

De La Salle High School Concord, CA



Together We Are Spartans!

Welcome

DEAR PARENTS AND PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS,

Thank you for your interest in De La Salle High School. De La Salle is a Catholic school for boys, founded in 1965 by the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the De La Salle Christian Brothers). Our roots go back to 17th-century France and the founder of the Brothers, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, and we are members of the global family of Lasallian schools that now serves nearly a million students in more than eighty countries. Lasallian educators are student-centered: we both support and challenge students as they become mature, responsible members of their society and their church. A Lasallian education helps students to develop the qualities of intellect and character that will allow them to live lives of achievement and service. We undertake to form leaders who will make a difference in their communities and in the world. To this end, we work together as a learning community—Brothers, teachers, parents, and students.

“Mind, Body, Heart, and Soul...”

Parents, we invite you to examine our Integral Student Outcomes found elsewhere in this brochure, which constitute a profile of the graduate on graduation day. Our commitment to educating the whole person is an exciting, hopeful, and spirit-filled enterprise, and it is a great joy to accompany our young men on their journey through adolescence. Our Mission Statement is unambiguous about our commitment to your son. De La Salle

High School is a place where students are “loved, instructed, and guided...(in) an environment that is moral, caring, and joyful.” Do you want anything less for the son whom you have so lovingly raised and nurtured?

For the young man who is ready for high school work, we have just about everything you will need to discover and fulfill your potential. Our academic offerings, religious education program, co-curricular activities, athletic teams, and cam-

pus ministry outreach and events will challenge your mind, body, heart, and soul. Our faculty and staff, enlivened and energized by the gospel message of Jesus Christ, will love, instruct, and guide you. We believe that you and your parents want more from your high school experience than a grocery list of honors and advanced placement courses, college board scores, and college matriculation rates. We certainly have all that, and we are proud to say so. But we

believe that you want more, and that is why you are looking at our school.

We hope you enjoy learning more about De La Salle High School and how we can partner with you to develop Men of Faith, Integrity, and Scholarship.

President/Cheif Executive Officer — Mr. Mark DeMarco '78
 Vice President for Academic Life — Dr. Heather Alumbaugh
 Vice President for Finance — Mrs. Lynne Jones
 Vice President for Advancement — Mr. Mark Chiarucci
 Vice President for Campus Life — Mr. Jack Dyer
 Vice President for Athletics — Mr. Leo Lopez '94

General Admissions Information

ADMISSIONS POLICY

De La Salle High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, or sexual orientation in the administration of its admissions or educational policies, its financial assistance programs, or any other school programs. The school reserves the right to give priority to qualified students whose siblings currently attend, or whose siblings or father have graduated from, De La Salle. The same priority may be given to qualified students who attend local, Catholic elementary schools.

A prospective De La Salle student:

- Recognizes and respects the dignity and diversity of others.
- Understands the world as a global community and how he fits into it.
- Values community and demonstrates active participation in school.
- Indicates the ability to achieve academically.
- Receives strong recommendations from his current principal and teachers.

VISIT THE WEB

You can always find detailed and up-to-date admissions information on our website.

Also online are the monthly Newsletter, the Union magazine, the calendar, team schedules, school news, and upcoming events.

www.dlshs.org/admissions



Recognition and Accreditation

The Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) granted De La Salle a six-year term of accreditation expiring June 30, 2022.

We are affiliated with the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society.

National Merit Scholars

Within the past five years, De La Salle has had nine National Merit Scholar semi-finalists.



Financial Assistance Program

Students who are admitted and whose families apply for financial assistance may qualify for a reduction in tuition. Admissions decisions and financial aid decisions are made independently; applying for financial aid will not affect the admissions decision. This assistance may be renewed each year provided the family's financial needs continue.

Typically, more than 30% of our students benefit from this program. It keeps alive the Christian Brothers' commitment to serve students in financial need. To extend the vision of the Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, to serve others, especially the poor, the Christian Brothers have expanded their mission for the 21st century.

As part of this heritage, for families with significant financial need, De La Salle High School has established the Bishop John S. Cummins Scholarship Program. This program seeks to provide students who meet the admissions criteria the necessary financial assistance to attend De La Salle High School.

“Find your passion; delve deeply into an issue to make this world a better place; make a difference in the lives of family members and friends. Go out into the world with confidence, and find a way to leave your mark on it.”

— Alex Raines, Valedictorian, Class of 2016



Integral Student Outcomes

A De La Salle graduate is a Man of Faith

- Who prays and integrates Gospel values
- Serves others, especially the poor and the marginalized
- And appreciates our Catholic, Lasallian tradition.

A De La Salle graduate is a Man of Integrity

- Who respects himself and others
- Embraces social and personal responsibility
- And nurtures a healthy lifestyle.

A De La Salle graduate is a Man of Scholarship

- Who thinks creatively, critically, independently, and collaboratively
- Strives for academic excellence
- And pursues life-long learning.

