.

This brochure is a small overview of our school, but it is hard to capture on paper the rich tradition and culture we have on our campus. We encourage you and your son to consider our shadow visit program - Spartan for a Day - to see what a day in the life of a De La Salle student is like.

All of this information can be found on our website:

*[www.DLSHS.org/admissions](http://www.DLSHS.org/admissions)*

We hope that you enjoy learning a little more about our school in the pages to follow. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

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# ABOUT DE LA SALLE

For more than 50 years, we have educated thousands of young men in the tradition of a Lasallian, Catholic education. We believe that all students should have access to an education that will prepare them for the future — to complement a robust academic curriculum with the tools they will need to become productive, capable leaders of society.

In each classroom, students also see our **Integral Student Outcomes**, a list of three expectations for every De La Salle graduate:

A De La Salle graduate is a **Man of Faith**, who prays and integrates gospel values; who serves others, especially the poor and marginalized; and who appreciates our Lasallian Catholic tradition.

A De La Salle graduate is a **Man of Integrity**, who respects himself and others; who embraces social and personal responsibility; and who nurtures a healthy lifestyle.

A De La Salle graduate is a **Man of Scholarship**, who thinks creatively, critically, independently, and collaboratively; who strives for academic excellence; and who pursues life-long learning.

If you talk with students, parents, faculty and staff members, or alumni about what makes De La Salle so special, you will often hear them talk about the **Spartan Brotherhood**. This Brotherhood rests on the idea that we are a community working together to achieve a shared goal. Spartans have a deep sense of pride in helping each other achieve their own goals. Indeed, students are encouraged and challenged to “**Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve,**” to use the gifts they have received to help others, especially the poor and marginalized, and to have a deep sense of responsibility for humanity’s future. Through this connection, students find support, love, and caring, whether through a group project, retreat, charity drive, or athletic competition.

## *Faith • Integrity • Scholarship • Brotherhood*

Together, these four humble — yet profound ideals — center our students, provide inspiration in the classroom, and motivate us every day.





# ACADEMIC LIFE

Our academic requirements are designed to meet or exceed the admissions requirements of public and private university systems nationwide, including the University of California. Across all disciplines, our courses are designed to teach critical thinking skills and to enable students to achieve their educational goals. Below are examples of courses that are available to incoming students.

## Freshman Curriculum

- Religious Studies
- Core Principles of Physics, Chemistry, and Biology
- English
- First Aid/Health
- Mathematics
- World History
- World Languages (Spanish, French, Italian, Latin, or American Sign Language)

## Freshman Electives

- Physical Education
- Concert/Marching Band
- Jazz Band
- Chorale
- Technical Theater
- Drawing, Sculpting, and Painting
- Yearbook
- Intro to Computer Science
- Multi-Media Design

## Freshman Honors Courses

A student's placement in honors English, world history, algebra, geometry, or the second level of a world language is based on entrance examination scores, transcripts, recommendations, and, when required, further testing.

## Transfer Students

Applicants seeking admission for the sophomore, junior, or senior years should contact the Admissions Office regarding procedures and application materials. Qualified students are admitted if space is available.

## Student Support Services

De La Salle High School offers a comprehensive counseling program to meet the numerous needs of our students. This department offers each student planning, personal counseling, and responsive services. We also have two dedicated College Counseling Directors who assist students and parents with the entire process of college admissions, scholarships, and financial aid applications. Seniors also have a college advisory period to assist them through the college application process.

## Library and Learning Center

We have two dedicated spaces that offer a wealth of resources for our students: our Library and our Learning Center. The Library serves as a meeting place, study space, and access point to traditional and electronic text, literature, and resources. It is equipped with books, computers, display facilities, and work spaces for individuals and class groups. Our Learning Center features three conference rooms, office space, a quiet room, and 20 carousel stations. Students go there to meet with peer groups or to receive help from student and adult volunteer tutors. With dedicated staff in each location, students have ample opportunity to develop new skills to succeed, both in and out of the classroom.



