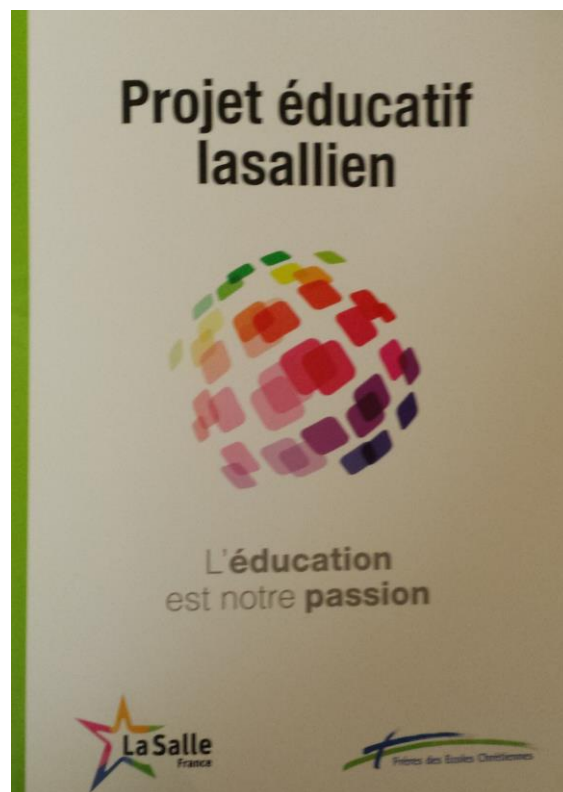


FOREWORD

We have had for a long time a tradition of welcoming and educating and we know how to make youngsters succeed. This is what inspires our way of living.

Our boarding school for excellence is fed by the Lassalian Educational Project in order to lead our students towards educational success.



Together WITH and FOR the teenager and his family.

I. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF OUR SCHOOL



Brother Irlide, Founder of the Middle school St Bernard. (1856)

Ever since 1820. The brothers had started their work by opening a free school for children in Bayonne in the cloister of the cathedral. The boarding school soon had to find larger buildings and moved several times in the city until 1905. In 1905 a law separating state and clergy was voted and the brothers had to move to near Spain to go on with their task. They opened a school in San Sebastian called “ el colegio San Bernardo” with pupils who had followed them there.

In 1917 “Little St Bernard” was opened in Bayonne and **in 1928 they decided to come back to Bayonne and built the actual school.** After 10 months building the school, boarders were welcomed in Bayonne. Primary school, secondary school and banking students joined us.

Buildings around the school were bought. In 1968, St Bernard had to specialize with younger children and the older ones went to other schools in Bayonne. 1981 saw the opening of our kindergarten school (from 2 ½ to 6), in 1994 the gymnasium was built and a new primary school building was created in 2003.

Today we are rich of 500 primary school children and 800 teenagers, 40 of them being boarders. Their education is based on Saint John the Baptist of La Salle* philosophy.

* Saint John the Baptist of La Salle is considered as the patron saint of all educators.

Let us now see how our boarding school works :

II. OBJECTIVES

- Our prior aim is to make students succeed to the best they can.
- We welcome any student from distant residence and volunteers for a boarding experience.

III. GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Our boarding school is meant for:

- Boys and girls aged 11 to 15.
- For older students studying in local private schools in Bayonne: St Louis Villa Pia and Largenté.
- These older students have to share this same excellence ambition.
- Boarders leave the school on Fridays.
- Pick up and drop in in a mini bus for railway station. (see particular conditions)
- Possibility of going home Wednesday evening according to age and cursus.
- Extra courses on Wednesday afternoons to help students integrate lycée.
- Cultural, artistic and sportive activities on Wednesday afternoons organized and supervised by us.

Karting



Bowling



Quad



Rock climbing



Zip line



Aquatic park



Tree acrobat



...

IV. PARTICULAR MODALITIES

- Students are welcome over the four year course but the project will be renewed at the end of each school year according to the results.
- Things can evolve following the age of the students
- Fees are to be paid for the whole year but term inclusion can be possible for younger students.

