

LA SALLE Parent Newsletter

FOR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL • YAKIMA • WASHINGTON

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2007

Principal Ideas

During the last week of July, Ms. Cuevas and I chaperoned nine of our student leaders to a Lasallian Student Leader Conference in Moraga, CA at St. Mary's College. We joined students from 12 of our high schools in the West (and one from Covington/New Orleans). Our students were standouts, leaders among leaders in the many groups and activities. The conference was structured on the five core values important to a Lasallian education: *Faith in the Presence of God, Respect for All Persons, Inclusive Community, Quality Education and Concern for the Poor and Social Justice*. Our students challenged each other in addressing *Inclusive Community*, beginning a discussion on how to better be inviting of fellow students who come from different schools, towns and backgrounds. The Faculty is addressing the same theme this year and we put the challenge out to the Parents to also be inviting to other parents you do not know.

Ready for school?

By 8:00 am on Wednesday, August 22 the following needs to be in our hands:

The **"Partnership Statement"** of this mailing must be signed by each student/parents and turned in to the main office by Aug. 22. The *Parent/Student Handbook* it refers to can be found on the school website. Please print your own copy, but copies are also available in the school office. Students will receive their own copy in a student planner when they come to Orientation. The *Parent/Student Handbook* describes the policies and practices we believe provide for a school environment conducive to fostering the whole growth of a young person. We are aware that some of the policies and practices may present a challenge to students and even parents, but

would hope that you would contact us in order to understand how you may continue to work with us in the expectations.

Students who earned an "F" grade in one or two semesters last year, must have the transcript from summer courses making up those "F" grades on file in our office.

Students will not be allowed to begin classes on August 22nd unless both of these documents are on file with us at La Salle. If you have any questions or concerns, do call.

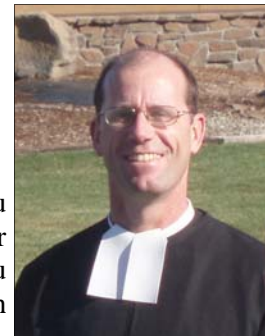
Back-to-School Night

We expect that you join us for our Back-to-School Night on September 6th. We begin at 6:30 PM in Lightning Hall with a general meeting. Parents will then follow their student's class schedule and have the opportunity to briefly visit and hear from each teacher. I look forward to seeing you on this evening.

Celebrating our Catholic, Lasallian Heritage

This year, we have coordinated with St. Paul's and St. Joseph-Marquette to have a Catholic Schools Day on Fri., Sept. 7. The day begins with Mass at Holy Family Church. Our students are to meet there that day at 8:00 am (do not come to La Salle). After the Mass our students will stay at Holy Family for the morning, finishing at 11:30 AM. We will have time for class and school community building and will conclude our morning with the Academic Honors Assembly, awarding 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students with certificates of achievement for honors level GPA's from last semester. Our first Academic Letters will be awarded.

Later that day, 5-6:30 pm outside Marquette



PLEASE
RETURN THE
HANDBOOK
"PARTNERSHIP
STATEMENT"
BY AUGUST 22



Stadium (56th and Chestnut) we join with St. Joseph/Marquette and St. Paul's in a pre-football game picnic. Some food will be provided by St. Joseph/Marquette and some will be pot-luck. Further information on this event and what food to bring is posted on our website.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are also in the process of identifying the needs we have at school for volunteers so that the Parents Association and booster groups can organize opportunities for you to participate in the life of the school community. Studies show that the students of parents involved in school in positive ways are more likely to achieve their potential.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts,



Br. James Joost, FSC
Principal

Handbook Highlights— New Items

Though the entire *Parent/Student Handbook* is required reading, the following significant additions and adjustments have been made:

Additions:

Property Liability (p. 2): A previous understanding clearly stated now.

Academic Letter (p. 10): Begins this September with the first Academic Assembly.

Adjustments:

Probation and Ineligibility (p.8-9): Easy to follow chart of dates.

Absences (p. 16): Clarification of "excused" and "unexcused" designations.

Dress Code (p. 21): Button those buttons and Dress Up day modifications.

Transportation to Athletic Contests (p. 26): Parent drivers and use of cars.

