



*Loving God,
We thank you for the ways you
strengthen us. Help us to be faithful
Christians and to walk in your light.
Amen.*

Because Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year, we will have our Valentine classroom parties on Tuesday, Feb. 13th, 2:00—2:45. Please join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on Feb. 14th at 9:30 in the HS Gym.

PreK and Kindergarten Round Up for the 2018-19 school year will be held on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 in our elementary gym. This is the first time that we will accept enrollment forms for next fall. If you know of a family who is considering Catholic education for their child, please invite them to attend or call the office for more information, 323-3703. Thanks!

Kindergarten Parents: Please mark your calendars!

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for our current Kindergarten students on **Monday, April 9th**. This is the day that we will be screening next year's kindergarten students at school. There is also **NO SCHOOL** for the PreK 4s that day unless they are registered for St. Albert Kindergarten for Fall, 2018. Kidz Kare will **not** be available during the day because grades 1-5 will still be in session. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Elementary News

February, 2018

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St. Albert Elementary

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323-3703

CSW Mass on Thurs.,
Feb. 1, 9:30, HS Gym
Green/Gold Spirit Day
Fri., Feb. 2nd.

\$1.00 jean day/wear red
day on Feb. 5th for
Children's Hospital
Heart Center

PK-12 conferences
Feb. 6th—8th. Please
refer to your fall con-
ference time.

Valentine Parties
Feb. 13th @ 2:00. Play
clothes may be worn.

No School on Feb.
19th—Presidents' Day

Mission Statement

Saint Albert Catholic Schools, in partnership with our local parishes, will inspire our students to fulfill their spiritual, academic, moral, and physical potential by following the teachings of the Catholic Church.

There are a number of important events occurring during this month of February that we wanted to make you aware of, so here is a listing:

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| Thursday, February 1st | CSW Week Mass PK4—12 with Bishop Pates, 9:30 in MS/HS Gym |
| Friday, February 2nd | 4th grade to the symphony Green & Gold Spirit Day, play clothes may be worn Ice Cream Social for students in afternoon |
| Saturday, February 3rd | First Lego League Robotics tournament—Good Luck to our teams! |
| Monday, February 5th | \$1.00 Wear Red/Jean Day to benefit Children's Hospital Heart Center |
| Tues, Wed., Thurs., Feb. 6th-8th | Conferences will be held after school according to your scheduled conference time |
| Friday, February 9th | No School |
| Tuesday, February 13th | Valentine's Day celebration and parties—pink, red, or Valentine themed clothing may be worn; parties will begin at 2:00. As always, parents/grandparents are welcome to join us. |
| Wednesday, February 14th | Ash Wednesday—Please join us for PK4-12 Mass in MS/HS Gym @ 9:30. |
| Monday, February 19th | No School—President's Day |
| Friday, February 23rd | Second Grade Musical |
| Tuesday, February 27th | PreK and Kindergarten Round Up will be held in the elementary gym at 6:30. This is the first time that enrollment forms for next school year will be available. If your child is currently enrolled in our PreK 3 or PreK 4 classes and you are unable to make it to the meeting, please let your child's teacher know. A registration packet can be sent home with your child on Wednesday, February 28th. No packets will be sent home before the meeting. |

Thank You!!

Thank you from Mrs. O'Neil to Mrs. Paulsen and Mrs. McGrath for getting the materials for the PreK3 class igloo. She'd also like to thank Mrs. Wredt for the Christmas tree, and the families who gave money for the gift card and other goodies.

Mrs. Johnson would like to thank Mrs. Simms, Mrs. Tallman, and Mrs. Sornson for being Read-and-Feed guests. She'd also like to thank Hadley McAtee for the classroom donation.

Ms. DeRocher would like to thank the Stuhr family for the classroom snacks.

Thank you from Ms. Ball to Sarah Clark and Kendal Paulsen for coming for Read & Feed. Thank you also to Mary Ann Bragg and Kendal Paulsen for the classroom donations. And a big thank you to Karen Jares for reading with the 1st graders.

Mrs. Burgan would like to thank Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Brownfield, and Mrs. Crisp for coming to the classroom for Read-N-Feeds.

