



*The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*



May 06 – 12, 2019

Alleluia! He is risen!

Welcome to the seventh week of the fourth quarter of the 2018 - 19 school year! Only two more weeks to go!



Retired Brothers give popsicles to students to honor SJBDLS's Birthday!

As we enter the final weeks of the year, and the accompanying stress, I shared with the faculty the following words from our Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, whose birthday we observed last week. I encouraged teachers to use these words to provide guidance for these closing days:

Be convinced that you plant and water the seed, but it is God who makes it grow; he is the One who brings your work to fulfillment.

So, when you encounter some difficulty in the guidance of your students, when there are some who do not profit from your teaching and you observe a reckless spirit in them, turn to God with confidence. Earnestly ask God to make his Spirit alive in you since he has chosen you to do His work.

I had occasion to see the truth of these words recently, when I met an alumnus from a number of years ago. During this time at SPS, he was bright, witty, personable – but also believed in testing the limits and “tolerated” our religious teaching – in short, a “reckless spirit.” After the perfunctory “hellos”, he quickly informed me that he had “found the Lord” and was following in His path, raising his children in a Christ-filled environment. He then “apologized” for his high school youthfulness – which I quickly said was not as bad as he was making it out to be and that I considered him a blessing to SPS during his time here. We did indeed plant the seed with this man – and it was indeed God who made it grow, although it took a few years!

**I'm sure all of us who remain in education have such stories. We must not forget them.
It's why God “has chosen us to do His work!” And God has chosen you for the work of parenting!**

Mon, May 6 (Regular; E F G A)

- **This Day in History:** 1937, the German airship *Hindenburg*, the largest dirigible ever, explodes as it arrives in NJ.
- **TDIH II:** Three years ago, representatives from Project Lead the Way came to campus to evaluate our implementation of their Biomedical and Engineering curricula. This led to Saint Paul's being the first

accredited PLTW school in the state – a credential that is facilitating our students earning college credit for their work in these electives. That we have achieved this after only four years is highly unusual and speaks volumes about Trevor's vision, the instructors' dedication, and the community's support. Since then, we have been the "poster child" for PLTW!

- **National Nurses Day:** We honor all of those in the nursing profession day! Thank you!
- **No Homework Day:** I leave it to each teacher to decide whether to observe this day or not!
- **Melanoma Monday**" (1st Mon of May; aka National Skin Self-Examination Day.) Check for skin cancer signs! Use sun bloc! As one who had a bout with skin cancer, I encourage all to get checked regularly.
- **Student Council Level Elections**
- **Art Show:** Come out to the BAC and see the wonderful work by our art students. This is always a great. Thanks, Gerald and Andrew, for all your work with our art wolves!

Tue, May 7 (Assembly – student council elections; B C D E)

- **TDIH:** 1915, a German submarine torpedoed without warning British ocean liner *Lusitania*, bringing the United States closer to entry in World War I.
- **#GiveNOLA Day:** We are making a special appeal via this day to help make improvements in the Alumni Memorial Theater. If you have been in the theater lately, you know it's showing a need for some cosmetic and material upgrades: lighting, paint, carpet, etc. Thanks to Gordon and Josh Pereria for producing a short video to accompany the appeal. We hope this is successful.

Wed, May 8 (Regular; F G A B)

- **TDIH:** In 1945, Great Britain and the US celebrate Victory in Europe Day. Cities in both nations, as well as formerly occupied cities in Western Europe, put out flags and banners, rejoicing in the defeat of Nazi Germany.
- **National No Socks Day:** OK with me if you celebrate. I'm not announcing anything, but if the students read this and want to observe NSD, it's perfectly OK with me and Coach Sears.

Thu, May 9 (Assembly; C D E F)

- **TDIH:** The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee opens impeachment hearings against President Richard Nixon. They will vote to impeach him on July 30.
- **Academic/Service Awards Ceremony (8 am)**
- **Baseball in state semi-final game**

Fri, May 10 (Assembly; G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1869, the first transcontinental railroad is completed.
- **Lupus Awareness Day:** Lupus is a debilitating, potentially fatal autoimmune disease capable of damaging virtually any part of the body, including the skin, heart, lungs, kidneys, and brain.



Christopher and Sean enjoy special Student Host appreciation lunch on Tuesday of last week.

- **Clean Up Your Room Day:** OK, everyone, let's do this!
- **Fintastic Friday: Giving Sharks a Voice Day (2nd Fri of May):** Who knew that sharks need help? Apparently, as many as 100 million sharks are killed each year for their fins. Shark populations have plummeted 75% to 90% in many ecosystems. Worldwide, sharks have little or no protection. Don't kill any sharks today!
- **Athletic Awards Ceremony (8am).** I've said it before and I'll say it again: I'll match our athletic program against any school. And ditto for our coaches – and not just for their knowledge of their sport, but for the content of their character, their commitment to Lasallian values, and their unwavering dedication to our students. We have had a great year. While I know the purpose of this morning is to honor the students, our coaching staff deserves great recognition, too. How many schools can boast what we regularly accomplish at district, parish, region, state and even national levels? Wow. Go Wolves!
- **Pie Bowl:** Spring Football ends with the traditional Pie Bowl at 6 pm, started by then head football coach Harry Nunez back in the mid 1990's.
- **Wolf Jam:** Come hear our student musicians as they showcase their talent and raise money for San Miguel High School – the Lasallian school for low-income families in Tucson.

Sat, May 11

- **Military Spouse Appreciation Day:** We remember those who serve in our armed forces and the sacrifices their families make during deployment. Say a prayer for all military spouses today.
- **Eat What You Want Day:** Health permitting, go ahead and indulge today!
- **TDIH:** 1997, chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov resigns after 19 moves in a game against Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer developed by scientists at IBM.
- **Physicals:** Thanks to the medical team of Pinnacle Medical Network for providing this valuable service to our students. As you know, all students in a sport or band must receive a physical each year.



Seniors enjoy ice cream party given in their honor by cafeteria staff on Wednesday.

Sun, May 12 – Happy Mother's Day to all SPS moms!

