

ST. PASCHAL BAYLON CATHOLIC SCHOOL



St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School MARCH/APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Morning Recess: 10:15 a.m.

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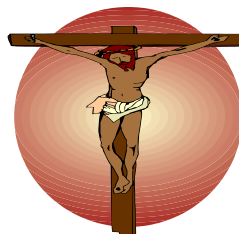
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



WELCOME TO THE EASTER SEASON Signs of New Life

Each day of April brings new signs of life on the earth. As the sunrays become stronger, leaves and buds start to grow on the bare branches of the trees. We may even find broken eggshells of newly hatched birds. Jesus rose from the tomb just as creatures of the earth are rising from the dead of winter. The signs of spring can help us look forward to Easter during these final days of Lent. Easter time is about new life. We celebrate new life with the symbols of eggs, rabbits, chicks, lambs, flowers, green grass, butterflies water and light. Easter is not just one day. It is a whole season, just as Lent is a whole season. In fact, Easter is even longer than Lent. Lent lasts 40 days, but Easter time is 50 days long. The Easter season will last until Pentecost, June 4th. On behalf of the entire staff at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School, we wish you and your families a joyous Easter season!

Sincerely,
St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School Staff

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Kindergarten registration began Wednesday January 18th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for those students born in 2013 has begun. Please register at www.soar.tcdsb.org. An evening registration was held on Tuesday January 24th, 2017 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School. The following documents are required for registration: Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate; Birth Certificate; Immunization Papers; Immigration Papers (if child not born in Canada); Proof of Residency; Two utilities bills; A lease or a letter from a notary public.

The TCDSB is offering a Student Online Registration Form. It will be available for JK/SK registration which began on January 18th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Student must reside in Canada). Parents will be able to complete an application for registration from the comfort of home, the office, a public library, or anywhere there is internet access! The online application offers access to translations in many different languages with built-in help functions and features. Parents are also able to schedule their appointment for registration with the elementary school online. Upon completion of the registration form, parents will be informed of the original documentation that will be required by the elementary school at the time of their registration appointment.

If you have children that are eligible for JK/SK beginning September 2017, we encourage you to visit the following site and complete the application for registration online: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>

If you are planning to remove your child from school for more than 15 school days, it is im-

CELEBRATION OF FAITH

VIRTUES OF THE MONTH

MARCH... FORGIVENESS

How timely that the virtue for this month is **FORGIVENESS**, not only because we are in the season of Lent, but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith and one that Jesus modeled for us in His life and death. We are reminded that **forgiveness** is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment, when we **forgive** another person, and it's a gift to our children when we teach and model it for them. St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School will be exploring the virtue of **forgiveness** by examining how Jesus is the perfect role model and comparing and witnessing His example in our daily relationships with others.



APRIL ... JUSTICE

April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of **JUSTICE**. At this time, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One, who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But **justice** is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to do **justice** comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do **justice**, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. As in this month's quote, "**Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.**" - **Amos 5:24**, at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School, we will be working towards **justice** in the following ways; what we say and how we act towards our peers, family and community.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

On Wednesday February 28, 2017 the St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School community celebrated a para-liturgy to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Thank you to Fr. Anthony and Fr. Mario for helping to make this a very special day.

STUDENTS PRAY THE ROSARY

The students of St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School are learning the importance of prayer and how to pray the Rosary. The many dedicated volunteers generously offer their time and talents to spread the love of Jesus and Mary to the students. The Rosary Apostolate volunteers visit the school once a month, on a Friday, to pray the Rosary with students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. The next visit for St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School is Tuesday, April 26, 2017.

LENTEN DRIVE "A MISSION OF HOPE FOR HAITI"

This year, in co-operation with the Missionaries of the Poor and TCDSB we are participating in a special Lenten Drive, "A Mission of Hope for Haiti". The Caribbean nation of Haiti has the lowest quality of life in the Americas. Over half of Haitians live in extreme poverty.

Their nation was devastated by a major earthquake in 2010 which they have never fully recovered from. Recently, the people in Haiti have suffered another tragic disaster due to Hurricane Matthew.

As part of our Lenten journey and our calling to live the Gospel values Jesus has taught us, we are asking each student to bring in at least one item from the list below. Our Lenten Drive will begin on March 3 and continue until April 7.

JK to Grade 3: School supplies: pencils, pens, notebooks, paper, school bags;

Grade 4 to Grade 8: Food Items: rice, dried beans, dried peas, dried lentils, canned tuna fish, canned salmon, sardines, canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruit, dried fruit (e.g. raisins, dates, prunes).