Thank you from Mrs. Marshall to Dr. Marar and Andrea Galus for being guest readers and bringing treats and drinks.

Mrs. Lynch would like to thank the Shomshor family for the baggies for the nurse's office.

Thank you to the SA Ambassadors for their continued support in collecting Box Tops and donating supplies from our Wish List.

The Sheryl K Johnson Child Care Center would like to thank the Ratcliff family for the toy donation, and the Brittain family for the clothing donation.

Thank you from Mrs. Rallis to Nancy Kilbride for

the classroom donation.

Mr. Schaeffer would like to thank the Walter family for the many donations for P.E. equipment.

Thank you to Dr. Shawn Jones and Mrs. Dana Lynch for helping in the 4th grade classrooms.

Ms. Hutcheson would like to thank the Crawford, Fidone, Reineke, and Shomshor families for the classroom donations. And she said it was a fun month for Read and Feeds! Thank you to Nicholas, Zoe, Stone, and Zeta's families for coming to read to the class.

The elementary faculty and staff and SKJCCC staff would like to thank all of the parents who donated to the Christmas Collection that is facilitated and supported by the Falcon Family Connection. The scrip cards are a nice treat, and by ordering scrip, it benefits the school as well.

Thanks to all of our families who utilize the St. Albert Scrip program already. A flyer listing some of the scrip retailers is attached to this newsletter. Lisa Gronstal is our scrip coordinator, and this is her contact information if you need more information. The enrollment code is needed to set up your account.

scrip@saintalbertschools.org
712-323-3703, extension 311
Enrollment Code: 4B5652176934

Please note: If you are picking up your child early for any reason, you must come to the office and pick him/her up from there.

Classroom Activities

The 3 year old preschoolers came back from break ready to tackle the ABC's, cutting, and snow. The snow days have cut into their instruction time, so they are a bit behind. The students are making great strides in name identification and writing names. They have studied the letters Aa and Bb. They will begin a weekly cutting activity that will continue for two months. The students explored snow, snowmen, and the polar animals penguins and bears. They created with "snow" and made an art collage. In the STEAM room, the students focused on dinosaurs, construction, and snow. All 3 preschool classes helped Mrs. O'Neil create the class igloo. It looks so good that Mrs. O'Neil is thinking of auctioning it off.

In language arts, the PreK 4 year old students worked on the letters L,M,N, and O. They were introduced to the skill for isolating beginning sounds. In math, the students continued their work on writing numerals 0-10. They also started work on identifying and naming nine shapes. The PreK students' religion lessons taught them that Jesus belonged to a family, just like they do. They listened to the book, "Story of Baby Moses." In science, the students learned that it takes heat to melt frozen objects.

The students in kindergarten have been exploring addition in math. They are continuing to use the reading textbook Journeys to guide them through the reading and writing process and learning new sight words. They started a new health and nutrition unit. In religion, the students have moved on to the New Testament.

The first graders have been learning place value in math and exploring matter in science class. In social studies, the first graders have been learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and discrimination. In religion they are learning about making choices and saying "I'm sorry."

The second graders have been learning how to add 2 and 3 digit numbers without regrouping. They have also spent time learning about the three states of matter in science. In religion, the 2nd graders have been talking about helping their neighbors.

The third grade students have been working on area in math. They have also started learning about the three different types of communities in social studies. The rosary is the focus in religion and by February, they will be praying it as a class. They are very excited to start work on their service project. The third graders decided that they would be raising money for Make-a-Wish this year. The cultural themed book challenge is beginning in February and many students are looking forward to the challenge!

Classroom Activities continued

In religion, the fourth grade students will begin looking at the parts of the Mass. For math, the students are working at their level to study division. They are finishing their study of our government in social studies. The students made roller coasters in science, and they are finishing up their entries for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas contest.

The fifth graders learned about the sacraments in religion. In social studies, the students studied the Thirteen Colonies. In science, the students studied matter and chemical reactions. The fifth graders learned about adjectives, adverbs, and point of view in language arts. The December book club book for Mrs. Marshall's class was Fish In A Tree.

