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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

I hope everyone had a blessed Easter Season. The joy of celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord continues during this month of May as we anticipate the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. Everyone is in high spirits for the last month of the school year. We pray the our Savior will be with us and continue to bless us as we bring this school year to an end.

Even though school will be over before we know it, we are not done yet! There are still many activities during this month. I encourage everyone to continue giving their best efforts to school work and school activities. Experience has shown that during the last month of the school year, students can get very lackadaisical. This, coupled with the excitement of the upcoming summer vacation, can lead to mistakes that have dire consequences.

I ask everyone's cooperation and support in helping to bring a happy ending to this year of blessing and success.

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FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

Textbooks for 08-09 and Book Buyback

Starting this year, students may purchase textbooks for Salesianum through VarsityBooks.com. Full instructions for completing this process will be available shortly. When online book sales begin in July, Salesianum students

will have the opportunity to purchase used books at a reduced price for many courses. These used books are limited in availability, but our community has first access to the used books that our students have “sold back” to Varsity Books.

It is important that as a community we have a successful book buyback so that students may recover some money spent on textbooks. Staff members of Varsity Books will be present in our auditorium this year on May 29-30 and June 3-4 to facilitate the return of used textbooks. During each of these days, the buyback area will be open from 7:30 AM through 1 PM. Students who miss this opportunity may ship their books to Varsity Books at a later date. Textbooks that will be used by Salesianum or another Varsity Books school next year will be eligible for the buyback. Students who must return borrowed textbooks from the Pennsylvania textbook program may also return their books to Mr. DiNardo in the auditorium on these days.

Exam days for seniors and underclassmen

The end of the school year is just around the corner. Please encourage your son to stay focused on his studies as the summer approaches. Following is the exam schedule for seniors and underclassmen:

SENIOR EXAMS

Wednesday, May 28 th	Math, Religion
Thursday, May 29 th	Social Studies, Science
Friday, May 30 th	Foreign Language, English

UNDERCLASSMEN EXAMS

Monday, June 2 nd	Foreign Language, Math
Tuesday, June 3 rd	English, Religion
Wednesday, June 4 th	Science, Social Studies

Generally, exams conclude before noon each day. Students are not required to be in attendance when not scheduled for an exam. All buses (with the exception of Garnet Valley and Unionville) will pick-up shortly after the conclusion of the 2nd exam scheduled on June 2-4.

Scheduling for 2008-09

Student schedules for the 08-09 school year are very close to being finalized. These schedules will be mailed home along with instructions for purchasing textbooks online in June. During the month of May, students will be contacted if scheduling conflicts exist that require students to choose between 2 electives. The deadline for students to change their choice of electives is May 15. Requests to change an elective after May 15 may be assessed a \$50 fee for each request. July 31 is the deadline to submit a request in writing to have a phase change for non-elective courses (ex. Math and English). Course changes that are the result of an academic office error or inappropriate placement will not incur the change fee. Forms for course changes will be available in school and also on www.salesianum.org.

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THE STATE OF HAPPINESS

We attempt daily to find happiness, in our work, relationships, circumstances and lives. A deep sense of happiness often eludes us, try as we might. The Declaration of Independence speaks of the “pursuit of happiness” and having the freedom to be all that we can be in this life.

Abraham Lincoln captures a strong theme about happiness in the following quote.

“Most people are about as happy as they make up their mind to be”.



It seems so simple to will our minds to this end, but it is a complex and at times challenging thing. Let me offer some simplistic thoughts which could serve to assist us in our pursuit of happiness.