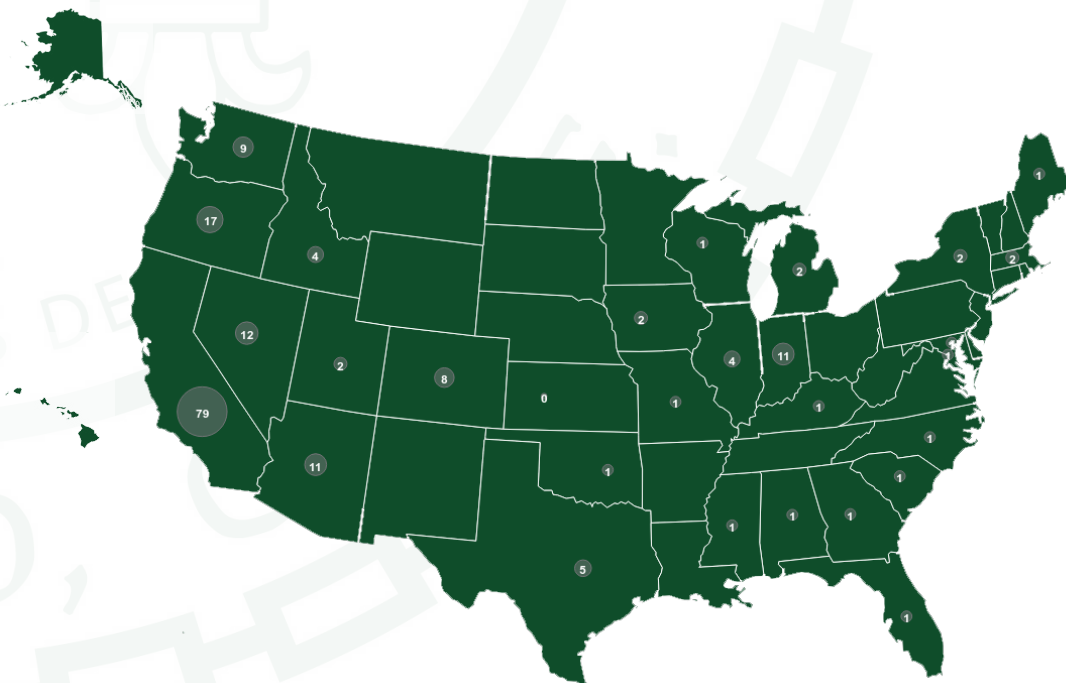
# COLLEGE BOUND

## 16 Most Popular 4-Year Colleges for the Classes of 2020, 2019, and 2018

1. Saint Mary's College of California
2. University of Oregon
3. University of Nevada, Reno
4. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
5. University of San Diego
6. Texas Christian University
7. California State University, Chico
8. Oregon State University
9. University of Colorado-Boulder
10. Arizona State University
11. San Jose State University
12. University of California, Davis
13. University of California, Berkeley
14. San Diego State University
15. Gonzaga University
16. Loyola Marymount University

## Members of the most recent graduating class are also attending the following schools, to name a few:

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| Auburn University                 | Michigan State University | University of Missouri, Columbia |
| Baylor University                 | Santa Clara University    | University of Oklahoma           |
| Boise State University            | UCLA                      | University of Washington         |
| Clemson University                | University of Iowa        | University of Wisconsin-Madison  |
| Indiana University at Bloomington | University of Notre Dame  | Wake Forest University           |



There are 193 students from the De La Salle Class of 2020 that are attending four-year colleges this year. Seventy-nine are attending schools in California and 104 are attending out-of-state colleges, which include 49 schools in 25 states and Washington D.C. At the time of printing, 10 students were undecided on their final school choice.

See the map to the left to see where the De La Salle Class of 2020 is attending college this year.





# CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our Campus Ministry team is a group of men and women who help facilitate the spiritual journey of our entire community. Retreats, worship experiences, daily prayer, class liturgies, and social justice action activities are woven together to help our students become Men of Faith, Integrity, and Scholarship.