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40. Together as a community let's make a difference! We thank you in advance for your generosity.

SAFE SCHOOLS

ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY/ PREPARATION

The Education Act states that students must attend school regularly and punctually. Parents are to notify the school (416)393-5283 of a child's absence. You may call anytime and leave a message on the answering machine. Students who arrive late for school must check in at the main office to ensure safe arrival and to help keep accurate attendance profiles. Students are expected to arrive prior to the bell. All students are to arrive prepared to work and learn. Preparation includes the completion of daily assignments that are done to the best of the individual student's ability. Preparation also entails that the student devotes appropriate time to study in advance of test situations.

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VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Toronto Catholic District School Board policy states that all visitors to the school **MUST** report to the office. This is foremost to ensure the safety of all students. In an effort to promote the independence of the students and to ensure the integrity of programs by minimizing interruptions during class time, we request that students arrive prepared for the school day with all the items they require (e.g., homework, lunch, physical education clothing, musical instruments, etc.). If you would like to contact your child's teacher, you may do so through the school office. Please try to make after school arrangements before the school day begins.

TCDSB APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE

I hope everyone is having a wonderful 2016-2017 school year at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School. We enjoy all the benefits of an Appropriate Dress Code at our school. All of our students are proud to be affiliated with St. Paschal Baylon and wear their appropriate colours proudly every day. We would like to encourage everyone to continue to comply with our appropriate dress code expectations at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Elementary School. **The Appropriate Dress Code** - guideline to assist you when purchasing articles of clothing for your children: **TOPS** - White ; White Collared Polo/Golf Shirt; White Collared Dress Shirt/Blouses; Long or Short Sleeved; White Turtlenecks in winter; Navy Sweater, Vest or Pull-Over. **BOTTOMS** - Navy (Dark Blue): Navy Dress Pants or Cotton Pants; Navy Walking Short; Navy Skorts or Capri Pants for Girls; (No Jeans/Jeggings/Yoga Pants or Demin). Please remember that all tops and pants are to be plain with no visible logos, stripes, etc.. It is the parent's duty and responsibility to ensure that each child is suitably attired. The principal may exercise discretion to allow exceptions to the School Dress Code. Parents may be contacted and in some cases may be required to pick up their child if their manner of dress is not appropriate. Thank you for your support and consideration in this matter.

PARKING & TRAFFIC SAFETY

Parking and traffic safety has been a longstanding issue around St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School. Please familiarize yourself with all restricted areas. For the safety of all children, the fire hydrant located directly across the street from the school is never to be blocked. School buses must not be blocked from exiting or entering our bus loading zone on Crossen Ave. Parking on Crossen Avenue and St. Paschal Court is a serious safety hazard for our children. The school and Parking Enforcement Officers from TPS have been informed and will be monitoring the situation very closely. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Parking in our Bus Loading Zone and our handicapped spaces is not allowed at all, even if it is for a few minutes. Please note that fines for such offences are significant. We thank you for your continued patience and co-operation.

LUNCH POLICY

Children may remain at school for lunch if there is no one at home to care for them at that time, they live approximately 1.5 km from the school or they are bussed to school. **Students who stay for lunch are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless they are picked up and signed out by a parent/guardian.** Children who eat lunch at school must follow the lunchtime rules and the directions given by the lunchtime supervisors. Students who do not abide by the rules will lose their lunch privileges.

LUNCH DROP-OFF TABLE

If you are dropping off your child's lunch, please put it on the lunch table outside the main office. Clearly label your child's lunch. Please do not drop off lunches at the classroom door as it is disruptive to lessons and does present a safety concern.

LEAVING SCHOOL

Students are not permitted to leave the school for any reason unless they are signed out and accompanied by a parent/guardian. If you ask another adult to take your child out of the school, please send a note, or call our school secretaries to make them aware of the situation. Please do not call the school to request that your child be dismissed early. Children are not permitted to walk home on their own during school hours. These precautions are in place for your child's safety. Please note that students not adhering to this school rule may face an immediate school suspension. Rules are enforced for your child's safety and so your assistance in helping us make them understand why the rules should be followed would be greatly appreciated. If you require your child to leave school early, please write a note in your child's agenda.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY

The school does not take any responsibility for the loss or theft of personal items brought onto school premises by students. The school will, therefore, not reimburse or replace lost or stolen articles, under any circumstances. This will include all articles of clothing (label items with a marker); personal school supplies such as fancy or expensive pens, markers, binders and pencil cases, etc.; simple or electronic toys of any kind; calculators, laptops, iPod's, CD's, etc. Please note that collector cards of any kind, **cell phones and any other social media devices** are not permitted, unless under the direct permission and supervision of your child's teacher. These items will be immediately confiscated by staff and brought to the Principal's attention. We ask both parents and students for their full co-operation in this matter. (Please note that the Board's insurance policy does not cover property owned by staff or students).

