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Deo La Salle Invites Entrance Exam Retest
De La Salle will be offering a retake of its entrance exam on Saturday, December 16, at 8 am, at our campus at 3434 S. Michigan Ave. Students who have not tested at another Catholic high school are eligible to take the retake. Students are asked to bring the $25 fee form as well as two No. 2 pencils. Calculators are not allowed.

For more information, please contact De La Salle’s Director of Admission, Mr. John Bor- gan, at 312-842-7155 ext. 257 or jborgan@dlslc.org. Go online to visit dlslc.org.

Secret Santa Shop
Kids can buy a Christmas gift for their loved one at an estimated price of $3 to $12 from the Secret Santa Shop being held at Saint Lucia School! The shop will be open in the Lower Wacker Drive School Hall, located at 3017 S. Wells Street, from 3-4pm, Saturdays from 1pm-5pm, and Sundays from 1pm-5pm.

The shop will be open from 10am-2pm on December 24.

Any questions, please contact the rectory at 773-927-6263 or www.nativitybridgeport.org

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Saint Jerome School Announces 1st Trimester Honor Roll

Saint Jerome School is very proud of all its students who work hard throughout the school year. We would like to congratulate the following who have been placed on the Honor Roll for the 1st Trimester:

Grade 1: Principal Honors: Summer Alvardo and Charlotte Strower.
First Honors: Dantel Bertucci, Vincenzo Bruno, Luka Pancic, Mia Sacco and Lily Sychig.
Second Honors: Andria Thomas, Angelina Czerniak, Chelsee Czerniak, Mia Ferrero, Milana Lowe, Michael Mollohy and Dominic Pacheco.

Grade 2: Principal Honors: Isabella Cabral, Antonio Lamberle and Taya Kaminskii.
First Honors: Anderson Cobble, Daniel Fiorentino and Emilio Torres.
Second Honors: Clancy Bowser, Rocce Lucato, Sophia Kemmy and Adrianna Usanija.

Grade 3: Principal Honors: Antella Link and Isabella Reza.
First Honors: Liu Liz.
Second Honors: Jayden Khong, Iva Marusic, Hunter Palacios, Logan Reed, Joseph Rodrigues, Joaquin Torres and Audrey Tromp.

Grade 4: Principal Honors: Will Babich, John Molloy and Rico Schiro.
First Honors: Koyal Bowser and Isabella Reza.
Second Honors: Christian Bertinetti and Ron Olson.
Grade 5: Principal Honors: Melina Melachrinidis, Isabella Rudolpho and Nora Zeimys.

Grade 6: Principal Honors: Naden Al-Hallaj, Giana Castro and Giana Freund.
First Honors: Teal Grinter, Katelyn Lewis and Mia Liberti.
Second Honors: Francesca Martella and Amanda Molloy.

First Honors: Gabriella Pasqueri.

Grade 7: Principal Honors: Matisse Platt.
First Honors: Maiti Markle.

Grade 8: Principal Honors: Matt McCormick, Angelina Castro and Gus Frenn.
First Honors: Ella Grisham, Kyle Henryson, Paolo Lamella, Camila Policarpo and Daniel Sandzelari.
Second Honors: Antelina Gasz.

St. Barbara Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following St. Barbara School Students who won the Thanksgiving Art, Poetry and Essay Competition:


Since 2001, De La Salle has had 247 students attain the prestigious plaudit of Illinois State Scholar.

De La Salle proudly announces that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission has designated 7 of our students as 2018-19 Illinois State Scholars.

Saint Lucia School & Parish on December 22nd.

First Honors: Maria Nelson and Taya Kaminskii.
Second Honors: Nathan Eng, Jacqueline Cabral, Aojia Wang, Noel Romero, Angelo Accetturo, Vivienne Chrusciel, Abby Novak and Natalie Kecy. 3rd row (left to right): Ms Fedele and Antonio Church, 518 West Lower Wacker Drive.