Welcome New Faculty/Staff and New Assignments

Ms. Rosa Cuevas is moving from the main office over to Admissions where she picks up the Directorship of that area from Mr. Madrigal who has moved on from La Salle.

Mrs. Lupe Paniagua joins us in coordinating the main office. She will be the new friendly face and voice of La Salle. Please say hello and introduce yourself when you come by the office.

Mr. Steven Lowry will be teaching Junior English and Sophomore World History and comes to us from Gonzaga University (and is an alum of our Lasallian school in Milwaukie, OR).

Mr. John Forsyth brings his Masters degree and years of teaching junior high, high, and college level students in California. Mr. Forsyth will be teaching Algebra 1 and Physical Science.

Mr. Andrew Johnson will be student teaching with Br. Jack in Biology as he works on his teaching certificates at Heritage University.

And of course, welcome back **Br. Dan Morgan** who is picking up the reigns as Dean of Academics. Br. Dan was the founding Principal of La Salle.

His move into Academics shifts **Sr. Ann Marie** into some new work with Academic Advising for all students.

We also congratulate Br. Jack and Mr. Charters on having received a grant for completing a three year Masters program. They finished their first summer of coursework and will embark on developing a new program in science at La Salle—more to come on that front.

PLEASE READ
ALL PARTS OF
THE SUMMER
MAILING

PARENT-
STUDENT
HANDBOOK IS
ON THE
SCHOOL
WEBSITE



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Looking to the Future

Dear La Salle Parents,

Whew...what a busy summer! Planning, budgeting, painting, watering, scheduling...all in preparation for our *tenth school year*. The campus has been alive with activity since graduation, and I love it that way.



Our Summer Institute brought several students to campus who are serious about preparing for the academic rigors of La Salle. And, our sports camps *Plus Science* were a great success. This program brought younger students/athletes onto campus to learn sports fundamentals from some of the best coaches in the valley. In addition, they were involved in exciting science activities utilizing the Ahtanum creek. A few weeks ago, all in one day, we had soccer players, a baseball game, the football team from our sister school in Portland, 60 grid kidders in a football camp and 25 of our own students conditioning for fall sports! The La Salle campus was teeming with activity and is becoming a home for students and families.

For me, summer has been a time of sharing the story of La Salle...particularly with those who can help take us to our future. Nine years, 244 graduates, over 90% to college. Nine years of developing leaders for the future. Nine years of offering a world-class education and making a difference for young people in our valley community. I am proud of our progress.

Along with sharing our story, I have talked with key financial supporters about the next steps of our campus vision. As we look to the future, the *Student Center* and the *Science Building* are very important priorities for our board, faculty, students and alumni. Completion of these buildings will add needed instructional space and a center for students to assemble for liturgies, meals, dances and recreation.

It also provides state-of-the-art science facilities which, together with the Ahtanum Creek ecosystem (Brother Jack calls it "*God's Laboratory*"), will move us toward a **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED** premier science program. More impact for our students and families!

Certainly the next steps of our vision are aggressive but the people I have met with appreciate our success and are very receptive to helping. In fact, the input I have received about how we have addressed all aspects of financing the operations, campus development and our future through a legacy society have been very positive.

As I look back on our busy summer and look forward with great anticipation to an exciting new year, I am always reminded why we do what we do...it's all about our youth. In now my eleven year involvement with La Salle, I am still constantly inspired by the potential of our youth.

God bless you and all our families.

Sincerely,

Tim McGree
President



**OF THE 48
GRADUATES
OF THE CLASS
OF 2007:**
**90% FINISHED
WITH 4 YEARS
OF MATH**
**70% FINISHED
WITH 3+
YEARS OF
SCIENCE**
**WHILE A THIRD
OF THOSE
FINISHED WITH
4+ YEARS**



Dean of Studies

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Academic Probation and Ineligibility

Last year, the *Parent/Student Handbook* was revised to reflect a new and clearer policy on Academic Eligibility. This year's edition (see school website) contains a detailed timeline which reflects the critical dates regarding Academic Eligibility.

Students who received below a 2.0 GPA and/or an F grade on their Second Semester Report Card, are ineligible to participate in co-curricular activities and must attend the daily Homework Class during 7th period. Summer school grades, when received by La Salle, are included in any re-calculation of a student's eligibility status. Remember, summer school grades are ADDED to a student's Second Semester GPA.

