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Interview of Joseph Ciccimaro

Joseph Ciccimaro

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Field Notes

Narrator: Mr. Joseph Ciccimaro

Interviewer: William T. Donohoe Jr.

Date: Tuesday April 8, 2008 1:30 P.M.

Location: La Salle College High School Library

Language: English

Mr. Joseph Ciccimaro has been a faculty member La Salle College High School for forty years (since 1968) teaching the woodwind instruments and conducting various bands. He was a member of the LSCHS class of 1957. He also has been employed by the Forrest Theatre as a musician and musical contractor since 1967. Joe is what is called a "woodwind doubler," which is when you play two woodwind instruments for a show or concert. His office is on the bottom floor of La Salle College High School inside the larger band room. The school is usually lively with students in all parts of the building.

I spoke with Mr. Ciccimaro about conducting and interview for a class I was taking and he was enthused to do it. He was excited to here I would be interviewing him along with two of his good friends, Joe Colistra and Dave Diehl. All three men are graduates and long time members of the faculty at La Salle College High School. He had never been interviewed and was excited for the opportunity to discuss his life and career regarding La Salle.

Mr. Ciccimaro is around 5'4" and full of energy! He has a strong rather high pitched voice. He has a love for life and enthusiasm that is contagious. Mr. Ciccimaro is a veteran faculty member at La Salle College High School, former band director at La Salle University and an accomplished musician. When I asked Mr. Ciccimaro to do the interview he was excited to do so. The interview was conducted in a library workroom at La Salle which convenient for the both of us.

The interview included questions on his childhood, his years of high school at La Salle, College years, life as a musician and his career as an educator at La Salle. Every question was met with excitement, he was more than happy to tell stories and respond to anything that was asked. Mr. Ciccimaro was once my teacher in high school, he taught me the clarinet. We also took a trip to Disneyworld when I was a sophomore, which was something I will always remember. Sitting down with Mr. Ciccimaro was a wonderful experience for me and hopefully this preservation of some of his experience can be used to illustrate the values of educators at this fine institution.