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Saint Lucia School Celebrates Christmas In Special Ways

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Food Drive

The Chicago Public Library, McKinley Park branch on 4100 West Lake Street will be hosting a free Christmas music program on December 22nd.

Remember, Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

For more information, please call 312-842-7244. Food donations will be accepted.

Vets, Visitors and Volunteers

The 11th Ward Democratic Party, Commissioner John P. Daley and Alderman Patrick D. Thompson, with the conjunction of the Canaryville Associates; are hosting their third annual Veterans, Visitors and Volunteers Coat Drive.

Donations of new and used coats can be dropped off at the following locations from December 15 to December 29:

1200 Lavendar Park
Bridgeport
- 11th Ward Office.

Richard J. Daley Library

Pictured with Commissioner Daley, Alderman Thompson and 11th Ward Superintendent Pat Dolan are Carolyn Hennes, Crystal Bemus, Maria Vecia, grandmother Cruz, Mrs. Ecklund, Larry Money, Wally Gauch and Patrick Bottec.

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With the holidays upon us, parents are making a list and checking it twice. And that list seems to be getting longer... while the bank account gets smaller.

That often happens when kids catch an acute case of Santa fever. The holiday season. “The Fear of Missing Out” includes not getting some of the gifts they want, or the latest, greatest toys from their favorite TV show or comic book.

So mom and dad go over the family budget. They hit the credit cards, and the holiday hills climb. After all, overspending on gifts and beginning the New Year with added debt is as much a holiday tradition as mistletoe and apple pie by the chimney with care.

Adults annually prove they have not learned their lesson, and it’s an expensive one that keeps adding up,” says Jeff Dixon, a financial educator and author of Winning The Retirement Game.

“Discipline is a prerequisite for financial stability, and this kind of chronic overspending of money they don’t really have certainly doesn’t bode well for a family budget, let alone a retirement plan. But habits can change, and the sooner the better.”

Dixon gives four tips for how to keep holiday shopping reasonable and avoid excessive debt.

Look at the big picture. Credit card use means putting off paying for something you didn’t have the money for, so forecast what that mounting credit card bill will do to your budget and living style. “The long-term pain of getting the kids everything they want and more,” Dixon says. “Seeing their smiles on Christmas morning is nice, but it’s a whole lot easier to see the money crunch ahead, that can act as a deterrent.”

Set a budget. If your budget cannot accommodate the credit card, put the rest of your cards aside and use the one with the lowest interest rate. This also makes it easier to track your spending. “If the one card is included in your budget, fine, but remember you’re paying interest each month,” Dixon says. “You need to impose a holiday limit on the card.”

Make a real budget. It’s the easiest thing to do before all the shopping. Set up a budget each year as to what you can afford to spend (for example, $600 – $50 per month) and set this aside each month in order to have the money you expect to spend. But for many parents it’s the hardest thing to execute when they’re out shopping. “They love to spend,” Dixon says. “It gets to be a little like gambling; you have to decide how much you can afford to lose, or how much you’ll go over with- out being totally stretched in January and beyond.

Make it a teaching moment. The holidays are a great time to teach your kids about money, a lesson that could last a lifetime. It’s not a matter of being Scrooge; it’s teaching them money goes along with Christmas. Everyone’s families have budgets, and part of being responsible means not overspending. “The greater amount of control you have over the finances is less than immediate credit card spending,” Dixon says. “They’ll learn something meaningful about money, appreciation and responsibility from the holidays, a lesson that will carry with them as they have families of their own.”

If more parents could apply these forms of financial discipline during the holidays, many would greatly help them develop a long-term financial plan, as well as greatly help their kids.”

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Commonly known as 5038 S. Paulina St., Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60603, (312) 605-3500. Please refer to www.bridgeportnews.net for Bidding instructions. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport). See how much you can save: 10% down by certified funds, within 24 hours. If this property is a single family residence, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale will be entitled to a deed to the residential real estate pursuant to its possession.