PowerSchool

An enhancement with PowerSchool allows us to post a student's current and 2007-2008 historical eligibility status for viewing by both the parents and students. When you log into PowerSchool you will see this as a new option. A note will also show on a student's progress report or report card indicating their new eligibility status. PowerSchool passwords will be available once school begins and grades start appearing. New Parents will receive an orientation to PowerSchool at their meeting the evening of the Frosh Lock-in (Fri., Aug. 17 @ 7:00 pm)

Another new feature on PowerSchool allows users of the Parent Portal to view a student's progress towards La Salle's graduation requirements. This summary page shows the requirements of each academic area. Soon, we hope to add options showing a student's progress towards the entrance requirements of Washington State University, University of Washington and the other public state universities.

Dean of Students

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Locks and Lockers

Students will continue to be required to purchase a school issued lock (the \$6 price is added to the book bill) which they will use for all their years at La Salle. Students returning from last year can use last year's lock. **All lockers are assigned this year.** Any request for a change must be extremely reasonable and can be made with Mr. Schulte the day of Orientation, Aug. 21.

Parking on Campus

La Salle Student Parking Permits: Students driving to school need are required to register for a parking permit. The permit is free of charge (but if it is lost, a new one will cost \$10). Students can pick up a registration form (or multiple forms if they drive multiple cars) at the Orientation on Aug. 22 and will then receive a permit by the following week. Cars without permits displayed during the school day beginning Fri., August 31 will be subject to towing at the owners expense.

RED Curb— no parking: The curbs along the circle in front of the school have been painted red to help everyone remember not to park there. It is a pick-up/drop-off and emergency vehicle zone as well as the bus stop. Cars are not to be left sitting there without a driver in them. Also, the area behind the buildings along the gravel road is for Faculty/Staff parking only everyday all day. Please do not park there during parent and sports meeting nights. A loading/unloading space will be available behind Lightning Hall and as loading is finished, the car must be moved to the parking in the main lot.

VISITORS: We have also designed Visitor parking slots in the parking area opposite the handicap parking. Please use these slots for the quick "I have to run in and drop something off" parking.

SCHOOL
LOCKS MUST
BE USED

PARKING
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AVAILABLE
FROM MR.
SCHULTE

POWERSCHOOL
PROVIDES 24/7
ACCESS TO
STUDENT
GRADES AND
MORE.

Union Gap Public Bus Stops at La Salle!

Beginning Wed., August 22, the Union Gap Transit Bus will stop at the La Salle Campus in the morning. Detailed pamphlets are available in our school office and at the Yakima Terminal. Bus service is guaranteed through December. The November Union Gap election will determine whether or not the bus service will continue in January.