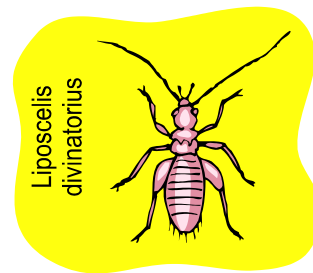


LOST AND FOUND/GENTLY USED DRESS CODE CLOTHING AND BOOKS

Now that winter is almost over, we have accumulated a great deal of winter clothing in our lost and found. Please have your child look in the lost and found to check for lost clothing. All clothes that are not claimed will be donated to Goodwill at the end of the school year. Please note, that we are continually requesting gently used **"Appropriate Dress" clothing** that we may share with students in school in need of appropriate dress clothing. Please send any gently used clothing to the office. As well, we are asking that if you have any **gently used books** that you would like to donate to St. Paschal Baylon to help support and build our classroom libraries, please notify your child's teacher and send them to school with your child. As always, thank you for your generous support in helping to make St. Paschal Baylon a wonderful place for learning.

PEDICULOSIS

Pediculosis can affect anyone, but most often, it affects younger school-age children. Head lice are parasites. They are considered by health officials to be a nuisance when they are difficult to eliminate. They are not a health hazard and are not connected in any way with long hair, dirt, neglect, or not being clean. Head lice can spread from head to head when children have close physical contact (e.g. school, camp, day-care, etc.). They can be spread by sharing hats, brushes, combs, bedding, etc. Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. Cooperation and prompt action on the part of parents, school staff, and the public health department will help to reduce the inconvenience to children. We encourage parents to look at their children's hair on a regular basis. When checking for nits (eggs), the hair should be dry. A convenient time for a visual check may be just before washing your child's hair. If you find any head lice or nits (eggs), obtain and use a medicated head lice shampoo or medicated cream rinse from your pharmacist, and contact the school to inform us that your child has been treated. The school needs to be informed so that school officials can arrange to check the heads of others in the class who have had close contact with the student. Finding and treating head lice early will stop your child from getting a severe case and stop the spread of head lice to other children. Further information and reference about head lice can be obtained from the school or local office of the Toronto Public Health Unit www.toronto.ca/health.



CURRICULUM

ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

A discerning believer formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living. **An effective communicator** who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values. **A reflective, creative and holistic thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good. **A self-directed, responsible, life-long learner** who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential. **A collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR W5H

W5H is a general knowledge competition among area schools. The junior team consisted of dedicated students who gave up many of their lunch hours to practise. All participants showed great knowledge, skill and good sportsmanship. Congratulations to all team members! On February 12, 2017 our Junior students participated in the Divisional W5H tournament. It was great to witness such enthusiasm. Thank you to Mrs. Reyes-Tam and Mrs. Grant for preparing our students for the competition. The W5H team members were: Brayden Levillard; Min-Kie Hwang; Vince Tamayo; Gavin Giron; Gealyn Crisostomo and Zander Fernandez.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS' AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAMS

Our Boy's and Girl's Intermediate Basketball teams participated in the North Regional Basketball Tournament on Monday February 13, 2017 (Boys) and Wednesday February 15, 2017 (Girls) respectively. Both teams played very well, demonstrating great skill and good sportsmanship. A big congratulations goes to the team for representing St. Paschal Baylon so well. Thank you to our coaches Mr. Grella, Mr. Wong and Mrs. Zullo.

The members of the boy's team were: Jim Karl D.; Wuffrey P.; Matthew C.; Dean T.; Francis B.; Ralph C.; Nikko L.; Rommie C.; Reimar M.; Rhen H.; Bryan L.; Frenz A.; Jan M.; Jaxson M.; Sergey A.; Owen C.; Bryan P.

