**To: Freshmen, Class of 2022**

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**From:** Mr. Kevin P. Whitney, Dean of Academic Affairs

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| **TO-DO ITEMS** |

Enclosed in this mailing are two important items that require your review, prior to the start of school:

* **Student Policies & Regulations Acknowledgement** - Please take the time to first review the 2018-2019 School Handbook located on La Salle College High School website. The Student Handbook, as well as other information pertaining to the start of the school year, can be found at: **www.lschs.org/backtoschool**. After your review, please sign the respective Acknowledgement Form and **bring it with you to submit to your Homeroom teacher on Thursday, August 30th, 2018.**
* **Review Your Class Roster –** Also included in this mailing is your rosterfor the 2018-2019 school year. Be sure to review **both** semester rosters carefully. Rosters can also be viewed on La Salle’s student and parent portals by Wednesday, August 15th.

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| **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ROSTER** |

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| **BOOK INFORMATION** |
| Non-religion textbooks and language workbooks are provided by the school and will be distributed in class during the first week of school.  Purchasing your consumable books (English novels, Religion textbooks, etc…) can be done, **starting on Wednesday, August 15th** using the following link located on La Salle’s website: |
| **www.lschs.org/virtualbookstore** |
| **Students who may experience a roster change should put off making book purchases until their schedule is accurate and complete.** |
| **Questions re. class materials:**  Students are encouraged to wait until after their first day of class to purchase school materials, as these may vary by individual instructor.  **Questions re. Follett book purchases:**  Follett Virtual Bookstore Customer Service, using the toll free number 1-877-827-2665**.** |

**As you review your roster information, please keep the following points in mind:**

* Academic Affairs personally reviews every schedule, and what you have received is **the best combination of required and elective courses that could be scheduled given the constraints brought on by an assortment of variables**.
* The courses you selected/qualified for via placement test in the spring are the ones we attempted to schedule. Due to the size and complexity of the schedule, La Salle cannot entertain nor honor requests for specific class periods, lunch times, or teachers unless for reasons related to extreme or uncontrollable situations – i.e. health, physical limitations, family crisis. La Salle College High School’s Drop/Add Policy indicates **there will be no student-initiated changes to rosters after the first full cycle of the school year. The first cycle ends at the end of the day on Wednesday, September 12th.**

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| **HOW TO HANDLE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ROSTER** | | | |
| The Freshman Guidance Counselor serves as the primary point of contact for questions regarding a student’s schedule. Placement issues should be directed to the respective department chairperson for approval. They may be reached by dialing 215-402-and the four-digit extension number (below). **With most of our staff still on summer break, consider e-mail as an ideal means of making contact.** | | | |
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| **A COMMON FRESHMAN SCHEDULE CONTAINS…** | | |
| **Required Courses**  **(6.5 credits)** | **Other Required Courses and/or Electives**  **(.5 or more)** | **Typical # of**  **Credits** |
| English, Math, Religion, Science, Social Studies, and World Language**,** and Introduction to Information Science & Technology (.5 credit) | Physical Education/Aquatics  Art and/or Music | 7.5  **Minimum of 6.5 credits required** |

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| **Please note that a freshman’s schedule may be different if he indicated an interest in the following:** | |
| **Lunch periods** | * Every student must have a scheduled lunch period and may not schedule extra classes during this period. |
| Students taking the Freshman course **Foundations Art…** | * Are not scheduled for Phys Ed/Aquatics. This is normal for students taking art as freshmen. The credit value of this requirement will be made up in subsequent years. This should not be viewed as a problem.) |
| Students scheduled for **Freshman Band or Freshman Chorus…** | * Will have Introduction to Information Sciences & Technology but, will not be scheduled for Phys Ed/Aquatics. * Freshmen scheduled for more than one Music course, or one other than Freshman Band (Introductory Music Performance), may not have any of these classes, since they are taking extra courses that meet more often. * The credit value of the required courses missed will be made up in subsequent years. This should not be viewed as a problem. |
| Students enrolled in the **David Program…** | * Are scheduled according to their learning needs. * Are required to participate in a full-year course titled Academic Support. Consequently, David Center students are not usually scheduled for Phys Ed/Aquatics during their freshman year. None of this should be viewed as problem since La Salle students are expected to complete 1.0 credit of Physical Education, in 0.5 credit annual increments, during their 4-year tenure. * In some cases, a student may defer being rostered for a World Language. This is done at the recommendation of the David Center Learning Specialists. If this occurs, initiating La Salle’s 3-year language requirement will begin during sophomore year. * Questions regarding the specifics of a student’s David Center participation should be forwarded to the director of the program, Mr. John Keenan at 215-402-4853 or keenanj@lschs.org. |
| Students rostered for the **Algebra 1 course #204** and/or the **Introduction to Literature and Composition course #312…** | * Are scheduled to meet more than most courses (9 periods of the 6-day cycle). **Based on admissions testing, these special sections were created to help meet the needs of students who would benefit from additional support and reinforcement in these particular areas.** * Students scheduled for both of these classes may have the start of their World Language deferred until sophomore year and may also not have Physical Education rostered on their schedule. * Students who only have the aforementioned Algebra 1 section scheduled will also not receive Phys. Ed. their freshman year. * Those who only have the similar section of English will likewise not have gym class, and may also have their World Language selection deferred until 10th grade. * Please keep in mind that these educational accommodations are motivated with your academic success in mind. |