- **TDIH:** Three years ago, the **Walker Percy Serenity Circle** was dedicated at the Madisonville Library. Dr. Percy, one of the 20th century's most significant novelists, lived just a few blocks from SPS. He and his wife, Bunt, often walked through the campus and attended mass with Brothers. Three of his four grandsons are alumni of SPS. Upon his death, the family directed memorial donations to SPS, which continue to fund the Walker and Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship Award.

We remain grateful to the Percy Family. Read a Walker Percy novel if you never have – or even if you have! Our the SPS library is blessed with autographed first edition copies of all of his works, and I am blessed with a dedicated volume, given to me as a gift.

- **Lilac Sunday:** Celebrate this most fragrant of all flowers. Many say its beauty is second only to the rose, and more than a few people see it as better than roses. Lilacs were introduced into the United States in the 1750's. Their popularity quickly soared. Some lilac trivia:
 - *There are over 1,000 varieties of lilacs.*
 - *Lilacs are edible. Please pass the lilac salad!*
 - *Purple lilacs represent first love. White lilacs symbolize youthful innocence.*
 - *The name "Lilac" comes from the Persian word "lilaq", which means flower.*
 - *The lilac is the state flower of New Hampshire*
 - *Purple colored lilac varieties have the strongest scent.*
 - *Lilacs are used in soaps, perfumes and other cosmetics.*
 - *Wood from the lilac trees can be used to make musical instruments, knife handles and more!*
 - *Lilacs bushes can live over 100 years.*
 - *Lilacs were in George Washington and Thomas Jefferson's colonial gardens.*
 - **This story is from Greek mythology:** *It's about a beautiful nymph named Syringa (lilac's botanical name). "Pan", the god of the forests and fields, was captivated by Syringa's beauty. Pan chased Syringa through the forests. Syringa was frightened by Pan's affections. Syringa escaped Pan by turning herself into a lilac bush.*

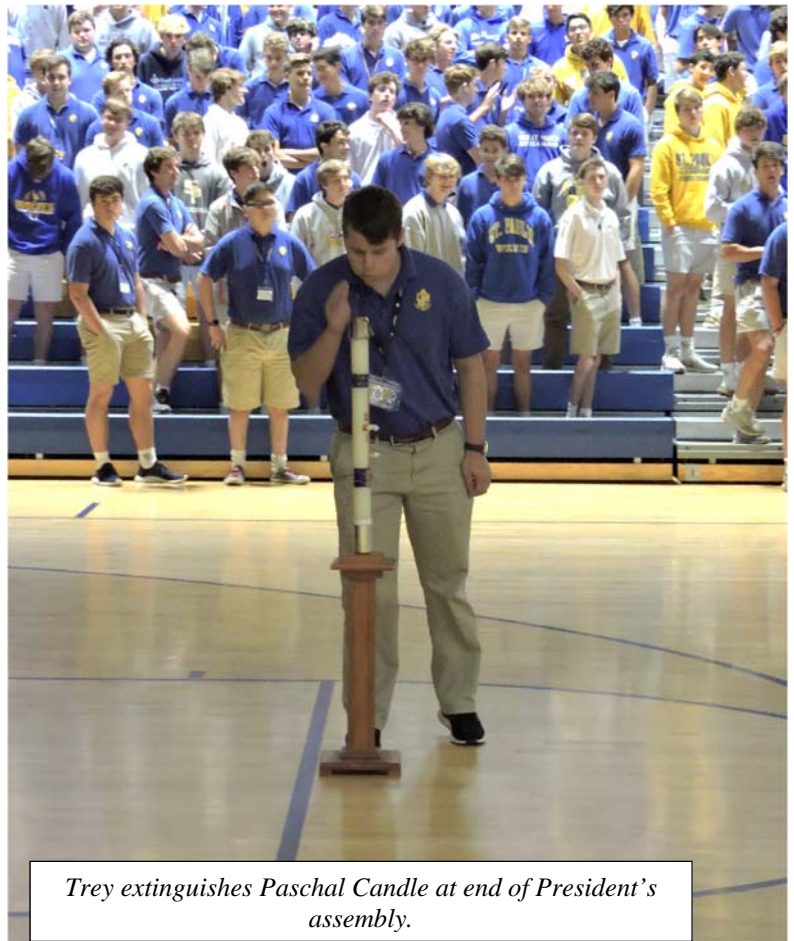
- **National Limerick Day** (a five-line anapestic meter poem with an aabba rhyme scheme – but you knew that.) Here's what many consider the best limerick ever (at least that can be printed in a Catholic newsletter!), written by American poet & humorist Ogden Nash:

*A flea and a fly in a flue
were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue*

- And here's another by Carolyn Wells:
*A tutor who tooted the flute
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot,
Said the two to the tutor
"Is it harder to toot or
To tutor two tutors to toot?"*

- And from poet Martin Smith:
*A goat on a stroll near a brook
Found an old movie film and partook.
"Was it good?" asked his mate.
Said the goat "Second rate"
Not nearly as good as the book!"*

- **OK, I'll stop!**



Trey extinguishes Paschal Candle at end of President's assembly.

I offer the following in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance.

Annual Fund: Many thanks to those who have responded to my request. For clarity, I offer the following:

- Almost **all private schools conduct annual funds**; many are high-pressured; ours is not – but I need your support to keep it from being high-pressured.
- The Annual Fund funds tactical, short term projects, e.g. technology, special programs (e.g. engineering). The Capital Campaign funds large infrastructure projects (the \$4 million La Salle Hall renovation and the \$4.5 million new gym.)
- You may “pledge” your gift and pay later or in installments (monthly, etc.). More and more families are using automatic credit card monthly payments of \$10 or \$20 dollars. **WONDERFUL!**
- While we don’t send requests to grandparents, every year a number of grandparents do donate to the school. **AND WE NEED GRANDPARENT SUPPORT! If you would like to inform your son’s grandparents of the drive, please do so – or provide me with an address and I’ll personally appeal. I’ll send them a nice “thank you” note, too!** Even a small donation (\$5!) is welcome.
- Gifts of stock are welcome.
- **No gift is too small. I repeat: no gift is too small!** What’s important is that everyone participates. Of course, no gift is too large!
- If you are contributing to the Capital Campaign or financially supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you for your generosity. Can you send \$10 so I can show an increase in AF participation?
- Please consider helping if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so. Many thanks!

Application Letter Excerpts: Final excerpts for this year. The last one is priceless!