Prospective bidders are admonished to familiarize themselves with the residential real estate whose rights in possession.

The judgment amount was $175,615.59. Defendants, LUIS F. MAGANA; MARITZA MAGANA; MOHAMED ALSHAIKH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Acting by and through the Sheriff of Cook County, Thomas J. Dart, Plaintiff, vs. ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN R. MAGANA, Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, Defendants.

Case Number: 17 CH 06006. For Bidding instructions visit www.bridgeportnews.net. 773-927-0025.
De La Salle proudly announces that the following members of our varsity football team have been honored for their achievements during the 2017 season.

Chosen for the 2017 All-Chicago Catholic League Green Division First Team were offensive/defensive lineman Nick Bohnem; linebacker Joseph Bonds; tight end/defensive end Mike Coates; linebacker Dominic Daniels; defensive end Steven Hawthorne; wide receiver Dakh Ramundo and quarterback Robert Smental.

In addition, Bohnem was chosen the co-Most Valuable Offensive Player in the CCL Green, while Bonds was named the co-Most Valuable Defensive Player in the CCL Green.

Nominated to the All-CCL Green Division Second Team were offensive lineman JAvion Caldwell, wide receiver Tommy Coates; linebacker/defensive lineman Jim Gattullo; defensive back Byron Perkins; offensive lineman Angel Riviera and wide receiver Jamerey Stimpson.

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St. Gabriel Youth Group Sends Christmas Care Packages To Military

On Sunday, December 10th, 72 members of the Youth Group (teens and adults) attended the 11 a.m. Mass and gathered to put together 18 Christmas Care Packages that were mailed the next day to members of the military, who are from the Canaryville area. As part of an Advent project, the Youth Group collected items for three weeks from parishioners. The 72 volunteers is the largest number of people we have ever had, and this is also the 10th year we have sent packages to the military. Included in each of the packages were letters of support from our youth.

The Youth Group is very grateful for the tremendous amount of items that people donated and for their financial donations. It warmed our hearts to see so many of our youth participating in this important service project. Surely, the military members will be greatly surprised and thankful for the everyday items in their packages. We deeply appreciate their service to our country and are grateful that they are preserving our cherished freedom!

All of the surplus donated items will be distributed to sick veterans when our Youth Group visits the Jesse Brown Veterans Hospital in Chicago on Saturday, January 20th. We are very proud of our youth for their faith, their enthusiastic spirit, and their willingness to always help the poor and needy.


De La Salle Institute recently held its first-ever grammar school writing contest. Seventh and eighth-grade students from seven Catholic grammar schools were asked to write a maximum 500-word response regarding the topic: “In a 1971 speech, Pope Paul VI said, ‘If you want peace, work for justice.’ How do you think justice and peace relate to each other? How has your Catholic education prepared you to work for justice?’

In all, there were 143 entries received. The contest was hosted by De La Salle faculty members and writing coordinators Michael Dierro, Justin Costello-Stefelton and Ian McNair.

The winners were: 1st Place, Anna Cruz – St. Thomas of Canterbury; 2nd Place, Julian Munn – St. Daniel the Prophet; 3rd Place, Samantha Math – St. Christmas; 4th Place, Daniel Groble – St. Daniel the Prophet and 5th Place, Vivian Nguyen – St. Thomas of Canterbury.

“It is very evident that the students who participated are gaining an appreciation for the importance of justice to the Catholic mission,” Dierro said. “Many students had very creative ideas for promoting justice not only in their schools, but across society as a whole.”

De La Salle would like to thank all of the students who submitted essays. We plan to host another writing contest in the spring of 2018.

Second Presbyterian Church hosts its annual Winter Coat Drive

Second Presbyterian Church hosts its annual Winter Coat Drive during the months of December & January. Donations of warm socks, coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies, gloves, scarves, cups and mittens are welcome. Bring your items by the church from 9:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, please call the church office at 312-225-4951.

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