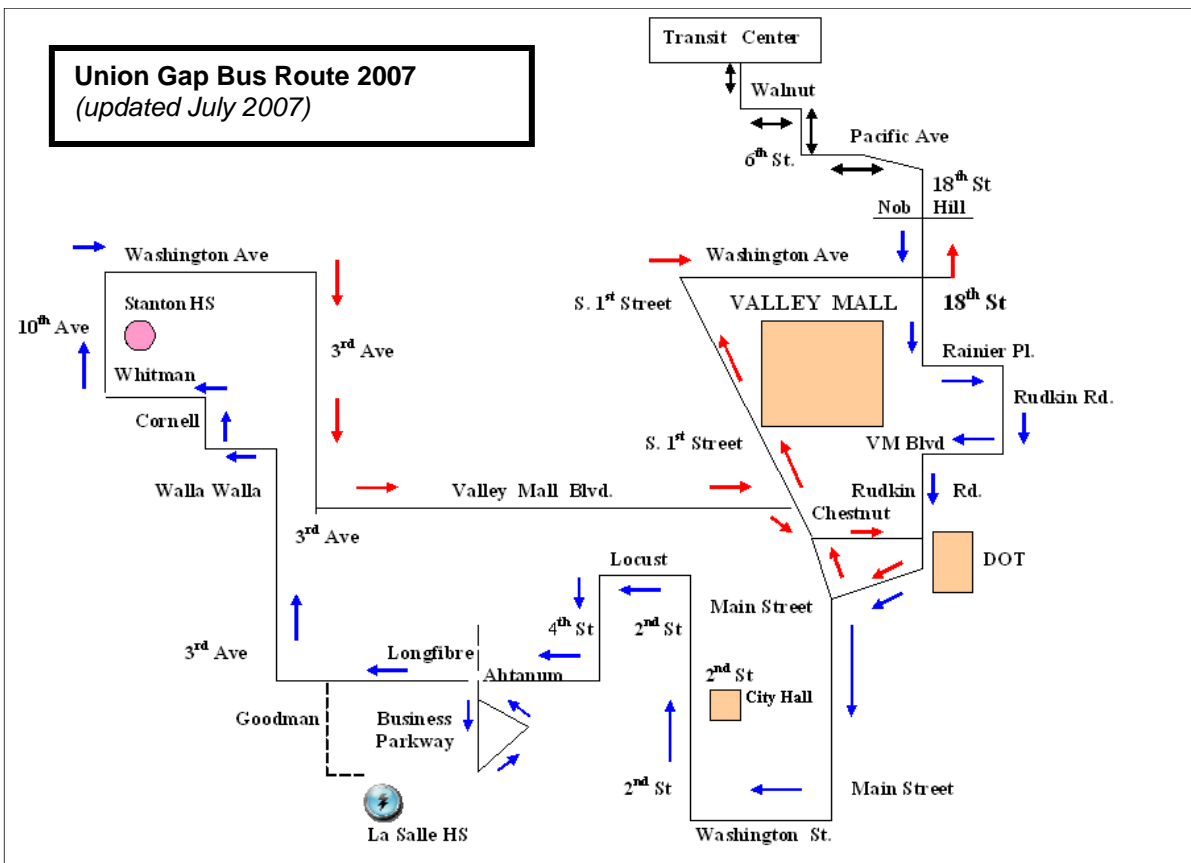
Here is the essential information for the Fall Bus service:

Bus stops on the La Salle Campus: 7:40am and 3:10pm. (Students who get out at 2:10 pm would have to wait or they can walk to the Ahtanum and Goodman stop for the bus arriving there at approximately 2:35pm. If they do go to the street stop, they can wave down the bus in an area it can pull over. Be careful of traffic while navigating the walk on Goodman.)

The Fare: 35¢

EXTENDED UNION GAP BUS SERVICE TO LA SALLE'S FRONT DOOR

MORE INFO AVAILABLE AT THE YAKIMA TRANSIT STATION AND OUR SCHOOL OFFICE



Campus Security

Once students arrive on campus, they are not to leave campus without checking in with Mr. Schulte. Also, students are not allowed to go out to their cars during the school day, **including lunch**, without the permission of Mr. Schulte.



La Salle School Bus: We will offer transportation to our Lower Valley students with the regular stops in Sunnyside and Toppenish. The enclosed forms are to be returned by Orientation (Tues., Aug. 21).

Car Pool: Coming to Parents Nights at school and other school events is a great way to network and set up car pooling if that is a need for your student.



REMINDER: Lightning Way speed limit: 25 mph
Parking Lot speed limit 5 mph

GO SLOWLY!! ROAD, BUS ZONES, AND PARKING LOT.

Student Life

Campus Ministry and the Associated Student Body (ASB) continue to join their leadership skills together this year to build a stronger relationship between the student body and our Lasallian values.

Student Life Contacts: Mr. Kanelopoulos (tedk@lasalleyakima.org) or Ms. Cuevas (rcuevas@lasalleyakima.org)

PICK-A-THON SPONSORSHIP FORMS ARE DUE BY SEPT. 5.

“It’s like the Relay for Life” is the conclusion the student leaders came to in attempting to describe how the Pick-a-thon functions. “We get sponsors for a particular charity and time period.” In this case, the charity is Northwest Harvest who gets all the apples picked and La Salle who gets the sponsor money to help class councils with financing activities and to help with buying a sorely needed van for student events, particularly Service Immersions and programs.



Pick-a-thon



Our Twinning School in Kenya (St. Paul’s

Secondary in Marsabit), also benefits with 5% of the money raised. 5% to St. Paul’s, is the policy for all student fundraising.

