

It is hard to believe, but we only have three more student days in this school year. This coming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be final exams for students. In addition to final exams, this week will be important in wrapping up any work that teachers are allowing students to complete. Please encourage your child to finish strong. I also want to stress the importance of attendance during finals week. If students miss a final exam, it is difficult to find a time to make these exams up. Missing an exam could mean the difference between passing a class or not.

Also during this next week, we will be collecting all Chromebooks from students. This collection will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Students will be asked to turn in their computer, charger and protective case. If not turned in and in good condition, repair or replacement charges will apply.

This past Friday, approximately ninety seniors participated in our annual Senior Walk at the elementary. If you are not familiar with the Senior Walk, it is an opportunity for our elementary students and staff to congratulate and wish farewell to our seniors. Students in grades Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade line the halls of the elementary school, cheering, holding signs and throwing confetti as our senior students pass by them. This not only means a lot to our seniors, but also gives our younger students something to look up to and set a goal to accomplish. Thanks to the elementary students and staff for seeing off another group of seniors.

On Friday, LaVille Jr. Sr. High School conducted a Lockdown drill with the support of the Lakeville Police, State Police, Marshall County Sheriff and St. Joe County Sheriff. During this drill, staff and students were asked to follow our Lockdown procedures while the various officers checked the building. It is our hope to learn from these drills to maintain a safe working and learning environment for our staff and students. An important aspect of this drill was for us to check a new feature for our surveillance system. To further improve our safety, we are linking our surveillance system to the State Police Post Dispatch. By doing so allows first responders real time information before entering the building. In the unfortunate case of an intruder to our building, officers will better know how and where to respond. Today's drill was a success and officers now have access to our surveillance system if the need arises.

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, LaVille juniors and seniors held their prom at The Oaks at SouthPaw Farms. This was a new venue for us, but it turned out to be a great location. Thanks to our staff and students that worked so hard to make this event successful. Following prom, students had the opportunity to attend an after prom event held at the school. After prom included a comedian/motivational speaker, various games, contests, escape room, laser tag, inflatables, etc. A total of 112 students attended after prom, which turned out to be a fun and safe alternative for students. I would like to thank all those that volunteered to make this event happen. Many people came together, either donating their time, services, food, etc. I would especially like to thank Stephanie Beam for taking on this huge task and making it a success. Attached to the original update email, you will see a link that lists all the volunteers and donors for the after prom.

### Upcoming Events:

- Final Exams = Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation Practice = Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. – LaVille Auxiliary Gymnasium
- Graduation Commencement = Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. – Bethel University Gates Gymnasium
- Summer School = Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>
- 2019-20 Registration Date = Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hope you had a great weekend and since this will likely be my last update this school year, enjoy your summer!

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