- *While visiting St. Paul’s, I noticed that the kids seemed happy and proud of their school.*
- *My older brother is a freshman at St. Paul’s and my younger brother is in fifth grade. That leaves me smack in the middle! Sometimes it is hard to be the middle child. We are all very different so it is important to me to find my own path and not just walk in the footsteps of my older brother. For that reason, I was not sure I wanted to attend St. Paul’s’...but then I stepped foot on campus. St. Paul’s has a special energy about it. It is beautiful, and I noticed the boys walking around with freedom and a sense of pride in their school. They seem to belong somewhere and to some-THING. It just has a positive feeling & I want to be part of it.*
- *As I was walking around campus, I could feel the presence of God.*
- *I would like to attend Saint Paul’s because my cousins come here and it’s a good education. [And we will start with spelling!]*

Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our April 30 assembly. Here’s some of what we did:

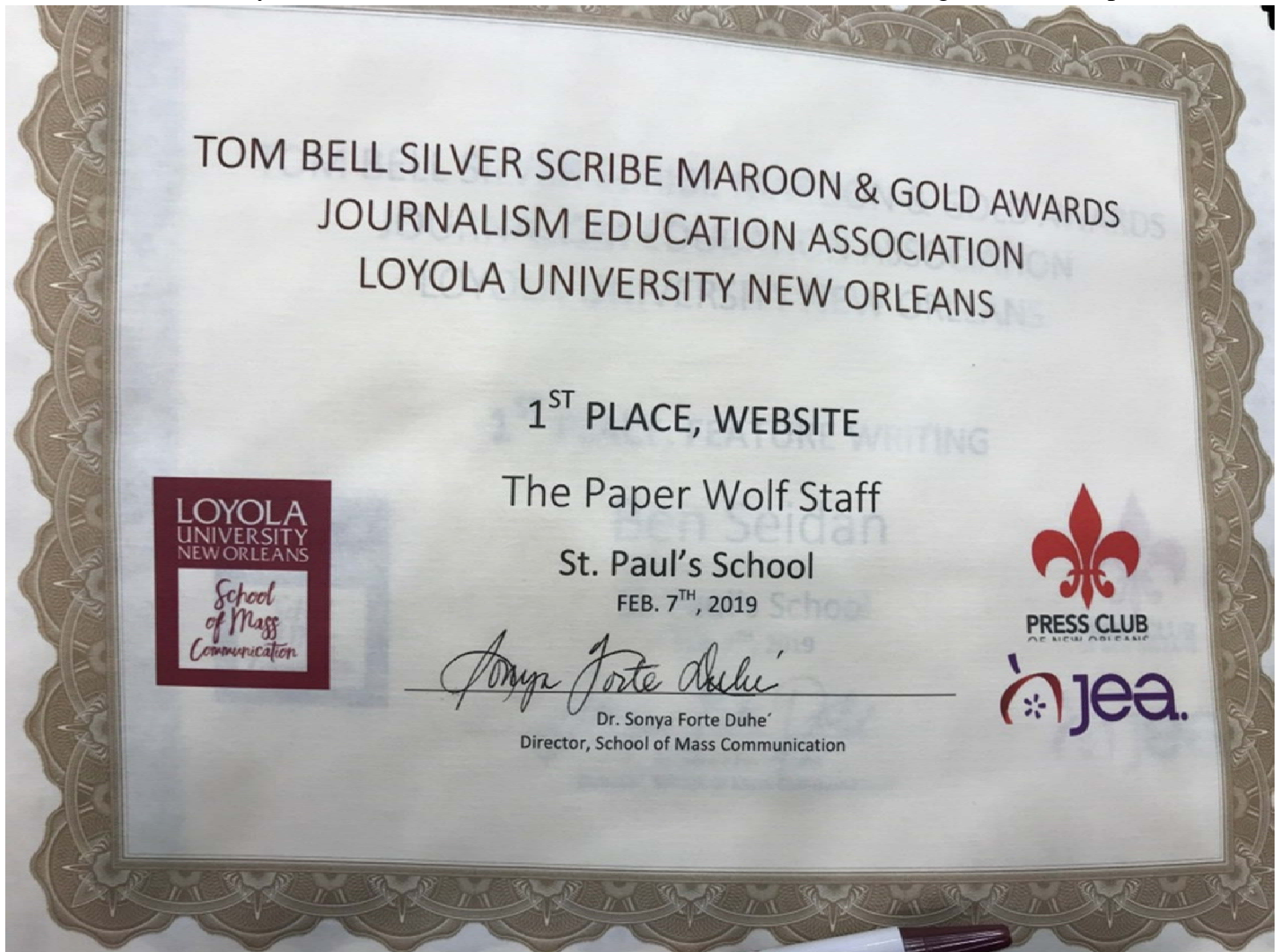
- Students entered the gym to the strains of “The Halleluiah Chorus” from the incomparable George Friderick Handel’s *Messiah* (not “The Messiah) which was first performed in 1742. This magnificent hymn celebrates the Resurrection and has become my tradition for the first assembly following Easter holidays. While the music played, junior **Darrin Lea** lit the prayer candle – in the form of The Paschal Candle – and we again prayed for those who left this earth to enter eternal life: **Dr. Francis Cazayouz, grandfather of Adam ’21 and Alexi Sotiropoulos ’21 and father of four SPS alums.**
- Reminded the students that today is the birthday of John Baptist de La Salle in 1751.

- Reminded the students that our Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus
- Recognized and congratulated the Class of 2019 who were attending their final President's Assembly. Because it was their last, I concentrated most of my recognitions to seniors.
- Recognized and congratulated the whole student body on their response to the Stuff the Bus food drive before Easter. 8,350 pounds of food were collected and brought to the Northshore Food Bank – which is extremely grateful. SPS led the way with the most donations, provided the bus and driver, and sent our athletic PE class to the food bank to unload the bus.
- Recognized and congratulated the 18 seniors who participated in LSU's Spring Testing program. Collectively, the boys earned 181 college hours, worth over \$132,000!
- Recognized and congratulated our eight (8) National Merit Finalists – which place them in the top 1% of students in the whole country: **Jackson Gold, Hyde Healy, Ross Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Stephen Millet, David Needles, Andrew Norlin, & Christopher Wilson**



Our Eight National Merit Finalists! Congrats to David, Stephen, Cullen, Jackson, Ross, Chris, Andrew, & Hyde!

