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Dear Men of the La Salle College High School Community:

Greetings, and welcome back from what I hope has been a restful summer! If you were anything like me, you found it easy to quickly forget what learning looked like for the last 16 months. I hope you all found some space to reset, regroup, and spend quality time with those you care about.

I am excited that we will all be physically together this fall. I am also thrilled to meet our newest class of inspiring students. The strong desire to reconnect with old friends for our upperclassmen and making of new friends for the class of 2025 is a reaffirmation that La Salle is a community like no other. It's different at La Salle – faculty, staff, and your fellow students will partner with you as you work toward your goals. At La Salle, you will not be alone on your journey. The excitement, rigor, and challenge of academic life is supported by experienced faculty and administration whose mission is to enhance your educational experience. We remain engulfed in the worst public health crisis in a century, while at the same time in the throes of social reckoning with issues of structural racism and discrimination. Yet, our newest Explorers will quickly learn that we at La Salle come together even in difficult times to strengthen the bonds of friendship and brotherhood. Connecting with other students and the adults you will encounter daily, will create a positive framework in which you can foster success as a student, grow as a man, and prepare for college and your life after. As you engage with fellow students, faculty and staff in class, and during extracurricular events, you will develop into a successful La Salle graduate.

To meet the objectives of academic success and character development, it is critical you don't just try to fit in, but rather you actively participate in creating a community where everyone *belongs*. Please visit the Office of Student Activities, and attend the Activity Fair, to connect with student organizations. You can connect to the spiritual life on campus through community service, participation in school liturgies, or simply visiting the quiet of our beautiful chapel and grotto. I invite you – and urge you – to join the important work that's done every day to make our campus a model for others of what it means to be a better, stronger, and more just place.

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Finally, I ask you to familiarize yourself with the Student Handbook. This handbook is prepared to assist you in the process of being a successful student at La Salle. As a student, *you* are responsible for your interactions with La Salle and its members, and this handbook serves as a guide to these interactions.

I wish you well in the final days of your summer break and eagerly anticipate Orientation Week starting August 17th.

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Sincerely,

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