Where Our Graduates Go

Class	4-year Colleges & Universities	2-year Colleges	Other
2016	85%	14%	1%
2015	87%	12%	1%
2014	90%	9%	1%
2013	86%	12%	2%
2012	87%	11%	2%

About Our Graduates

Among the colleges and universities to which the past five graduating classes have been accepted are:

- Arizona State University
- Ball State University
- Bennington College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- California State University System (all campuses)
- Chapman University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Creighton University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Gonzaga University
- Grambling State University
- Hampshire College
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Lehigh University
- Loyola University at New Orleans
- Loyola Marymount University
- Marquette University
- Middlebury College
- Morehouse College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Occidental College
- Ohio State University
- Oregon State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Reed College
- Regis University
- St. Louis University
- Saint Mary's College
- San Francisco Academy of Art
- Santa Clara University
- Seattle University
- Seton Hall University
- Seattle Pacific University
- Southern Methodist University
- Southern Oregon State University
- Stanford University
- Trinity College
- Tulane University
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of California (all campuses)
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Denver
- University of Florida
- University of Hartford
- University of Illinois
- University of Iowa
- University of Kentucky
- University of Miami (Ohio)
- University of Michigan
- University of Montana
- University of Nevada
- University of North Carolina
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oregon
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Portland
- University of Puget Sound
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Tennessee
- University of Utah
- University of Washington
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington State University
- West Point
- Williams College
- Yale University

Academics

Honors and Advanced Placement

These accelerated courses are available in English, French, mathematics, music, art, science, social studies, world languages, and computer science.

Freshman Honors Courses

A student's placement in honors English, world history, algebra, geometry, and 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.

Freshman Curriculum

- Religious Studies (10 credits)
- Core Principles of Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (5 credits)
- English (10 credits)
- First Aid/Health (5 credits)
- Mathematics (10 credits)
- World History (10 credits)
- World Languages (10 credits) French, Italian, Latin, or Spanish
- American Sign Language (special needs students may select ASL as their language choice)

Freshman Electives

- P.E. (Lifetime Fitness)
- Concert/Marching Band
- Jazz Band
- Chorale
- Technical Theater
- Drawing and Painting
- Yearbook
- Sculpting and Drawing

Special Needs

Individualized tutoring by faculty and students, as well as a number of academic workshops, are available to all students. The Guidance Services Department works closely with students, faculty, and the Vice President for Academic Life to determine how best to meet student needs with De La Salle's own resources and, if necessary, the professional resources available in the wider community.



Spartan Success Program

De La Salle High School offers a specialized remedial program for incoming ninth-graders. The Spartan Success Program is designed to help students in the areas of math, English, and study skills. Spartan Success students receive support throughout their four years at De La Salle.

Guidance Services

De La Salle offers a comprehensive guidance and counseling program to meet the numerous needs of the students. The program is a practical application of the Christian Brothers' philosophy which holds that Christian educators must appreciate the human experience of their students and aid the development of their whole personalities.

The Guidance Services Department offers each student individual student planning, personal counseling, and responsive services. In addition, the department sponsors workshops for students and parents on issues of adolescent development, as well as ongoing support programs for parents.

A special office for College Counseling assists students and parents with the entire process of college admissions, scholarships, and financial aid information. Seniors also have a college advisory period to assist them through the college application process. Many graduates continue to utilize these valuable services.

**De La Salle
offers thirty Advanced
Placement and
Honors courses.**

Co-curricular Activities

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry at De La Salle High School endeavors to facilitate the spiritual journey of the De La Salle community. Retreats, worship experiences, and social justice action activities are woven together to help students, parents, and staff understand the roles they play in living out the mission statement of De La Salle which calls us to be people of faith committed to a life of service lived within a moral, caring, and joyful community.



A four-year retreat program challenges students, parents, and staff to take seriously the journey of faith that each of them is taking. Social justice and action activities like our

Sophomore Immersion Program (SIP) and Ven a Ver immersion programs give participants the opportunity to walk in the shoes of the poor and the powerless, responding to the gospel call to serve “the least of Christ’s brothers and sisters.” Daily morning prayer, school-wide eucharistic liturgies, family liturgies, and a variety of other prayer experiences enhance our worship as a community. Campus Ministry empowers the entire De La Salle family to respond to the Lasallian call of faith, service, and community.

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Spartan Athletics

The Athletic Department, guided by the traditions of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the charism of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Brothers and Patron of Teachers, is committed to providing a well-rounded program for student-athletes. The Athletic Department provides these student-athletes with a program that is not only physically challenging, but one that further promotes the spiritual and academic values of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The Athletic Department recognizes and fosters the development of commitment, brotherhood and sportsmanship, and instills in all the student-athletes a sense of pride and achievement. The Athletic Department seeks to create an environment in which all student-athletes develop a sense of self-esteem and dignity in a Christian setting that is both moral and caring.