- Recognized and congratulated senior **Josh Devier**, who was chosen as one of only 300 nationwide Regeneron Science Talent Scholars-- is the nation's most prestigious pre-college science competition. Josh received a \$2000 and so did SPS!
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Andrew Norlin** who received the AP + PLTW Student Achievement in Biomedical Science award from the College Board's Advanced Placement Program® and Project Lead The Way.
- Recognized and congratulated our CORE Pack Mentors: **Reid Brasuell, Robert Buquoi, Jacques Cutrer, Carter Elie, Wayne Galloway, Tyler Guice, Sam Heap, Beck Heebe, Davis Heebe, Ryan Hill, Zack Ingram, Miles Lindsey, Matthew Lyon, Kristian McHugh, Jarrett Meibaum, Brandon Nolan, Kier Nunez, Luke Paille, CJ Paretti, Michael Philippi, Will Robinson, Beau Trahan, Evan Ulfers & Michael Ward.**
- Recognized and congratulated the staff of The Paper Wolf for winning BEST Website at the recent Journalism Education Association conference at Loyola – quite an honor. Individually, senior **Ben Seiden** won Best Feature Story and senior **Jordan Eberts** won Best Editorial award. Congrats to The Paper Wolf!



- Recognized and congratulated the 2019 Eucharistic Ministers for their year of faithful service: **Trevor Achee, Eli Applebaum, Grant Bizette, Jack Blossman, Robert Buquoi, Matthew Lyon, Owen Hnatyshyn, Ross Hightower, Christopher Flood, Evan Fisher, Kristian McHugh, Andrew Moore, Bear Palazzo, Phillip Pearce, Jack Pellegrini** **Nick Vitale, Brandon Stein, Josh Rovira, Reiss Plauche, Michael Philippe, Ben Seiden, Bailey Smith, Chris Wallace, Matthew Weimer, Jonathan Wellmeyer, and Christopher Wilson**



*78 Fighting Math Wolves take 1st Place in Brother Martin Math Tournament!
Wow!*

- Recognized and congratulated The Fighting Math Wolves for their great showing at the Brother Martin Tournament:
 - Algebra 1 -- Peter Verges 3rd Evan Leaber 5th
 - Geometry--Zach Nichols 1st
 - Algebra 2--Wesley Coles 1st, Scott Woodard 2nd, Davis Lagarde 4th Honorable Mentions: Ben Broussard, Cooper Cantrelle, Max Salvant, Joel Rodriguez
 - Adv Math-- Josh Bonnett 1st Ben Klein 3rd Miles Gensler 4th Collin Murray 5th
 - Honorable Mentions: Ian Kramer, Patrick Reilly, Scott Manifold, Mason Vencil, Blake DiSalvo, Brady Billiot, Darrin Lea, Jack Bedell

- Calculus AB -- Jackson Gold 4th Jack Schwartz Honorable Mention
- Calculus BC -- Daniel Wieseneck 2nd
- TEAM EVENTS
- Comp 1 (alg1/geom) 1st place (Peter Verges, Sam Gold, Zach Nichols, Patten Lane)
Comp 2 (alg 2/adv math)
- 2nd place (Max Salvant, Joel Rodriguez, Blake Bollinger, Jesse Cheng)
- 3rd place (Darrin Lea, Alex Klocek, Brady Billiot, Drew Putfark)
- Calculus BC 1st place (Daniel Wieseneck, JP Bourgeois, Josh Rovira, Matthew Vicknair)
- Potpourri 2nd place (Sam Avenel, Ben Davidson, Cameron Dougherty, Jarrett Meibaum)
- 3rd place (Patrick Reilly, Nick Ditta, Landon Rees, Daniel Nunez)
- MATH BOWL
- Algebra 2 4th place (Wesley Coles, Alexi Sotiropoulis, Scott Woodard, Ben Broussard)
- Adv Math 4th place (Josh Bonnett, Ian Kramer, Ben Klein, Blake DiSalvo)
- Calculus 2nd place (Blake Ramsey, Jackson Gold, Jack Schwartz, Cullen Irwin)
- And the biggie: **FIRST PLACE IN SWEEPSTAKES!**
- Recognized and congratulated the seniors who signed for college athletics: **Austin Holincheck** (lacrosse at Ladner U), **Robert Buquoi** (football at SLU), **Chase May** (golf at Loyola), **Garrett Cooper** (marksmanship at Akron U), **Kyle McLaughlin** (baseball at Belhaven), **Frankie Durio** (cross country at SLU), **Jakob Yancey** (football at Rhodes), **Owen Hnatyshyn** (football at Indiana Wesleyan), & **Christopher Flood** (lacrosse at Seton Hill)
- Recognized and congratulated senior **Philip Nicaud** for representing the United States in the World Powerlifting Championships in South Africa – and placing second!
- Recognized and congratulated the 4 x 800 relay team of **Frankie Durio**, **Luke Paille**, **Evan Hendry**, **Patrick Elliott** who qualified for state.
- Recognized and congratulated the Baseball Wolves, especially the seniors, as they enter quarter-final round of playoffs.
- Recognized and congratulated the students who were members of the Greater Baton Rouge Teen Court program, where students act as prosecuting and defense attorneys, jurors and bailiffs in actual juvenile crime cases: **Paxton Ballard**, **Ian Kramer**, **Brennan Calato**, **Blake Latapie**, **Cameron Dougherty**, **Davis Lagarde**, **Jobe Franklin**, **Julian Contreras**, **Sam Glynn**, **Cole Chitwood**, **Reece Grimley**, & **Blake Inzinna**. Special thanks to Mr. Brian Logarbo who accompanies the boys to Baton Rouge.