Mrs. Farris' reading students have been learning alphabet skills, fluency strategies, and have been making booklets about New Year's resolutions. Students in math have been learning number skills and subtraction strategies.

In art this month all of the students learned about sculpture. They looked at historical works from the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. The artists discussed included Michelangelo, Bernini, Rodin, Giacometti, Calder, and Omaha resident Littleton Alston. The grade levels created with different media. Modeling clay, wire, tin foil, toothpicks, paper mache', marshmallows, foam, and celluclay were utilized in their works. Hopefully, everyone's artwork made it home in one piece! The students also experimented with creating towel art. The students may borrow some towels to show you. Next month the students will begin to learn about Chinese, Greek, African, and Egyptian art.

Music News

Second grade students are preparing for their concert. Seussical Jr. will be on Friday, February 23rd at 2:00 in the elementary gym. Please join us if you are able. All of the students are learning about and practicing classroom instruments.

P.E. News

The students are getting a lot of exercise in P.E. Our next unit uses Frisbees. Starting February 8th the students in grades 2-5 will be roller skating. They are really looking forward to skating. They will be skating for at least 7 P.E. classes. During those weeks, please remind your child to wear long socks on P.E. days instead of the low-cut or ankle socks.

FYI

Breakfast is served in the elementary gym every morning from 7:30—7:50. The cost for breakfast is \$1.60. Reduced price for breakfast is \$.30. Please see the breakfast menu that is attached to this newsletter.

Our Wish List

Mrs. Behne would like hand sanitizer.

Ms. Ball is requesting hand sanitizer.

Ms. Assmann is asking for the following books: Four Feet, Two Sandals, Just a Drop of Water, The Curious Garden, Nasreen's Secret School, Henry's Freedom Box, Weslandia, Rosie Revere, Engineer, Igggy Peck, Architect, The Most Magnificent Thing, Juana and Lucas.

Mrs. Marshall would like a colored pencil electric sharpener, a Crayon electric sharpener, and a black light.

Mrs. Farris is requesting hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes.

Ms. Edler is asking for disinfectant spray.

Mrs. Lynch would like Clorox Wipes for the office.

Mrs. Rallis is requesting regular sized foam hand sanitizer and quart sized Zip Loc bags.

Mr. Schaeffer is asking for Frisbees (foam and plastic).

Counseling Corner

Second Step and other lesson topics

The topics to be covered in February are:

- Preschool: Strong feelings, naming feelings, managing disappointment, managing anger
- Kindergarten: We feel feelings in our bodies, managing frustration, calming down strong feelings, handling waiting
- First grade: Strong feelings, calming down anger, self-talk for calming down, managing worry
- Second grade: Handling making mistakes, managing anxious feelings, managing anger, finishing tasks
- Third grade: Managing disappointment, managing anger, managing hurt feelings, solving problems part 1
- Fourth grade: Handling put-downs, solving problems parts 1 and 2, making a plan
- Fifth grade: Solving problems parts 1 and 2, making a plan, seeking help

The Second Step program includes a series of Home Links to help parents reinforce the skills their students are learning. Students will bring home those links throughout the year. Students in preschool through third grade are not responsible for returning completed Home Link papers to school. Fourth- and fifth-grade students may return their completed and signed Home Links for an incentive that has been discussed in class.

February, 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 CSW Mass with the Bishop 9:30 MS/HS Gym | 2 Green & Gold Spirit Day; 4th Grade to the Symphony; Ice Cream Social for students | 3 First Lego League Robotics tournament |
| 4 | 5 \$1.00 Wear Red Day to benefit Children's Hospital Heart Center | 6 Conferences 3:30—7:30 | 7 Dismissal @ 1:10; Conferences 1:30—5:30 | 8 Conferences 3:30—7:30 | 9 No School | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Wear Red/Pink/Valentine themed clothing Valentine parties @ 2:00 | 14 Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:30; Dismissal @ 1:10 | 15 | 16 End of 2nd Trimester | 17 |
| 18 | 19 No School Presidents' Day | 20 | 21 Dismissal @ 1:10; Prof. Development for faculty | 22 | 23 Rosary in Chapel @ 8:15 Mass in elem. gym @8:45; 2nd grade musical @ 2:00 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 PreK & Kindergarten Round Up 6:30 elementary gym | 28 Dismissal @ 1:10; Prof. Development for faculty | | | |