***Spiritual faith, hope are keys to unlock the path to happiness
Look inside; our heart can hold a great store of goodness.
Use your sense of humor for the good of others.
Act happy; people’s action speaks volumes about their feelings.
Thank God for your gifts, and share them with others.***

As spring moves into summer, I hope you will listen to the sounds of nature which provide us great joy and opportunity for happiness. The sounds of the songbirds, the waves, the crack of a baseball bat, kids playing at their sports, etc. While studying for final examinations might not be listed among these, they tend to give us a ticket to the happiness of a job well done. This satisfaction is internal and effective as we progress.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the Catholic Church, May has always been a month devoted to Mary, the Mother of God. Our devotion to Mary is one of the hallmarks of our Catholic faith. Mary is an example to us as Christians of how to be true disciples of Jesus Christ. The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales honor Mary under the title of Our Lady of Light. This was a title chosen by the Oblate founder, Fr. Louis Brisson, to help spread devotion to Mary and ask for her protection. The title simply means that Mary is the dispenser of the Light

of God, which Mary receives in abundance from the Holy Spirit. She is Our Lady of Light because she has received more light from the Holy Spirit than any other creature. She freely dispenses His light, His grace, to her children. She is Our Lady of Light because she is the Mother of Jesus, the Light of the World, who enlightens all of us through His mother. As we honor Mary this month, may she enlighten us on our faith journey to follow her Son Jesus more closely.

I am happy to say that the Spring Encounter was a huge success. The 40 juniors and seniors who went on the 3 -day retreat got so much out of the experience. Encounter is one of those best kept secrets here at Salesianum. Once a student decides to go on it, they don't regret it.

During the month of May, our Pro-Life Club will be selling roses for Mothers Day. All proceeds will benefit Delaware Right to Life.

On a personal note, I just want to let everyone know that I will be leaving Salesianum in June to go back to the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ. Some of you may have known that before joining the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, I was ordained a diocesan priest for the Archdiocese of Newark. I am in temporary vows as an Oblate. Over the last year, I have discerned returning to the diocese and so I believe God is calling me back there. I will miss it here and I am so grateful to the Lord to have been given the opportunity to minister as chaplain over the last 3 years here at Salesianum. I have enjoyed working with the students, faculty and parents. Please pray for me and be assured that the Salesianum community will be in my daily prayers.

May God be praised,
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NURSE'S CORNER

In preparation for the next school year, your son's sports physical can be scheduled for anytime after May 1. We will need to receive these physicals by Aug. 1, so that we can be prepared for the fall sports practices that will begin on Aug. 15. Some new immunizations that may be given by your doctor's office include a pertussis (whooping cough) booster which is given in combination with the tetanus and diphtheria booster. Whooping cough has been on the increase and it was determined that adolescents and adults need a booster to maintain their immunity. A second dose of varicella, chicken pox vaccine is now required for students who have only had one dose (it does not need to be given to those who have had the disease). Students who are entering high school who have not had the meningococcal vaccine for meningitis may be given the vaccine and it is now recommended that all children aged 6 months through 18 years receive the influenza vaccine.

There is a new prevention program that was just announced by the National Association of School Nurses with components for students and parents. It is very important for parents to be aware that prescription drug abuse is a growing problem among young people. The program is called "Smart Moves, Smart Choices" and the parent component takes about five minutes to view. We will be educating our students about this issue, so it is important that parents are also informed.

To watch this program please go to <http://www.macneil-lehrer.com/thenews/themedic/>

Please notify the school if you have a change of contact information over the summer and also notify the nurse if there is a change in your son's health status/medications.

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FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

The graduation information sheet indicating the seniors' final college selection and financial awards were distributed during homeroom on April 7. They were due to the guidance office by the following week. If there are any changes or additions to the information provided please call Bonnie Krystopolski in the guidance office as a soon as possible. Information received after May 9 will not be included in the graduation booklet. Final grades will be sent to the college indicated on **this form**. We want it to be as accurate as possible. Thanks for your cooperation.

Thank you to all of the junior parents who attended the guidance meeting in March. Junior parents should schedule a meeting with their son's counselor before the end of the school year to discuss the college process.

Juniors received a college letter of recommendation request form in homeroom on April 22. Completed forms were due to the guidance office on May 9. Please check the Naviance web site for updated information.