- Recognized and congratulated senior **Evan Fisher** and junior **Caleb Frost** who were named “Youth of the Year” by Mary, Queen of Peace and St. Peter Parish, respectively. I’m always proud of our boys when they continue their involvement in their local Catholic parishes.
- As time was growing short, I concluded with showing slides of the progress the school has made in the five years of the Class of 2019, most notably our new gym, Benilde Hall, and our Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award by the US Department of Education. I showed slides of the Class of 2019 as pre-freshmen – which were funny and poignant, graphically illustrating the growth of the Class of 2019 over the past five years.
- We then sang Mercy for the final time with the seniors, which was emotionally moving and powerful. **Junior Trey Smith** extinguished the prayer candle while “Lean on Me” played in the background. The song has become a favorite of our students, especially seniors, and represents so much of what we try to do here – having students support each other and providing an environment where it’s OK to do so. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on “the good” during this Easter season and to make safe choices. I closed by reminding the students what the candle represents – the love of God, the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I exhorted them to spread God’s love to all whom they meet.
- It was a great assembly – at least I thought so!

Calendar for 2019 - 20: Here is our tentative calendar for next year

- M-W, Aug 05 – 07 Faculty meetings/prep days
- Thu, Aug 08 Full day of class instruction for SPS (public schools open on Aug 09)
- Thu, Aug 22 March through the Arch; Senior Unity Day; Senior Ring Ceremony
- Fri, Aug 30 Lasallian Formation Day (no classes)
- Mon, Sep 02 Labor Day Holiday
- Fri, Oct 11 1st Q ends; Grandparent Day
- Mon, Nov 04 Archdiocesan Formation Day
- Mon-Fri, Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Mon-Thurs, Dec 16-19 Semester Exams

- Mon, Jan 06: Classes resume & Second Semester begins
- Mon, Jan 20 Martin Luther King Holiday
- Fri, Feb 21 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- Mon-Fri, Feb 24-28 Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
- Fri, Mar 13 End of Third Quarter
- Fri – Fri Apr 10 - Apr 17 Easter Holidays
- Wed-Fri, Apr 29 – May 1 Senior Final Exams
- Fri, May 15 Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6 pm)
- Sat, May 16 Senior Graduation (4 pm)
- Tues – Fri, May 19 - 22 Final Exams for Grades 9 - 11

Care & Vigilance: We must stay focused in these finals weeks of school. We will do our jobs competently, and we expect the students to do theirs. Please stress this with your sons.

Cash Back Programs: Please keep the following in mind when you shop:

- Amazon Smile: This website, operated by Amazon, lets customers enjoy the same benefits of shopping on Amazon.com. The difference is that when using AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – which we hope will be Saint Paul's School! Click here to shop on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1638895>.
- Office Depot: We receive store credit from customers who give SPS ID at the checkout. Our number is officially 70041640 but saying Saint Paul's will do. This will help a lot.
- Box Tops for Education: Thanks to the Math Department for promoting this painless way to help SPS financially..

Driving: I call the following to your attention:

- **Driver's License Requirement:** You need **TWO** of these attendance forms: one when your son applies for his learner's permit and ANOTHER when he goes for his permanent license. Several parents have been turned away, not knowing they needed another form. Don't blame me! This is a legislative action.
- **SAFE DRIVING:** Parents –let's start 2018 with a resolution for safe driving! Set an example for the students! Students – the neighbors are watching (and filming!) and we will take action! This applies at all

times: after school, after practice, on weekends, at games, etc. Please obey the traffic laws: speed limit, no tailgating, no texting while driving, no cell phone use during school zone hours, buckle up, etc. Thank you!

- **School Zone Cell Phone Ban:** It is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone while driving. I see some students and parents driving in the morning and using a cell phone. This sets a bad example – and is illegal. Please do not drive on campus during school zone hours while using a cell phone.

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ID Cards: As part of our safety plan, students are required to wear their ID cards on their SPS issued lanyard on a DAILY basis. **Check your son before he leaves the house to make sure he is wearing the ID.** If he forgets, he receives detention. If he loses his ID, he must purchase a replacement for \$10.

Last Week:

- **Baseball:** A dominating performance by the Wolves on Friday v. Evangel sends SP back to Sulphur and the semi-final state playoff round. Go Wolves! And did I mention freshman team went undefeated? Wow!
- **Band Concert:** Our concert and jazz bands were outstanding! Thanks Mr. Moran and Mr. Fitzpatrick and Band Boosters – but most of all, thanks to our musical wolves!



- **Blood Drive:** Thirty-four pints of blood were collected on Tuesday at the blood drive in honor of Mr. Robert Simpson. Many thanks to all of you who participated. If anyone would like to donate for Robert but were unable to do so last week, you can donate at any Southeastern Blood Center. Please mention your donation is honor of Mr. Simpson and he will receive credit for the donation.

- **Bookstore Sale:** Thanks to the Mothers'

Club for their end of year sale on Fri and Sat. Business was brisk and shoppers appreciated the 10% discount. Thanks for all you do, MC!

- **Drama III Class presented** its final exam last Mon: an original one-act play written, produced, directed, and performed by members of the class. Congratulate Luke Paille, writer, and Cameron Holmes, director, for an entertaining and clever spoof of the western comedy genre. Well done, Gordon, in your first year!
- **Founder's Birthday:** Popsicles celebrated the birthday of St. La Salle on Tuesday. Thanks, Development Team, for remembering this special Lasallian Day and helping the students celebrate. And thanks to the Retired Brothers community for helping distribute the treat to the boys.
- **Golf:** After leading after the first day, the Wolves eventually finished 3rd in state. While they were disappointed, their season has been spectacular: district and regional champions and 3rd in state!
- **Graduation Practice:** The seniors were outstanding in graduation practice last week: they sang and responded robustly and cooperated completely. All indications are that we are in for a memorable ceremony on May 18.
- **Lacrosse:** A quarter-final win against Lower Alabama propels LAX Wolves into The Final Four – again! Geaux, LAX Wolves!
- **Mothers' Club Wish List:** The MC has again invited faculty to submit proposals to be funded from proceeds from the Book Store. Thanks, MC, for all you do for the students of SPS!
- **Scott Stalder Memorial:** Most of you are probably unaware that the large, wooden bulletin board in the middle of campus is a memorial to Scott Stalder, a student who died from injuries suffered on a very foggy morning on The Causeway in the mid-1980s. Scott was a wonderful young man. Some of his classmates from the Class of 1986 gathered on campus last Saturday to re-roof the memorial. I am grateful. The only change they made was to extend the ridge cap to 86 inches – I wonder why. Thank you, Class of 1986, for keeping Scott's memory (and yours, too) alive on our campus.
- **Senior Ice Cream Party:** Many thanks to the cafeteria staff for an outstanding ice cream party for the senior class! The ice cream, toppings, and cookies were plentiful and appreciated. Thank you, cafeteria ladies for your faithful service to SPS.
- **Student Host Appreciation Luncheon:** well-deserved treat was provided our student hosts who had accumulated at least 10 hours of service. Thank you, Student Hosts, for all you do!
- **Track:** Congrats to our 4 x 800 relay team of Jonathan Bertucci, Evan Hendry, Luke Paille and Patrick Elliott for finishing sixth in state on Saturday. And the end of the season awards ceremony went well on Friday evening. Thanks for a GREAT season, Track Wolves and Coaches!
- **Valedictorians and Salutatorians:** In case you haven't heard, we have a RECORD THIRTEEN (yes, 13) vals and sals! Congratulate salutatorians **Nicholas Aaron Briggs, Jackson Matthew Gold, Ross Thomas Hightower Luke Joseph Paille and Jack Michael Schwartz**. And our valedictorians are **Jonathan William Bertucci, Joshua Michael Devier, Beau Michael Franklin, Cullen James Irwin, Andrew Michel Norlin, Michael Joseph Philippe, Joshua Anthony Rovira & Christopher Richard Wilson**