The picking dates are October 2, 3, 4, and 5 with a grade level going on each day.

Students will meet at school at the regular time and then be bussed to the site near 40th and Powerhouse returning back to school by the end of the regular school day for most students (the end of the period before 7th). At the site, they will:

- Have a prayer service
- Pick apples
- Have a learning moment connecting the picking to some curricular lesson.
- Have lunch
- Have a community building activity.

We want to make it as much a class unifying experience as a service experience.

Sponsorship gathering goes up to September 5 so that we finish before Wreath Sales start. Also, we need the van. We really need the van.

The mailing has a form for gathering sponsors and the website has a downloadable form also.

Lasallian Youth and Leadership

Two District wide youth events gathering students from more than a dozen of our Lasallian schools took place this summer.

In June, Ms. Cuevas and Mr. K took 11 students to Los Angeles for the annual Lasallian Youth Assembly. The assembly sent students into the poorer areas of Los Angeles to assist with food distribution, cleaning, painting and other service activities. The group also gathered back at homebase, Loyola Marymount University, for prayer, discussions, community building and social justice education.

At the end of July, Ms Cuevas was back on the road, this time with Br. James and nine students to Saint Mary’s College in Moraga, CA (our Lasallian college on the West Coast) for the 4th Annual Lasallian Student Leader conference.



After skill training in leadership the group designed and ran the activities of the final two days.

Learning much about working together toward the service of fellow students and those in need, both groups of

students come back to La Salle ready to pump up the activities organized for the year.

ENTER TO LEARN LEAVE TO SERVE



Suggested Minimum Donation: \$10



Service Immersion applications due Sept. 6:

Students seeking to go to any of the Service Immersions (Seattle, Yakama Nation, De La Salle Blackfeet in Montana, and Tijuana) must have their applications in to Mr. K in room 301. Service Immersions are 3-6 day experiences combining service to a very poor area, simple community living, prayer and social justice education.

Parents Association

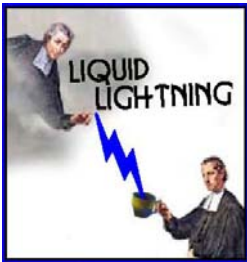
Parent Volunteering Opportunities

The planning and organization of volunteer opportunities are ongoing and best communicated through the website and directly calling the Chairs.

President: **Jim Widhalm** at (509) 952-8891 or jimwidhalm@filtrona.com
 Academics/Arts Boosters: **Jay and Jill Carroll** at (509) 248-6030 or jcarroll@vhlegal.com
 Athletic Boosters: **Chuck Stillwaggon** 697-9660 or stillwaggon@elltel.net



IN 1680 AT THE AGE OF 28 AFTER HIS PARENTS HAD DIED, SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE WAS CARING FOR HIS FAMILY'S ESTATE AND HIS SIBLINGS. HAVING RECENTLY BEEN ORDAINED A PRIEST, HE ALSO BEGAN FOUNDING THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TO RUN THE FIRST SCHOOLS.




Liquid Gold!!!

Last year our coffee sales netted about \$6,000. Support our students in arts and academics with the purchase of **Liquid Lightning coffee** (order forms on the school website). We are introducing a new blend, Double Bolt, a richer darker companion to the original brew. Also, at events, pick up a coffee or Italian soda at the **Lightning Jolt coffee bar**. If you are interested in helping as a coffee barista, call Trina Cooper at 833-6474.

The Arts and Academic Boosters are also sponsoring the Indian John Hill rest stop during Thanksgiving weekend (also the Apple Cup Weekend this year). We will be later asking for volunteers to help.

Fall Fest

Sponsored by the Athletic Boosters

 An evening of music on the lawn.
 Food and Wine/Beer
 Participants must be 21 and older only

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007
 4pm to 10pm
 @ La Salle



"Pumpkin Chucker"

Purchase a pumpkin and test your skills on the catapult designed by our very own Mr. Lund.

Bring a Blanket ★ Bring a Chair ★ Bring a Friend

Tickets: In Advance - \$25 per person (on sale at La Salle events and in the Admin. Office)
 At the Door - \$30 per person

For Ticket Information call: 225-2904



If you can loan a shade tent, call the Ticket Information line and leave a message.

