

Congratulations Class of 2024! You did it, and you should be very proud. **Not gonna lie**...Everyone in this auditorium is beaming with pride for all that you have accomplished, and more importantly we delight in the hope filled future each of you represent. I was given strict instructions not to cry...and many of you don't know me that well, but **low key** I am kind of known to be a crier...heck I was dang near crying at our final liturgy of the year a few weeks ago. Who am I kidding, I cried at Family Liturgy with the slideshow and the Sunderman's singing a T Swift song earlier this year...I am who I am! But, I have practiced, and I am going to do my best here...thank you for your grace!

Class of 2024- You have had the quite the journey, not only this year, but through your entire high school career. It has been marked by peaks and valleys. You have celebrated like no other, and you have supported like no other. While I have only had the privilege to a front row seat his year, I have watched from the sidelines for a number of years, one of you from the beginning, and some of you from preschool or kindergarten. Chase, yes, your parents are still lawyers, and her dad is still the principal!

As I reflect back on this time, I have seen a group of young adults who understand and live our Lasallian Core Principles. In just this short year I have seen you stand for an inclusive community, demonstrate your Faith in the Presence of God, show respect for all persons, experience and make the most of a quality education, and demonstrate concern for the poor and social justice. At prom, I loved that we opened with Prayer, and as the night went on you celebrated with each other, and when things got a little testy, you stood in solidarity with your classmates, caring for one another.

Other highlights for me, of the class of 2024:

Athletically, we Started the year with a Flag Football Section Championship and Volleyball Section Championship on the same day! Just a few weeks ago the Men's volleyball team added a banner of their own! The track team is still going...fantastic work! I could go on and on, so many great wins, so many playoff pushes, so many reasons to be proud...So many athletic accomplishments this year that I was able to witness...You all have created a strong foundation as we move into our new league next year...Sacramento teams have been put on notice... watch out for CB athletics next year! Thank you seniors for your leadership and for sharing your athletic gifts. Oh...and Mason send me the link for your Merch site!

For the Arts-No, No Nanette and 12 Angry Jurors. Two wonderful shows, performed with such commitment. How about our House Band having their first gig at the coffee shop! And the final open mic night...such a great tribute to our graduating seniors. Adam, I downloaded your album and have already listened to it all the way through...Also, thanks to Window Shopping for bringing back great memories as you crushed a Green Day and Weezer cover at EarthFest...And the visual art displayed at the LaSalle Art Show...so much talent. Every time I turn around, I am amazed at the amount of artistic talent that exists in this class...and I am so grateful that you shared it with all of us. Speaking of EarthFest, our clubs also worked hard to bring meaningful opportunities for big and small groups alike, and provided great service to the local community. I know the people at Wellspring are beyond grateful for the service provided for their community. I also appreciate the work of our affinity clubs for bringing light, recognition and awareness to the diverse cultures we have on campus. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and were much appreciated!

This year you also endured more change as you welcomed in a new academic leadership team, and with that meant more changes to some of the ways you experienced your senior year. As a team we are grateful for how you welcomed us, and how you showed us some grace as we learned together how to be the best team we can be in service to the students entrusted to our care.

And while I want to believe it was all positive, I know there were a few moments that weren't perfect. In particular, there was a shift in the enforcement of the dress code this year, which was tough at first...sorry Lillie! But did we really need a whole Instagram page dedicated to it C-Dog? But collectively we figured it out-ish! I know we are better for it, and I know that as you enter the next phase of your journey you are better for having these experiences as well.

As academic leaders we watched you all push to reach the best version of yourself. You tried new classes, new subjects, you pursued honors and AP level work, you engaged in our Religion curriculum... You worked with Ms McClellan and Mrs Melarkey to identify colleges and universities that would be blessed to have you join their communities next year. You endured the process, you navigated with grace, and in the end you accepted the decisions that were sent your way...and for those of you who maybe did not get all the positive news you had dreamed of and you had prepared for...know that it is that schools loss, not yours! As Lasallians we are formed to believe in the Holy Presence of God...we know that God has a plan for you, and you are landing exactly where you are meant to be. Trust in yourself, thank your families, thank your teachers and go with confidence knowing you are ready, knowing God and CB are always at your side! PS...I heard a high school math teacher say this one time at a graduation, and it is so true...when you are away at college, nothing good happens after midnight...and call home, often!

Thank you all again for a wonderful year...you should be so proud of yourselves.

Live Jesus in our Hearts...Forever!

Congratulations Class of 24!