Transition into college is anxiety producing for students and parents. Please be sure that your son is aware of the resources offered by his school. Academic, psychological and physical concerns should be discussed with the proper college personnel to assure that your son is not overlooked and the available services are provided.

AP exams begin on May 5 and continue through May 22. AP students are asked to report to school no more than 10 minutes before their scheduled exam and leave school immediately after their last exam. Only students with 2 AP exams in the same day will be allowed to remain at school for lunch. Dress code is same as school dress with the exception of the tie (no ties needed). Scores will be sent to students' homes in July.

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spring musical
may 9 & 10 - 7:30 PM

It's May - we're nearing the home stretch!!

The Senior Prom will be held at the Hotel DuPont on Friday, May 23. The Receiving Line will begin at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:30 followed by dancing until 11:30.

The parents of any senior who does not arrive at the Prom by 7:30 will be called immediately. If there is any reason why a senior must leave the Prom or Prom Activities before the official end of the evening, they need to have *a note from a parent* granting them permission to leave the prom or after-prom. All notes must be turned into Mrs. Bartkowski before Friday, May 23. *No senior will be allowed to leave without a signed note.*



There is *valet parking* at the Hotel. Please remind the seniors to tip the parking attendants. Seniors are to keep their *jackets* on throughout the dinner. Following the dinner, they may remove their jackets.

On *May 8 Seniors will request tables* after school in room B084. Only one graduate per table with a sheet of signatures should sign up for tables. They should already have their tables chosen *before* they hand in the sheet of names. These are *assigned tables*. Seniors should please be aware that they are to sit at their assigned table. *No table requests will be accepted before this time.*

Starting at 11:30, seniors are invited to enjoy the Prom Activities also at the Hotel DuPont. *Seniors are not allowed to change before the Prom Activities begin.*

Any parent who is still interested in chaperoning that night or in helping out with the Prom Activities Committee (PAC), please email the Chairperson, Mrs. Donna Baldino, at donnabaldino@comcast.net or call her at (302) 743-4981. The PAC *Souvenir and Gift Committee* does need a few more items for the Auction. Items such as DVD players, Dorm room items, beach items, iPods, Playstations, small microwaves, TV's - anything parents think their son would like to win at the auction. Cash donations are also accepted.

The Prom and all Prom Activities will end at 2:00 AM.

Seniors who have not been measured for your *Graduation tuxedo* will need to go to the Formal Affairs retail store located at 129 Main St. in Newark. They should inform the store personnel that they are from Salesianum and are being measured for their graduation tuxedo. These measurements are needed in order to walk at Graduation.

Graduation Announcements were handed out to the seniors at the end of April. If you did not receive your free ten or your order from Jostens, please notify Mrs. Bartkowski ASAP. *Tickets to graduation* were also handed out. Please call Father Vannicola with any questions about tickets.

Graduation practice begins promptly at 8:10 on Tuesday, June 3 through Thursday, June 5. All seniors are to report to the Auditorium. All seniors are to be in full dress code except for a tie. These are required dates of attendance. Seniors who are late for practice will receive late jug. Graduation practice will be approximately 3 hours each day. This is to facilitate the practices for baccalaureate and graduation. *Tuxedos and report cards* will be distributed on the days of practice.

Also, just to remind parents: many questions about the Prom, Prom Activities Committee, Graduation and etc. are answered on the *Senior Class Web Page*: <http://faculty.salesianum.org/sbartkow/seniorclass/index.html>

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you all at the end of year festivities!

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It was nice to meet many new parents during the 2012 Freshman Orientation on April 17. Many new parents volunteered for committees and activities for the next year. We are so glad to have you on board. The Parents' Association is a good way for parents to meet one another and to become involved in Salesianum. It is never too late to join us when ever you can.

