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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

With this year behind us, I would like to take the opportunity to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on Salesianum School. It has been a wonderful year and we have enjoyed many successes both individually and collectively. I wish also to thank our teachers, coaches, moderators and staff for their hard work and dedication on behalf of the school. I offer thanks to our parents who not only trust us with their son's education, but also assist us in this endeavor. Most of all, I would like to thank our students who continually strive to be who God calls them to be.

May God bless us all and keep us safe through the summer months.

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FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

Report Cards: Report Cards for the Fourth Quarter will be mailed in mid- to late June. If you do not receive a Report Card by Friday, June 26, please contact Mrs. Cathy Marston in the Academic Office (302-654-2495, ext. 104). These Report Cards will indicate your son's Fourth Quarter, Final Examination, and final course grades. Please note that the report cards will be available for viewing

and printing on NetClassroom on June 11.

Failures and Summer School: If your son received a final failure in any course, he must make up those credits before he may re-enroll at Salesianum next fall. You will receive a letter from the Academic Office formally notifying you of the failure and indicating the procedures for finding an appropriate summer school or tutor. Please consult the *Student Handbook* for full information about Salesianum's failure policy.

It is the student's responsibility to find an appropriate summer school or tutor to make up course failures. The Academic Office will assist students in finding a summer school or a tutor. A student must complete the program and receive a passing grade. All summer school course work must be completed by August 1, 2009.

Students being tutored by a tutor other than a Salesianum faculty member will have to schedule a time to take the appropriate course final examination during August 3-7 here at school.

Textbooks for 09-10 and Book Buyback

Once again this year, students may purchase textbooks for Salesianum through www.efollett.com; our school textbook site will also be linked to www.salesianum.org. *Textbooks will not be available through the Salesianum Bookstore.* Full instructions for completing the book ordering process will be mailed home to each student in late June to early July with 09-10 class schedules; instructions will also be available on www.salesianum.org. When online book sales begin in July, Salesianum students will have the opportunity to purchase used books at a reduced price for many courses (books needed for summer reading and coursework will be available in *early June*). 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. Please contact Varsity Books at 877-827-2665 if you have any questions.

The ISBNs for all books will be available on the book website. You are welcome to buy books from other vendors, but please make sure that you are buying books with the correct ISBN numbers so that students have the same books as the teachers; also, students who buy books with the incorrect ISBN numbers may not be able to sell them back next year.

Scheduling for 2009-10 and Course Change Requests

Student schedules for the 09-10 school year are very close to being finalized. These schedules will be mailed home along with instructions for purchasing textbooks online in late June to early July. Students had the opportunity to make changes to their elective choices in May. From May 31 to July 31, students may make requests in writing to change an elective, but a \$50 course change fee may apply; the fee is in place to discourage frequent course changes after our master schedule for 09-10 has been constructed. July 31st is also the deadline to submit a request in writing to have a phase change for required 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. The course change form will also be mailed with schedules. Please be aware that most electives for next year are full, so it is not likely that we will be able to accommodate requests to change electives at this point.

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Summer Reading: Each student is required to complete their summer reading. Books for summer reading will be available on www.efollett.com in early June. Assignments or tests will be given on these readings in September:

The complete summer reading list is provided below and will soon be available on www.salesianum.org:

Salesianum School Summer Reading List

2009

All incoming freshmen are to read 2 of the following:

Lord of the Flies—William Golding
To Kill a Mockingbird—Harper Lee
Fahrenheit 451—Ray Bradbury
Black Like Me—John Howard Griffin

*Many students have read one or more of the above selections during 7th or 8th grade. We request that students who have already read a book from the list **please make another selection or read the book again** to avoid failing the reading test. The reading test is a major grade for the 1st quarter, and many students fail it because they rely on their memory from junior high.

All sophomores are to read 2 of the following:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time – Mark Haddon
Ender’s Game – Orson Scott Card
The Jester – James Patterson and Andrew Gross
The Phantom of the Opera- Gaston Leroux – VERY different from any movie versions

* Students who were in Mrs. Dignan’s phase 4 freshman course are free to choose the last book in the series *The Once and Future King* as one of their choices.

All juniors are to read ONE of the following:

The Killer Angels—Michael Shaara
The Lords of Discipline—Pat Conroy *Warning: explicit description and language
Eye of the World—Robert Jordan

Juniors: AP English Language and Composition read one of the above AND

The Quiet American – by Graham Greene

All seniors NOT TAKING AP are to read TWO of the following:

The Lost World—Michael Crichton
Into Thin Air—Jon Krakauer
The Hunt for Red October—Tom Clancy
The Kite Runner – Khaled Hussein * Warning: violent content

Seniors assigned to Mr. Crawford’s AP class are to read all of the following:

Candide—Voltaire
1984—George Orwell
The Glass Menagerie—Tennessee Williams

Seniors assigned to Ursuline’s AP class are to read all of the following:

Mrs. Dalloway – Virginia Wolff
The Things They Carried—Tim O’Brien
The Great Gatsby—F. Scott Fitzgerald

FROM THE STUDENT FINANCE OFFICE

Invoices for 2009-10 tuition will be mailed during July. Payments are due by **AUGUST 1, 2009**.