- **Wolf Tracks:** Congrats, Danielle Lavie, for another excellent issue!

Phones: Please stress with your sons the need to follow school phone rules. Students must turn OFF phones in class and may only use them outside (between classes or at lunch.) A \$10 fine is assessed for violating the rule – which, unfortunately, is happening way too frequently.

Pre-freshman Promotion Ceremony:

- Our Promotion Ceremony is Friday, May 17, at 6:30 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Students report to the Wolf Dome at 6:00 pm. The ceremony lasts about 75 minutes. Note that traffic on a Friday afternoon can be problematic. Please plan accordingly.
- Dress code for the ceremony is SPS dress uniform: white shirt, long khaki pants, school tie, dress socks, no athletic shoes. Students do not wear a jacket.
- Pre-freshman awards will also be given at the ceremony.
- Yes, grandparents are welcome to attend. While we do not limit the number of guests who may attend, we hope to average 5-6 guests only per family.
- A reception by the Mother's Club is after the ceremony. Attendance at this is optional.
- In the past, this ceremony has been a positive and impressive one, and we'll do our best to make it so again on May 17. It takes place within a Catholic Liturgy of the Word, with the boys singing a number of songs.

Physicals: Pinnacle Orthopedics (1200 Pinnacle Parkway) will again offer FREE physicals for athletes and band members beginning at 7 am on Saturday, May 11. We are again indebted to the physicians and staff of Pinnacle for providing this service for our students. **Remember: no student may participate in athletics or band at SPS without a current physical on file.**

Senior Graduation Information:

- Mon and Tue, Apr 29 & 30: regular schedules for seniors; full days of school; elective exams given
- Wed, May 01: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Thu, May 02: two exams in the morning; graduation practice in the afternoon; dismissal following practice
- Fri, May 03: one exam in morning followed by short graduation practice and distribution of caps, gowns, and graduation ceremony tickets. **Each senior will be issued EIGHT (8) tickets. The tickets are handed directly to the senior on this day. We are not responsible for lost tickets and they will not be replaced.**
- **Tickets and caps/gowns will NOT be issued to any student who still has an obligation to the school.**
- Mon – Fri, May 06 - 10: seniors **do not** report to school except for the following:
- Wed, May 08: Senior Grad Night (5-9)
- Thu, May 09: Academic Awards Ceremony (8 am); only seniors receiving awards need attend
- Fri, May 10: Athletic Awards Ceremony (8 am). Only those seniors getting awards need attend in dress uniform. Final graduation practice (if needed) at 10 am.
- Sat, May 18: the 108th Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School; 4 pm in the Briggs Assembly Center. Doors open at 3 and **admission is by ticket only.** The beautiful ceremony, within the context of a Catholic mass, lasts about two hours.
- Note: Everything seniors need to know for graduation will be part of a printed set of instructions given to them on Friday, May 03. I will also email a copy to senior parents.

Scheduling for Next Year: Students have selected selecting their courses for next year. **Only registered students were allowed to schedule classes.** If you did not register your son, please let me know your intentions as we are getting inquiries from new applicants.

Security: “Lock Your Car” Signs are appearing around Covington – including around SPS – courtesy of the Covington PD. Car burglaries are occurring, and almost always in unlocked cars. Parents – please stress with your sons the need to lock his car. And lock yours when you come to campus for an event, especially at night.



Service Projects:

- **Ochsner Health Center for Children Live Oak:** Our clinic is looking for volunteers to be a part of a program that would help teenage boys with developmental delays by being peer models. For more info, contact Ms. Samantha Anderson at (985)875-2800.
- **Camp Tiger Paw** is a one week camp for young adults with disabilities located at St Timothy's Church the week of July 8-12 from 9-3. Each camper is paired with a counselor. They are in need of more male counselors. This camp is lots of fun but also lots of responsibility. This experience is often life changing for counselors. For more information, Please contact Ms. Peggy Wales 985-778-1523
- **AgriSafe** is a local nonprofit in Covington and we have service opportunities available for 11th and 12th graders. Students would assist with tasks for upcoming safety and health exhibits and presentations by conducting research, putting together safety kits, brochures, personal protective equipment (PPE) and

helping manage our listserv of member contacts. For more information, contact Ms. Knesha Rose-Davison at 985.327.1627 or by e-mail krose@agrisafe.org

- Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans is offering a summer service program, **Students Engaging in Reflective Volunteer Experiences, SERVE**. This an opportunity for high school students to give back to the community and achieve the service hours required by many parochial high schools. Sessions run for four weeks with options to earn 12-32 hours. **SERVE** sites include a homeless shelter, two adult day healthcare centers, and a food bank. Students must be incoming freshman through seniors. Registration is non-refundable **–\$15 for Mini-SERVE or \$30 for SERVE**. Registration is open now until full. All participants will receive a t-shirt. For more information contact Shannon Murphy, Director of Volunteers at (504) 310-6962. Register online at <http://www.ccano.org/serve-app/> You may download a flyer here.