Thank you to all who were able to help with refreshments for the Freshman/Sophomore Semi-Formal on April 18. We are sure the boys and their dates had a good time. The Dining Center looked great. The balloons and topiaries at the

entrance added to the festive atmosphere.

May is a full, exciting month at Salesianum. There is always something going on.....spring sports, the Junior Prom and Senior Prom, Day of Fine Arts, Class of 2008 Mother-Son Communion Breakfast and the list goes on. Senior parents, mark you calendar on Thursday, May 29 for the Parents' Association Final Fiesta. Join fellow senior parents and faculty as we reminisce about our four short years at Salesianum School. It will be a wonderful time to thank the faculty and administration for their guidance given to our sons during the past four years. It will be a night to celebrate.

Happy Mother's Day!

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APRIL was the final month for tuition debits for the 2007-08 school year. Statements of Account were sent to families on the monthly debit plan at the end of April. Any remaining balance is due by **Friday, May 16, 2008**. Students with outstanding balances at the end of the school year **will not** receive their final report cards. If you have any questions regarding your account status, please call the Student Finances Office.

Invoices for 2008-09 tuition will be mailed during July. Payments are due by **AUGUST 1, 2008**. **Tuition debits** for families who selected monthly payments will also begin in **JULY**. Letters will be sent in July with the debit payment amount and schedule. **PLEASE NOTE: Salesianum only debits Tuition and Transportation. Fees billed in July are separate from Tuition and are due in full Aug. 1.**

A letter or an invoice will be mailed for each student. If you do not receive your invoice or debit letter in July, please call the Student Finances Office.

Tuition Refund Insurance premiums will be invoiced with your tuition billing in July. Payments for the premium will be *separate from tuition and due in full* by **Aug. 1, 2008**.

IMPORTANT: Any registered student not returning for the 2008-09 school year must send notice in writing to Mrs. Cathy Marston, Assistant to the Academic Dean, by Aug. 1, 2008. 100% of the 2008-09 tuition is due for any students whose letters of withdrawal are received AFTER Aug. 1, 2008.

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FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Spring Musical

The Spring Musical, *Guys and Dolls*, opened this past week. Performances are being held on May 9, and 10. All performances are at 7:30PM. On Wednesday May 7, we were on an AM Assembly Schedule for a Theatre Assembly. At that time, the theatre program offered highlights from the show to the student body. I extend special thanks to Father Patrick Kifolo, to Bob Miller, and to all his colleagues at New Candlelight Productions for all of their excellent work with our theatre program throughout this year. We plan on continuing our excellent relationship with New Candlelight next year.

Week of Fine Arts

The Week of Fine Arts is scheduled for May 12-May 17 with a film festival on Friday May 16 (after school) and the Day of Fine Arts on Saturday May 17 from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Student art will be on display and there will be a concert in the late afternoon. Come out and celebrate our students' artistic abilities.

Graduation

Graduation is right around the corner! **Graduation tickets** were distributed on April 30 to each senior. Each student received eight tickets (three floor and five general seating) for graduation on June 6 at 7:30 PM in the Gymnasium. Tickets are only needed for graduation and not for the Baccalaureate Mass (June 5, 6:00 PM) in the Gymnasium.

Any **special seating or parking needs** for elderly or disabled guests should contact Fr. Michael Vannicola, OSFS. If additional tickets are needed for graduation, it is requested that those needs first be sought from fellow classmates who will not be using their allotted amount. Any senior who is not using his eight tickets is asked to return them to the Activities Office for distribution to those students who were unable to obtain the tickets needed.

Seniors who ordered extra **graduation announcements** from Jostens should have received them on April 30. If a senior has not yet received these, they should pick them up as soon as possible from the Activities Office.

Honors and Service Plaques

Any student who was notified that they were receiving an Honors and Service Award, an Honors Award, or a Service Award and was not present at the Honors and Service Banquet on April 30 should pick up their plaque from the Activities Office as soon as possible.

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