Yakima Catholic Schools Back to School Picnic/Tailgate Party

Fri., Sept. 7 from 5-6:30 pm
 Burgers and Hot dogs provided. Drinks can be purchased. Parents pot luck. Last names beginning with:
 A-M Bring a salad
 N-Q Bring a large bag of chips
 S-Z Bring a dessert
 Stay for the La Salle football game at 7:00.

Families Needed

CIEE is a group that recruits and places International high school students in USA schools and homes. They are also looking for a pool of families they can call on to act as host families. Please contact Br. James if you have an interest in exploring this option. 225-2998 or brojames@lasalleyakim.org. He will direct you on to the local CIEE Coordinator, Denise Ball. Expectations for host families can be found at <http://www.ciee.org/hostfamily/>.

BOOK PRICES
ARE ON THE
WEBSITE



Mon., August 13
Fall Sport Parent/Player Meeting
7:00 PM Lightning Hall

Wed., August 15
Book Sales in Lightning Hall **(9:00 AM-Noon)**

Thurs., August 16
Book Sales in Lightning Hall **(1:00-4:00 PM)**

Fri., August 17
9th Grade and New Parent Night
7:00-8:00 PM Lightning Hall
9th Grade Lock-In
7:00 PM-7:00 AM begin in Lightning Hall

Sat., August 18
9th Grade Lock-In (cont. to 7:00 am)

Tues., August 21
All Grades Orientation and Book Sales (Handbook Form Due)
Grade 9: 9:00 AM Room 105
Grade 10: 10:00 AM Room 105
Grade 11: 11:00 AM Room 105
Grade 12: Noon Room 105

Wed., August 22 Assembly Schedule
Classes begin at 8:00 AM

Thurs., August 23 Regular Schedule (All 7 periods)

Sat., September 1 Back-to-School Dance

Mon., September 3 Labor Day School Holiday

Wed., September 5 Regular Schedule

Thurs., September 6 Regular Schedule
Parent Back-to-School Night
6:30 PM Lightning Hall

Fri., September 7 Dress Up Day (8:00-11:30 AM)
Catholic Schools Day (Meet at Holy Family Church on 56th and Tieton)
Catholic Schools Mass followed by
Class Activities and Academic Awards Assembly
Catholic Schools BBQ
5-6:30 Marquette Stadium (football game follows)

Thurs., September 13
Progress Reports sent home with students

Mon., September 17
Senior Parent Night & College Info
7:00 PM Lightning Hall

**Freshman Lock-In
Fri.-Sat., August 17-18**

The “Freshmen Lock-In” is a very special event that will help Frosh get to know their new classmates and begin building the unified class we hope they will become. It is also a time to continue learning about the values and expectations we hold at La Salle.

The event begins at 7 PM on Friday, August 17 and ends at 7 AM the next morning. They will need to bring a sleeping bag (girls and boys will be sleeping in two separate buildings). Breakfast will be provided.



Any questions? Contact the Freshman Moderator, Br. Dat (225.2911) or brodat@lasallejakima.org

**Orientation Day—
Tues., Aug. 21**

Orientation this year will provide an opportunity to receive all the important information for beginning school as well as complete some basic practical “chores” for school prep, such as:

- Turning required forms
- Taking ID pictures
- Taking school pictures
- Getting a locker and lock
- Getting a parking permit
- Buying books
- Addressing needs with your schedule
- Learning about school expectations

Since we are taking school photos, wear a DRESS-UP DAY attire (for your top half for the picture).

**NEW School Photo
Provider**



After the poor service last year of Lifetouch Studios, the school has contracted Dorian Studios for the school photos this year.

Athletics Physicals



Physicals: During this past June La Salle provided an opportunity for students to complete their physicals to play athletics. If you do not have a current physical (they are good for two years) you will need to see your family doctor or go to the Medi-Center and pay a \$30 fee. Forms are available in the school office.

Thank you to the Athletic Boosters who coordinated the efforts of providing the June physicals and bbq. Thanks also to the team of medics who donated their services. The school is receiving over \$1,000 from the efforts. Go Lightning!!

“TOP HALF”
DRESS-UP
DAY FOR
SCHOOL
PICTURES,
AUGUST 21