Summer Camps: SPS offers the following camps:

- Boys (8-14) Sports: baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, speed/strength
- Robotics and bio-med
- Drama (boys and girls 9-13) and writing and more
- For more information, consult our website: www.stpauls.com

Supplies for 2019 – 20: The Mothers' Club is taking orders for school supplies for next year. See order form at end of the newsletter. Thanks, MC, again!

Tuition: For returning students, tuition is due on June 1. Tuition loans are still available through May at any branch of Resource Bank. Contact our Finance Office or me with questions.

Vaping—the latest from the FDA: The FDA has become aware that some people who use [e-cigarettes](#) have experienced seizures, with most reports involving youth or young adult users. Seizures or convulsions are known potential side effects of nicotine toxicity and have been reported in the scientific literature in relation to intentional or accidental swallowing of e-liquid. However, a recent uptick in voluntary reports of adverse experiences with tobacco products that mentioned seizures occurring with e-cigarette use (e.g., vaping) signal a potential emerging safety issue. The FDA continues to monitor all adverse experiences reported to the agency about the use of e-cigarettes and encourages the public to report cases of individuals who use e-cigarettes and have had a seizure via the online [Safety Reporting Portal](#), as further described below.

<https://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/NewsEvents/ucm635133.htm>

Weekly Humor:

- *My dog used to chase people on a bike. It got so bad, I had to take his bike away.*
- *I'm so good at sleeping, I can do it with my eyes closed.*
- *My boss told me to have a good day, so I went home.*
- *Why is Peter Pen always flying? He never lands!*
- *Man: "Where are the books on paranoia?" Librarian: "Right behind you."*
- *When you look really close, all mirrors look like eyeballs.*

- *When my friend said “What rhymes with orange?” I replied “No it doesn’t!”*
- *What do you call a guy with a rubber toe? Roberto!*
- *What did the pirate say when he turned 80 years old? “Aye matey!”*
- *My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo, so I had to put my foot down.*
- *I couldn’t figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.*
- *Why did the man fall into the well? He couldn’t see that well!*
- *I ate a clock yesterday. It was very time consuming!*
- *What’s orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!*
- *OK, I’ll stop!*



Yearbook: Missed the yearbook deadline? The Conifer publisher will have www.yearbookforever.com open for 30 days so you can order your 2018-2019 copy of the award-winning Conifer. Remember to spell out the word Saint when searching for Saint Paul's School.

A Look Ahead

- May 9 – Academic Awards
- May 10 – Athletic Awards
- May 14-16 – Pre-Freshmen Exams
- May 15 – All-school mass
- May 17 – Pre-freshman promotion ceremony (6:30 pm)
- May 18 – Senior graduation
- May 21-24 – Final Exams 9th-11th

Second Semester Period Rotation: Here is the period rotation for the second semester. Please use this when making unavoidable doctor appointments, etc. so your son will know what classes he is missing. Naturally, there is subject to change if unavoidable conflicts (weather, etc.) occur.

May

- 6 – EFGA
- 7 – BCDE – Pack Time
- 8 – FGAB – Level Awards
- 9 – CDEF – Athletic Awards
- 10 – GABC – Academic Awards
- 13 – DEFG

- 14 – ABCD – President’s Assembly – 8th Exams
- 15 – EFGA – 8th Exams
- 16 – BCDE – 8th Exams
- 17 – FGABC (8th Promotion 6:00 PM)
- 18 – Senior Graduation (4 pm–ticket only)
- 20 – DEFG (Review for Period A Exam)
- 21 – Exam Schedule
- 22 – Exam Schedule
- 23 – Exam Schedule
- 24 – Exam Schedule



Pre-Freshmen End-of-Year Schedule 2019

- **Tuesday, May 14**
- 8:00 Report to Math Exam Room
- 8:10 – 8:55 Assembly
- 9:00 – 10:15 Math Exam
- 10:15 - 10:25 Break
- 10:25 – 11:40 Geography Exam
- 11:40 – 12:25 Lunch
- 12:25 - 1:30 Promotion Practice in BAC
- 1:30 Dismissal

- **Wednesday, May 15**

- 8:00 Report to English Exam Room
- 8:10 – 9:25 English Exam
- 9:30-10:30 MASS
- 10:40 – 11:40 Religion Exam
- 11:40 – 12:25 Lunch
- 12:25 - 1:30 Graduation Practice in BAC
- 1:30 Dismissal

- **Thursday, May 16**

- 8:30 Report to Spanish Exam Room
- 8:40 – 9:55 Spanish Exam
- 9:55 – 10:10 Break
- 10:10 – 11:25 Science Exam
- 11:25 – 12:05 Lunch
- 12:05 - 1:30 Promotion Practice in BAC
- 1:30 Dismissal

- **Friday, May 17**

- 6:00 PM Pre-Freshmen report to Wolf Dome
- 6:30 PM Pre-Freshmen Promotion Ceremony in BAC

9th/10th/11th Grade Final Exam Schedule 2019

(Exams given in class by period)

Monday, May 20 – CDEFG - 5 Period Day

SPECIAL 5 PERIOD SCHEDULE (No CNN & With SSR)

(68 min classes; 45 min lunch)

Chimes	8:00
Block 1	8:03-9:14
Block 2/SSR	9:21-10:44
Block 3	10:51-11:59
Lunch	11:59-12:44
Block 4	12:49-1:57
Block 5	2:04-3:15

Tuesday, May 21 - Period A Review & Exam, Level Awards, Periods BC Exam Review

8:00	Chimes
8:20 -9:05	Review Period (A)
9:05-9:15	Break
9:15-10:45	Period A Exam
10:55-11:25	Level Awards
11:25-12:10	Lunch

12:10 -12:55 Review Period (B)
1:00- 1:45 Review Period (C)
1:45 Dismissal

Wednesday, May 22

8:00-8:10 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
8:10-9:40 Period B Exam
9:40-9:50 Break
9:50-11:20 Period C Exam
11:25-12:10 Lunch
12:10-12:55 Period D Review
1:00-1:40 Period E Review
1:45 Dismissal

Thursday, May 23

8:00-8:10 Prayer, Roll and Announcements
8:10-9:40 Period D Exam
9:40-9:50 Break
9:50-11:20 Period E Exam
11:25-12:10 Lunch
12:10-12:55 Period F Review
1:00-1:40 Period G Review
1:45 Dismissal

Friday, May 24

8:00 Chimes
8:10 - 9:40 Exam Period F
9:40 – 9:50 Break
9:55-11:25 Exam Period G
11:30 Dismissal

Whew! Enough for now.