Tuition debits for families who selected **monthly payments** will also begin in

JULY. A debit payment schedule for monthly payments will be included with the invoices sent in July.

An invoice will be mailed for each student. If you do not receive your invoice and debit letter [if applicable] in July, please call the Student Finances Office.

IMPORTANT: Any registered student not returning for the 2009-10 school year must send notice in writing to Mrs. Cathy Marston, Assistant to the Academic Dean, by August 1, 2009. 100% of the 2009-10 tuition is due for any students whose letters of withdrawal are received **AFTER** August 1, 2009.

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*Questions about SalesTalk?
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Communications, at (302) 356-2660 or
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SalesTalk is available exclusively at
www.salesianum.org.*

NURSE'S CORNER

During the next school year, "Fresh and Healthy" meals will be offered in the Dining Center. In many cases, the changes will be subtle, with low fat cheeses

and mayonnaise, ground turkey and whole grain breads and pastas being used in recipes. In other cases, food will be baked instead of fried. If you have any suggestions or comments, please e-mail the manager at: rfiore@williamsonhospitality.com

If you have a change of emergency contact information (home, work or cell phone numbers) or change of address over the summer, please contact the Main Office at 302-654-2495. If your son has a change in health status, has surgery or a change in medication, please e-mail the School Nurse at: jawest@salesianum.org

Jo-Ann West
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Our German Exchange is on Again

For the fourth time, Salesianum and Archmere Academy are looking for families to host our friends from the Kepler Gymnasium in Pforzheim, Germany, this fall. 10 boys and 12 girls from the German school will arrive **Thursday, October 8** and return home on **Thursday, October 29**. These students are quite proficient in English, so you and your sons do not have to speak German. The girls stay with Archmere families, and Salesianum families host the boys. In June of 2010 we will take some of our students over to Germany to return the visit. This program has proven to be quite successful, and some beautiful friendships have been built. If you are interested in hosting a Kepler boy, or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Shirley Hornyak, German teacher, through the school at 654-2495, extension 239, or e-mail her at shornyak@salesianum.org.

SENIOR CORNER

Parents, Students, Faculty & Staff:

Thanks to all for a wonderful send off -
Especially all of the Prom Activities!

To the *Class of 2009*:
Good luck in whatever your future may bring.
Never forget to be Salesian Gentlemen in all you do.

For the *Class of 2010*... see you next year!
Have a fun and safe summer.

Stacy Walls Bartkowski and Cindy Pilipczuk, Senior Class Moderators

Salesianum Open - 2009

The third annual Salesianum Open Golf Tournament will be on Monday, June 22, 2009 at Hartefeld National Golf Course. The Open has been a strong fundraiser in its first two years, netting more than \$80,000 for Salesianum School capital projects.

YOU can be a part of the Salesianum Open Golf Committee. With your help, we hope to meet and exceed our goals for 2009.

Meetings for the Salesianum Open will be on June 9, and June 16. Each meeting will be in the 8th & West Conference Room at 7 PM.

If you are not able to make the meetings, but are still interested in supporting the Salesianum Open, consider helping out in the following ways:

- Soliciting hole sponsorships and golfers
 - Silent auction items
 - Tournament registration/Event support the day of the tournament
- visit www.salesianum.org and click under Events for more information.

If you're interested in learning more about the Salesianum Open Golf Committee, please contact Jon Allison '97 at (302) 356-2643 or jallison@salesianum.org.





With 26 days left in our annual fundraising drive, we sit only \$100,000 from our goal of \$800,000. We need your help now more than ever! Please consider a contribution to *The Fund for Salesianum* by June 30, 2009.

Your gift makes a difference by:

- Ensuring that a robust menu of extracurricular activities is available for your son. *Did you know that 92.5% of our students are involved in at least one extracurricular activity?*
- Keeping tuition affordable for families, making Salesianum a truly diverse educational community. *Did you know that our tuition ranges from \$5,000 to \$12,000 under other private schools in Wilmington, DE?*
- Helping us meet an ever increasing demand for financial aid. Ensuring that all students - regardless of economic background - have an opportunity to a "Salesianum experience." *Did you know in 2009-2010 financial aid requests from our families exceed \$1.3M, and Sallies will only be able to offer \$500K?*

Make your gift to *The Fund for Salesianum* by June 30, 2009. Visit www.salesianum.org/giving today!

To those who already made a gift to this year's fund drive, our sincerest thank you goes out to each and everyone of you!