February Breakfast Menu

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| All Breakfasts Include Fruit, Juice & Milk Extra Milk \$.50 | MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE | | 1 Biscuit & Gravy Or Cereal & Toast | 2 Bagel Sandwich w/ egg, bacon & Cheese Or Cereal & Toast |
| 5 Oatmeal Blue Berry Bagel Or Cereal & Toast | 6 Yogurt Parfait with blueberries, and granola OR Cereal & Toast | 7 Cereal & Toast | 8 Waffles Or Cereal & Toast | No School |
| 12 Cream of Wheat Cinnamon Toast Or Cereal & Toast | 13 Jan's Pancakes Or Cereal & Toast | 14 Cereal & Toast | 15 English Muffin w/ egg, Sausage & Cheese or Cereal & Toast | 16 Blueberry Muffins OR Cereal & Toast |
| No School | 22 Cereal & Bagel | 23 Biscuit & Gravy | 24 Oatmeal & English Muffin | 25 Jan's Pancakes |
| 26 Scrambled Eggs with Breakfast potatoes , cheese & Sausage Or Cereal & Toast | 27 Breakfast Burrito eggs, sausage, and cheese Or Cereal & Toast | 28 Cinnamon Rolls Or Cereal & Toast or Bagel | | |

FEBRUARY ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE | EXTRA MILK \$.50 | | 1. Hot Dogs w/ Chili, Cheese, & Onion Pickles French Fries Corn Raiser Watermelon Fresh Fruit | 2 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich w/Mash Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Applesauce |
| 5 Grilled Chicken Sand- wich w/ lettuce, to- mato Corn on cob Apples Mix Doritos Peaches | 6 Sloppy Joes Bake Beans Roasted Potatoes Pickle Spears Fruit | 7 Breakfast at Noon Omelets w/ cheese Hash Browns Sausage Links French Toast Sticks Applesauce | 8 Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Sand- wich Celery & Carrot Sticks w/ ranch Half Pears | 9 No School |
| 12 Soft shell/Hard Shell Tacos w/ Beef Cheese, Lettuce, To- mato, Black Bean Pineapple | 13 Pork Tenderloin with Mash potatoes & Gravy Corn Mandarin Oranges | 14 Fish & Chips Cole Slaw Brownies Fruit | 15 Spaghetti w/ meat and marinara sauce Green Beans Garlic Bread Fruit | 16 Breaded Fish Sand- wich w/ Tatar sauce Wedge Potatoes Streamed Carrots Fruit |
| 19 No School | 20 Chicken Alfredo w/ egg noodles Steamed Broccoli Bread Sticks Slice Pears | 21 Chili & Carmel Sticky Cinnamon Rolls Celery & Carrots Pear Halves | 22 Hot Turkey sandwich w/ Mash Potatoes and Gravy Steamed Peas Apples | 23 Garlic Cheese Bread Marinara Sauce Green Beans Caesar Salad Fruit |
| 26 Mandarin Orange Chicken Sugar Snap Peas Steamed Rice Fortune Cookies Fruit | 27 Super Beef Nachos Lettuce, tomatoes, and shredded Cheese Pico De Gallo Mexican Corn Refried Beans Fruit | 28 Mac & Cheese Kabasa Sausage Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll Peach Cobbler | | |



Are You Staying Warm this Winter?