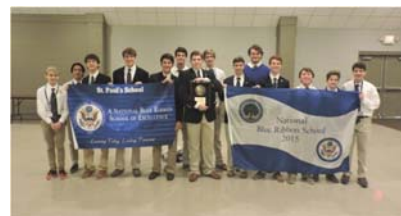
Even though it's May of 2019, I will still close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which is no longer on the air but I still LOL thinking about it): well, it's happened again – you've squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!

Know of my prayer for you and your family, especially as we move into the final weeks of the fourth quarter! Again, thanks for being part of the 2018 - 19 edition of Saint Paul's!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

Can't Believe Class of 2019 is Finished and I'm Still 17th Christian Brother President of Saint Paul's School

...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well,
making courageous choices, doing God's will,
remaining faithful, letting Our Lady of the Star
guide us to God and asking our holy founding
Brothers to help us continue our Lasallian Mission!





St. Paul's Supply Order Form for 2019-20 School Supply Boxes



Save time and money by ordering your school supplies through *Ramrock School Supplies*. Locally owned and operated, they'll handle all your school supply needs by providing exactly what is on St. Paul's School supply list using high-quality items.

8th – 12th Grade School Supply Boxes		
Pre-Order Deadline	June 15, 2019	\$75-\$78

How to Order – There are 2 ways to order school supply boxes:

- 1) **Paper Order:** Drop this order form off at St. Paul's bookstore or mail to: *Amanda Rushing, 125 Roger Storme Rd., Madisonville, LA 70447*. Checks Only! Please make checks out to St Paul's Mothers Club.
- 2) **Online Order:** Order online at www.ramrockschoolsupplies.com. Credit Card and PayPal (*Sales tax will be added to all online orders.*)

Packets will be available for pick up on August 5th -7th (Book Week) at the St Paul's Bookstore.

Questions? Contact Mary at Ramrock School Supplies at mary@ramrockschoolsupplies.com or (985) 951-2595.

*****FOR YOUR RECORDS, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF A NOTE OF YOUR ORDER AND YOUR FORM OF
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St. Paul's School 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Student's Name

Circle the Student's 2019-20 Grade

Additional Student(s)/Grade

Parent's Name

Phone Number

Email

2019-20 Grade (Next School Year)	Quantity	Price
8 th Grade Supply Box		\$73
9 th – 12 th Grade Supply Box		\$70
Total from Back Page:		\$
Total \$:		
Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check (<i>Payable to St. Paul Mothers' Club</i>)		

	Optional Item Add-On's	Price	Qty	Total	Notes
	1" Avery DuraView Binder, White	\$5.00			
	1.5" Avery DuraView Binder, White or Black	\$7.00			
	2" Avery DuraView Binder, White, Blue, Green or Purple	\$9.00			
	Mead 1 Subject Spiral Notebook (Red, Ylw, Grn, Blue, PP or Black)	\$1.00			
	Five Star 2 Subject Spiral Notebook, CR, 9.5" x 6" Sheets	\$4.00			
	Mead 3 Subject Spiral Notebook (Red, Green or Blue)	\$3.00			
	Steno Notebook	\$2.00			
	Mead Loose-Leaf Paper, WR, 200 Count	\$3.00			
	Mead Loose-Leaf Paper, CR, 200 Count	\$3.00			
	Mead Graph Paper, 4sq/in 100 Sheets	\$3.00			
	Mead 3" x 5" Index Cards, 100 Count	\$1.00			
	Universal 5" x 8" Index Cards, Colors, 100 Count	\$4.00			
	Avery 5 Tab, 2 Pocket Poly Dividers	\$3.00			
	Avery 8 Tab Poly Dividers	\$2.00			
	Avery 10 Tab Dividers (Numbered 1-10)	\$4.00			
	Poly Folder, 2 Pockets, Brads (Red, Blue, Grn, Ylw, Blk, Wht, or Orange)	\$1.50			
	Poly Folder, 2 Pockets (Red, Blue, Grn, Ylw, Blk, Wht or Orange)	\$1.25			
	Manila Folder 8.5" x 11"	\$0.50			
	Ticonderoga Sharpened Pencils, 12 Count	\$2.50			
	Bic Mechanical Pencils, Yellow 12 Count	\$4.00			
	Paper Mate Clear Point Mechanical Pencil (ea)	\$2.00			
	Bic Stick Pens, 12 Count (Black, Blue or Red)	\$2.00			
	Bic Velocity Retractable Pen (Black, Blue or Red)	\$1.00			
	Bazic Manual Pencil Sharpener	\$1.50			
	Paper Mate Pink Pearl Large Eraser	\$0.50			
	Staedtler White Vinyl Eraser	\$1.50			
	Avery Hi-Liters, 12 Count, Asstd Colors, Chisel Tip	\$8.00			
	Avery Hi-Liters, 4 Count, Asstd Colors, Chisel Tip	\$3.00			
	Avery Hi-Liters, 6 Count, Asstd Colors, Pen Style	\$4.00			
	Expo Dry Erase Marker (Blue or Black-circle color choice)	\$1.50			
	Crayola Colored Pencils, 12 Count	\$2.00			
	Westcott 6" Metal Ruler w/ non-skid backing	\$3.00			
	Westcott 6" Clear Plastic Ruler	\$1.50			
	Westcott Protractor	\$1.00			
	Four Function Calculator (TI-503)	\$5.00			
	TI-30X-IIS Scientific Calculator	\$14.00			
	TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator	\$120.00			
	Fiskars SchoolWorks 5" Scissors	\$2.00			
	Mead Academie SS 7" Scissors	\$3.00			
	Scotch Magic Tape (1 Roll)	\$2.00			
	Scotch Masking Tape (1 Roll)	\$2.00			
	Latex Gloves, 100 Count, L or XL	\$10.00			
	SanDisk USB Flash Drive 16 GB	\$7.00			
	SanDisk USB Flash Drive 32 GB	\$12.00			
	Its Academy Jumbo Book Cover	\$1.50			
	TOTAL:				
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