

Dear Parents and Families of DeLaSalle:

With a heavy heart we send this communication to you. Typically this would be a day of great joy for our students having achieved the end of their school year. Not today.

Instead, we know of the stress, frustration, anger, sadness, and anxiety in the hearts of our students -- and also their parents -- as well as our staff and so many in our broader communities since George Floyd was killed on Monday.

Were we in school today, face to face with each other, we would have taken time to gather our students, teachers, and staff to pray. We would be taking time to listen to those who need to express... anything. As is always the case, some would find comfort in the normal routines of a school day. For others (likely many others today), we would rightly set aside the "normal routines," because their minds are on something more important and urgent.

We need to listen to the hearts and souls of our young women and men. We need to heal.

- We are extending an invitation to our students to join us for a brief prayer service this afternoon, May 29, at 3:30pm via [Google Meet](#).
- As for the second semester final assessments of this week, we have also directed our teachers to respond to the individual academic needs and responses of our students this week. We do understand, in part because of our ongoing dialogue with students, parents and staff, that the ability to focus on academics this week will differ from student to student, household to household. Should you have any concerns about finals and semester's end, please reach out to your child's individual teachers or our assistant principal, Martha Coughlan. We will respond appropriately. While we have common goals as a community, we do have a calling to respond to individual needs.
- Looking ahead, we intend to provide upcoming opportunities for students to join with other students and staff in the DeLaSalle community to find support as needed. We will communicate those opportunities to you over the weekend. Knowing that our students and families belong to multiple communities, we pray that all of us find the best spaces for healing and strength. We simply wanted you to know that our community at DeLaSalle will also be available to you as you need us to be.

Please let us know how we can be of help to you and your family in the days and weeks to come. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers every day.

Sincerely,

James Benson
Principal