Our four-year retreat program offers thoughtful and engaging options for students, parents, and faculty to consider more deeply their journey of faith. Social justice and action activities, like our Sophomore Immersion Program (SIP) and Ven a Ver Immersion Program, give participants the first-hand opportunity to walk in the shoes of the poor and the powerless, responding to the gospel call to serve the poor and marginalized. Campus Ministry empowers the entire De La Salle family to respond to the Lasallian call of faith, service, and community and to learn even more what it means to “Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve.”

## De La Salle Retreats

- Kairos for Seniors
- Junior Retreats
- Sophomore Retreat
- Freshman Retreat
- Father/Son Retreat
- Parent/Son Retreat

## Technology in the Classroom

De La Salle High School uses technology to engage, expand, and complement student learning across the curriculum. We operate in a Bring Your Own Laptop (BYOL) environment. All incoming students are required to bring a Mac or Windows laptop daily (no iPads, Chromebooks, or tablets).

Students will use their laptops for note-taking, collaborative writing, project production, data collection, and research. We recognize that not all students may have the resources to acquire a laptop. Students who qualify for financial aid may be eligible for the use of a long-term loaned device.

All incoming students are required to complete an Online Tech Boot Camp course through Schoology. The course becomes available in July and should be completed before attending one of the on-campus Tech Check Days, prior to the start of the school year. During Tech Check Days, students will pair their devices to the De La Salle Wi-Fi, add wireless printing connections to our Library printers, and troubleshoot any technology issues prior to the start of school. Tech Check Days are drop-in, with no sign up required, and take about 30 minutes to complete.



# Co-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students at De La Salle High School are highly engaged in the co-curricular life of the school. Over 83% of the student body are student-athletes, 62% participate in student clubs, and many more are involved in our Visual and Performing Arts programs. These programs are designed to promote the physical and social development of the student, to provide opportunities for leadership and service to the school and wider community, and to develop interests and talents that are normally untapped in the classroom.

## Clubs

Student activities are a vital part of the curriculum at De La Salle. Here are some examples of clubs at our school:

- Asian Pacific Islander Club
- Astronomy Club
- Band (Marching, Concert, and Jazz)
- Black Student Union
- Broadcast Club
- California Scholarship Federation
- Chess
- Company (Theatre Arts)
- Film Club
- Green Club
- Habitat for Humanity
- Healing Spaces
- Hermanes Unidos
- Horizon
- Improv
- Japanese Anime and Manga
- Jefferson Awards
- Lasallian Youth
- Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)
- Model United Nations
- National Honor Society
- Robotics Club
- S.C.O.R.E. (Student Coalition on Respectful Education)
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica
- Spectrum Art Studios
- Thespian Society
- Trap Shooting
- Yearbook (The Odyssey)

## Spartan Athletics

Our Athletic Department is committed to providing a well-rounded program for our 860 student-athletes. The Athletic Department provides these student-athletes with a program that is not only physically challenging, but complementary to the spiritual and academic values of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

Our Athletic Department recognizes and fosters the development of commitment, brotherhood, and sportsmanship, and it instills, in all of the student-athletes, a sense of pride and achievement.

Our interscholastic athletic teams compete in 14 sports in the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) and the North Coast Section (NCS) of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF).

**Fall Sports:** Cross Country, Football, and Water Polo

**Winter Sports:** Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling.

**Spring Sports:** Badminton, Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, and Volleyball

De La Salle also has a number of club teams, that are not sanctioned by the CIF.

**De La Salle Club Sports:** Rugby (winter), Ice Hockey (spring), and Trap (spring)



# SPARTAN STATS

De La Salle High School



1,050 Students  
30 per class (avg)  
110 courses (31 AP and  
Honors)

IN THE  
CLASSROOM



100% of the Class of 2020  
attending either a  
4-year or 2-year college

COLLEGE  
PLANS



27 retreats, immersion  
programs, and family  
liturgies

CAMPUS  
MINISTRY

## FUN FACTS



Financial Aid

more than

**\$4.0m**

awarded in financial aid  
grants, to 1 in 3 students,  
for the 2020-21 school year



Athletics

**860**

students participate  
in one or more sports



**343**

students accepted to the  
Class of 2024



**50,000**

volunteer hours performed  
every year



**26**

alumni work  
at De La Salle