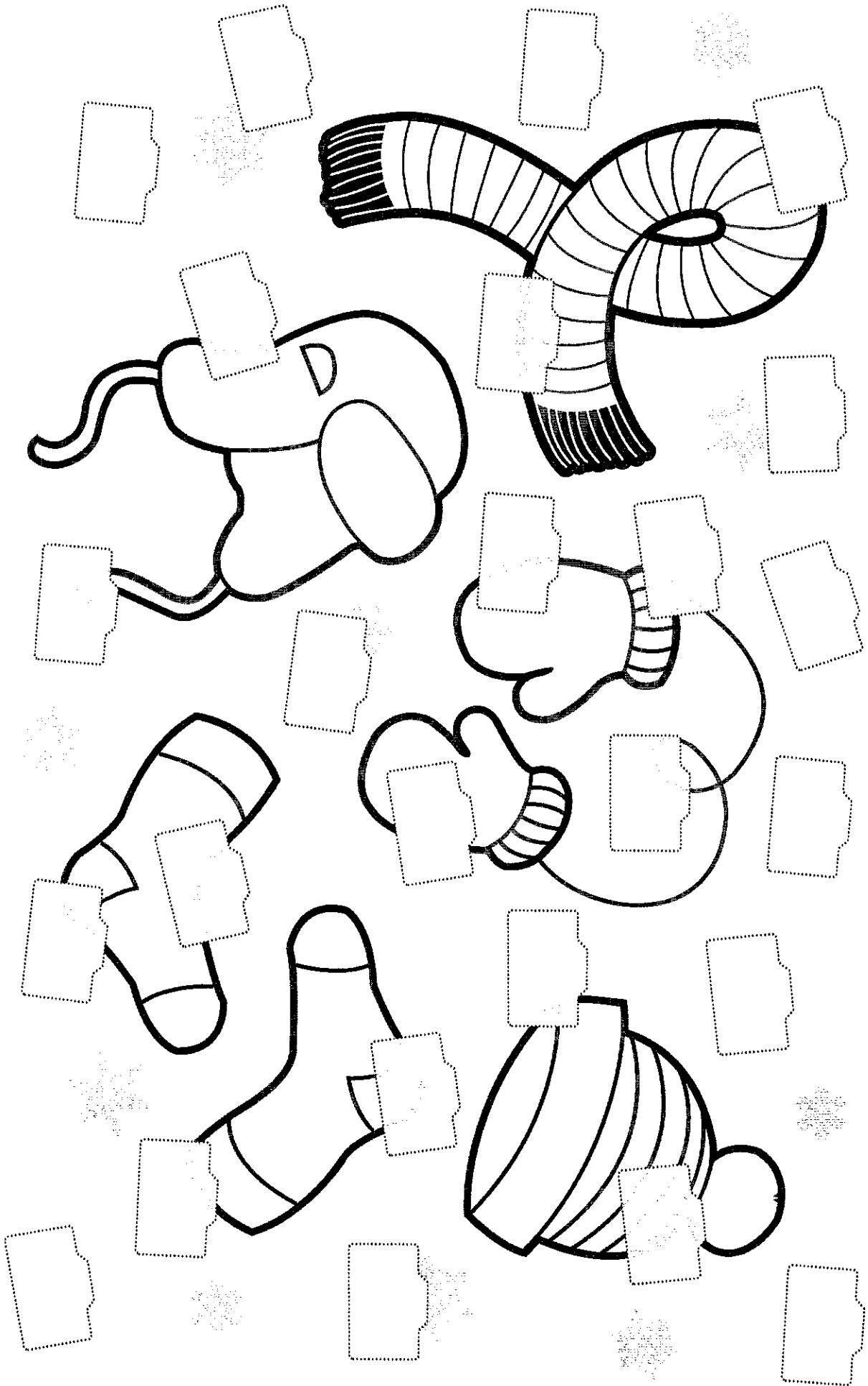


A chill is in the air and winter is here! Keep up on cozy fashions this winter or bundle up and go on a romp in the cold and the snow. For all your winter wear needs, from layering essentials to boots and outerwear, you can shop for it all with scrip!

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| adidas | L.L.Bean |
| Amazon.com | Lands' End |
| Athleta | Macy's |
| Banana Republic | Marshalls |
| Bass Pro Shops | MC Sports |
| Bloomingdale's | Nike |
| Bon-Ton | Old Navy |
| Brooks Brothers | OshKosh |
| Cabela's | REI |
| Carter's | Sports Authority |
| Children's Place | T.J. Maxx |
| Columbia | Target |
| Dick's Sporting Goods | Under Armour |
| Gander Mountain | Walmart |
| Gap | Zappos.com |
| J. Crew | |



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