Fall Sports: Cross Country, Football, Water Polo.

Winter Sports: Basketball, Soccer, Wrestling, Rugby (club only), Ice Hockey (club only).

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

“At this school we call ourselves brothers, [and] in every person we meet, there is an opportunity for brotherhood”

— Jack Smith, Salutatorian, Class of 2016

Activities

Student Activities are a vital part of the curriculum at De La Salle. These activities are designed to promote the physical and social development of the student, to provide opportunities for leadership and service to the school and the wider community, and to develop interests and talents that are normally untapped in the classroom. Some of these activities are:

- 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ Music Appreciation Club
- Asian Pacific Islander Club
- Bands (Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band)
- Bicycle Club
- Black Student Union
- California Scholarship Federation
- Company (Theatre Arts)
- Dance Club
- Green Club
- Healing Spaces
- Horizon
- Jefferson Awards
- La Familia
- Lasallian Youth
- Model United Nations
- National Honor Society
- Peer Helpers
- Robotics Club
- S.C.O.R.E. (Student Coalition on Respectful Education)
- Ski Club
- Student Councils
- Trapshooting Club
- Ultimate Frisbee Club
- Yearbook (The Odyssey)

Intramural Athletics

An intramural program exists during the day for all students who wish to participate:

- Flag football
- 3 on 3 Basketball
- Quad hockey
- Indoor Soccer

Student Life

Diversity at De La Salle

In support of the school's Lasallian mission, De La Salle is committed to promoting positive social relations within a diverse group of students and to building a healthy school environment that consists of respectful and culturally sensitive interactions between students and between students and faculty.

De La Salle works to create an inclusive Catholic educational program and pedagogy that fosters respect for others, appreciation of individual, cultural and socioeconomic differences, and commitment to social responsibility, equity, and justice.

De La Salle values and recognizes that the many expressions of diversity add to the school community. We therefore work to ensure the inclusion of these



identities in the culture of the school as a major component in preparing our students to be active participants and positive contributors to society.

Bishop John S. Cummins Scholarship Program

The Bishop John S. Cummins Scholarship Program enrolls students with significant financial need by giving them access to a Catholic, Lasallian education, the financial means to achieve it, and the tools to fully participate and excel in high school.

Access

The Bishop Cummins Scholarship Program is designed for students who demonstrate academic potential and have expressed a strong desire to attend De La Salle High School, but whose families' income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. Our Lasallian heritage shapes our commitment to reach out to students who qualify for this program by giving them a chance to grow and develop as fine young men who can find their way into good colleges and make a difference in their community and world in the years ahead.

Financial Support

The Bishop John S. Cummins Scholarship Program addresses the inequities in our society that often prevent low-income students from fully participating and excelling in high school. Through need-based tuition assistance and financial support, low-income students and

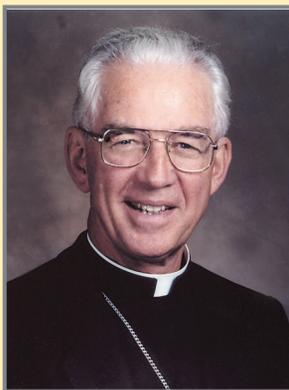
their families will be able to fully participate in all of the co-curricular opportunities De La Salle has to offer.

Tools to Succeed

With a dedicated faculty, challenging academic program and comprehensive co-curricular offerings, Bishop Cummins students will be given the opportunity and tools to succeed at De La Salle High School and beyond.

About Bishop John S. Cummins

The former Bishop of the Oakland Diocese, John S. Cummins has always actively promoted and



enthusiastically supported Catholic education, especially for the poor and marginalized. Throughout his 26 years of service, he worked tirelessly to establish programs for the poor and at-risk students. As an affiliated member of the Christian Brothers, Bishop

Cummins shares fully in the mission and traditions of a Lasallian education.

De La Salle High School

is a Catholic school in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland. Its 20-acre campus accommodates an enrollment of just over one thousand students. A member of the Lasallian family of educational institutions sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, it is a college-preparatory school where boys develop into young men of faith, integrity, and scholarship. The web site is www.dlshs.org.

Did you know?

De La Salle High School is named for the French priest Saint John Baptist de La Salle (1651-1719), who inspired men to work communally to bring educational opportunities to the poor.

The De La Salle Christian Brothers are the largest group of teaching brothers in the Catholic Church, and Lasallian schools today serve nearly a million students in more than eighty countries.

De La Salle High School alumni now number more than nearly 10,000, and two dozen DLS alumni serve at the school as faculty and staff.

De La Salle High School offers a comprehensive academic program and numerous Honors courses and Advanced Placement classes. Ninety-nine percent of DLS graduates go on to higher education.

De La Salle High School is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

De La Salle Spartan interscholastic athletic teams compete in fourteen sports in the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) and the North Coast Section (NCS) of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF).



Faith. Integrity. Scholarship.

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