V. LIFE RULES

- Students are supposed to have a decent clothing
- No affective relation is allowed.
- Respect of persons and buildings is expected.
- No verbal nor physical aggression will be tolerated.

VI. SCHOOL PROJECTS

We have been looking at the main lines of development and function of our boarding school. But it is obvious that it can stand without a real educative project.

Several scholar projects of higher success are proposed:

- ✓ Bi lingual and European classes
- ✓ Sport aimed classes
- ✓ Art, musical and dance classes (state schools)

1: different possibilities are proposed

- Ordinary process from 6° to 3°
- 6° and ° 5° bi-lingual English – Spanish
- 6° and ° 5° bi-lingual English – Chinese
- bi-lingual Basque language

- 4° and 3° European classes (Spanish or English priority)
- Sport oriented sections (tennis, rowing, football and ice-hockey with local clubs)

2: ART STATE SCHOOLS

Maurice Ravel conservatory is devoted to music, dance and drama. It is one of the oldest conservatories in France.

Our students can follow studies a school and within the conservatory.



Site of Bayonne



Site of Biarritz



VII. THE BUILDINGS

- Two separated units : capacity : 110 people.



- Sport fields





- Gymnasium



- Cinema



- Park



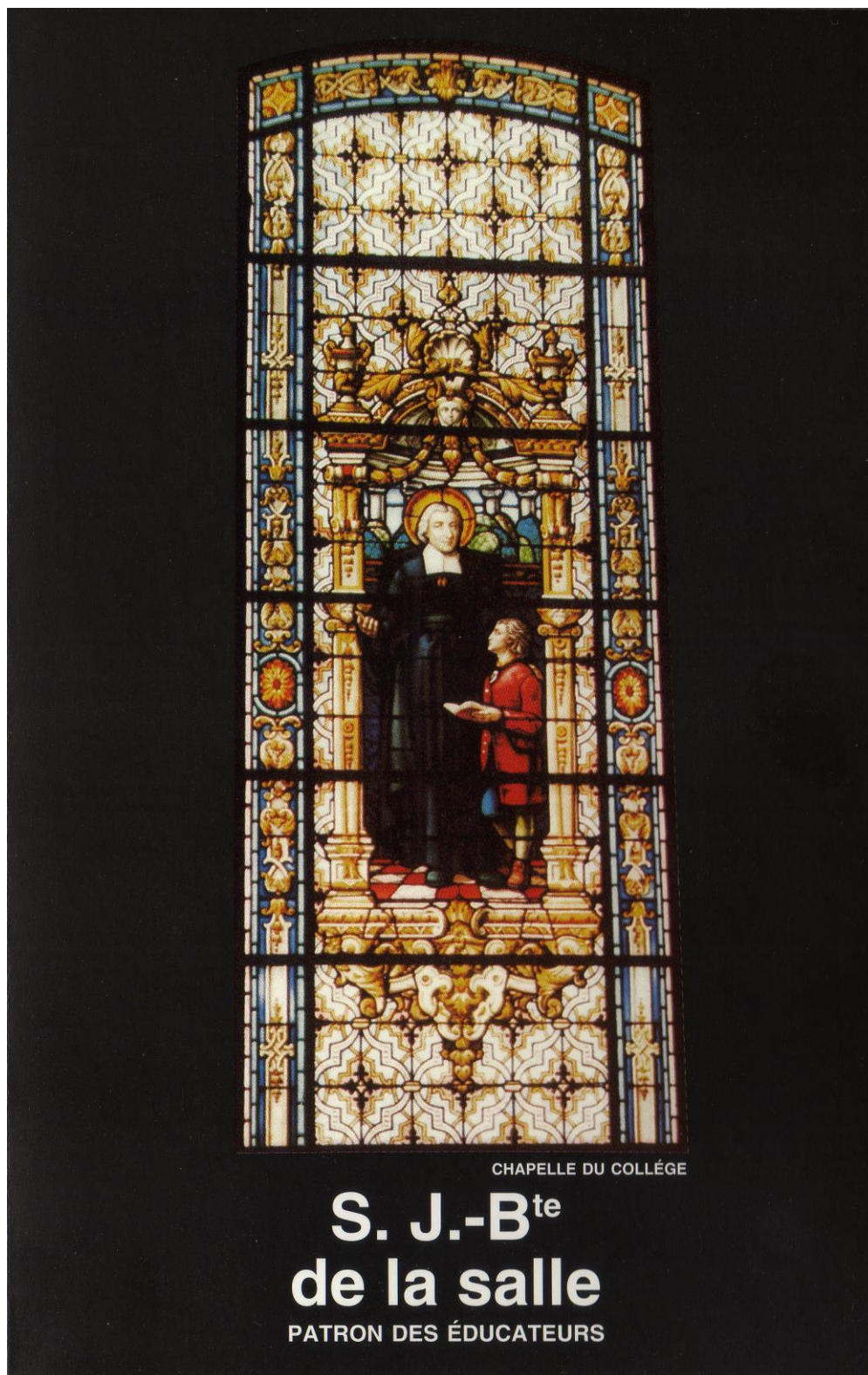
- Self-service restaurant

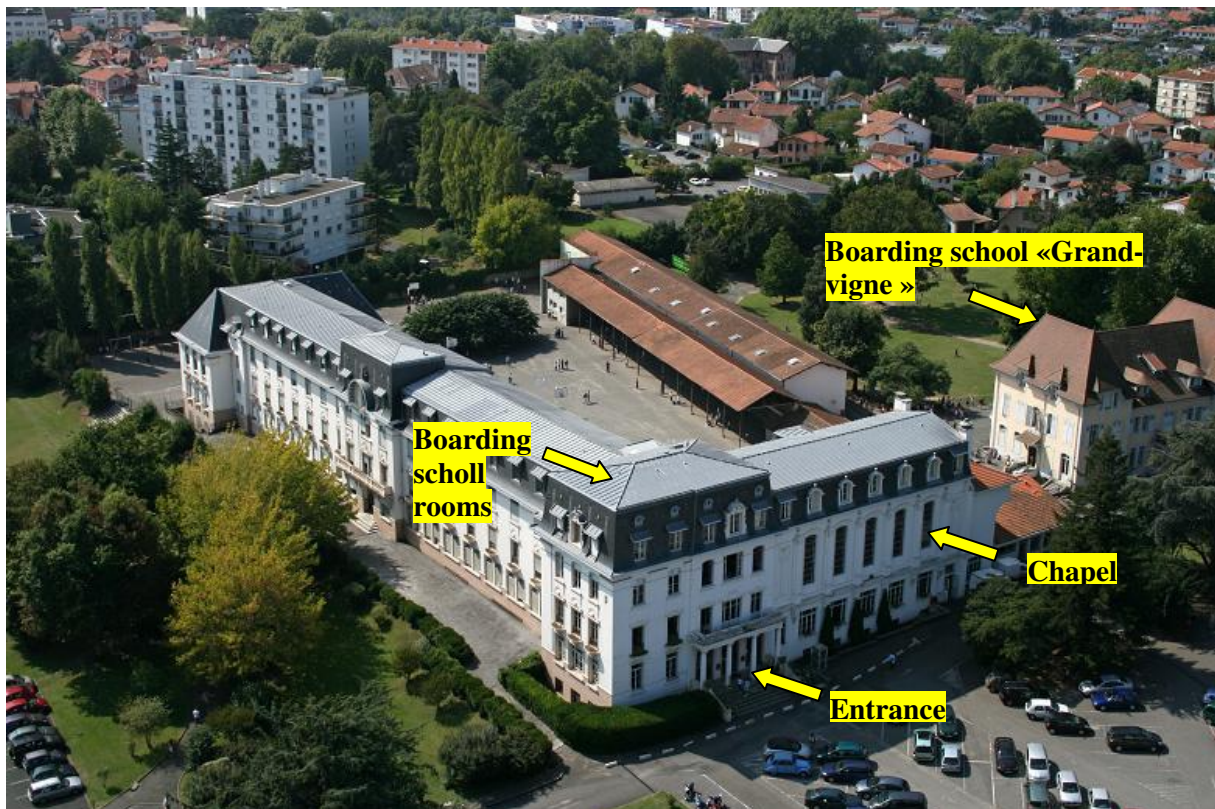
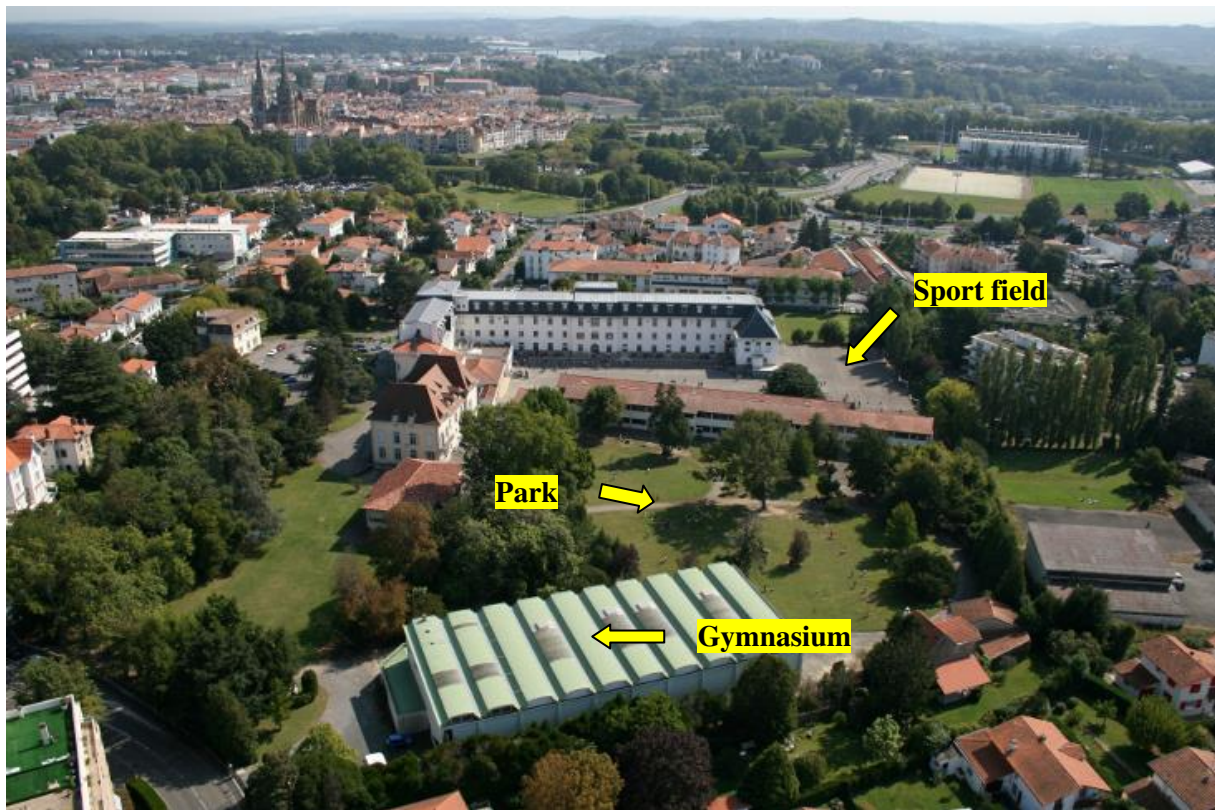


- Chapel



Our chapel is a classified monument and one of the places devoted to praying whenever our boarders wish to.





We have been looking at the principal axis to our boarding school. Feel free to contact us for further information.



Everyone here will be glad to answer any question you may have about our school. Do not forget that we do have the same aim as far as your child is concerned: THE BEST.





See you soon...