The members of the girls team were: Francheska L.; Joanne Q.; Joan V.; Julianne S.; Aldea M.; Alyza C.; Nicole C.; Lisa F.; Mary P.; Bianca C.; Jessa Marae G.; Abigail D.; Jasmin N.; Alanna J.; Janya A.; Heart J.

BOYS AND GIRLS JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Our Boy's and Girl's Junior Volleyball teams participated in the North Regional Basketball Tournament on Monday January 30, 2017 (Boys) and Tuesday January 31, 2017 (Girls). Good Luck! Thank you to our coaches Mr. Wong; Mrs. Severino and Mrs Zullo.

The members of the boy's team were: The members of the boy's team were: Brayden L; Raven M; Myron S Alex R; Terrell W; Paul C; Michael R; Kenneth; John Carl.

The members of the girl's team were: Julianne N; Nicole G; Rochelle G; Nicole M; Veronica J; Michelle B Cyrille R; Francez S; Abigail B; Mary Claire C; Jorrance N; Cristina E; Avigail M.

JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER

Our Boy's and Girl's Junior Indoor soccer teams have been diligently practicing and preparing for the North Regional I Tournament on Monday April 10th, 2017 (Boys) and Tuesday April 11th, 2017 (Girls). Good Luck! Thank you to our coaches Mr. Genova and Mr. Grella.

MANSFIELD OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP

As part of an overnight extra-curricular program, the Grade 8's will be going to Mansfield Outdoor Education Centre on Monday April 10, 2017 and returning Wednesday April 13, 2017. In alignment with the curriculum the students will be studying eco-systems, and enjoying many outdoor activities. Mansfield Outdoor Education Centre is located in Alliston along Airport Road. The students will be actively engaged in activities geared towards conservation and appreciating the natural environment. It is also an opportunity for the students to experience life away from home in a supervised and safe environment. Accommodations and food will be provided for the students at Mansfield's various facilities.

SWIM TO SURVIVE

The Toronto Catholic District School Board and the City of Toronto have partnered in an initiative to provide a 3 - session "Swim to Survive" program for grade 4 students. This program will help students gain basic knowledge and skills to survive in water. The students from St. Paschal Baylon in Grades 4 participated in this program at our local Community Centre. The students in Mrs. Balsamo's; Mrs. Ricci's and Mrs. Severino's classes participated in this excellent program.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETINGS

Our Catholic School Advisory Council is an integral part of our school community. All parents and staff are most welcome to attend any or all of the meetings. The next CSAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm** in the school Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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THANK YOU TO CSAC AND OUR PARENT COMMUNITY

The staff and students of St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation to all the parents who have volunteered throughout this school year on all our school initiatives and events. It is through the support of individuals like you that we are able to continue to strengthen our initiatives and to develop new and innovative fundraisers to serve and benefit our children and school. Volunteers with your passion and dedication are so hard to come by. The fact that each and every one of you give so selflessly of your time speaks volumes. We know how busy we all are and for you to take this time really speaks to your character and dedication as parents. Thank you for helping to make St. Paschal Baylon a wonderful place for learning.

POPCORN FUNDRAISER

Dear St. Paschal Baylon Families, We will be participating in a fundraising campaign offering from *From Farm to Table Popcorn*. Each student is requested to sell a minimum of one **Variety Pack** OR one **Single Flavour Pack**. A Variety Pack contains 20 snack sized bags in four delicious flavours – *Light Butter & Salt, Bold White Cheddar, Dill Pickle and Sweet & Salty Kettle Corn*. A Single Flavour Pack contains 10 snack sized bags with any one of the four flavours listed above. **Each snack size bag sells for \$2.** Supporters have the option to purchase the 10 pack bags for \$20 or a Variety Pack of 20 bags for \$40.

From Farm to Table popcorn is grown and produced right here in Ontario. It is grown without the use of pesticides or GMOs and is nut-free, peanut-free and gluten-free.

There is no reason for students to approach strangers or go door to door. Sales are encouraged from relatives, close friends, colleagues at work, neighbours, sports teams, or consider purchasing a popcorn pack for your own healthy school or home snacks!

All funds raised by Parent Council through this fundraiser go directly toward benefitting our kids at school by purchasing new library books, play and sport equipment, school team jerseys and organizing special events like the Halloween Dance, Carnival, Advent Family Celebration, the Anti-Bully Magic Show and Scientist-in-School sessions. Funds raised also go toward First Communion & Confirmation class parties, Kindergarten and Grade 8 graduation parties and subsidizing the Grade 8 graduation dance.

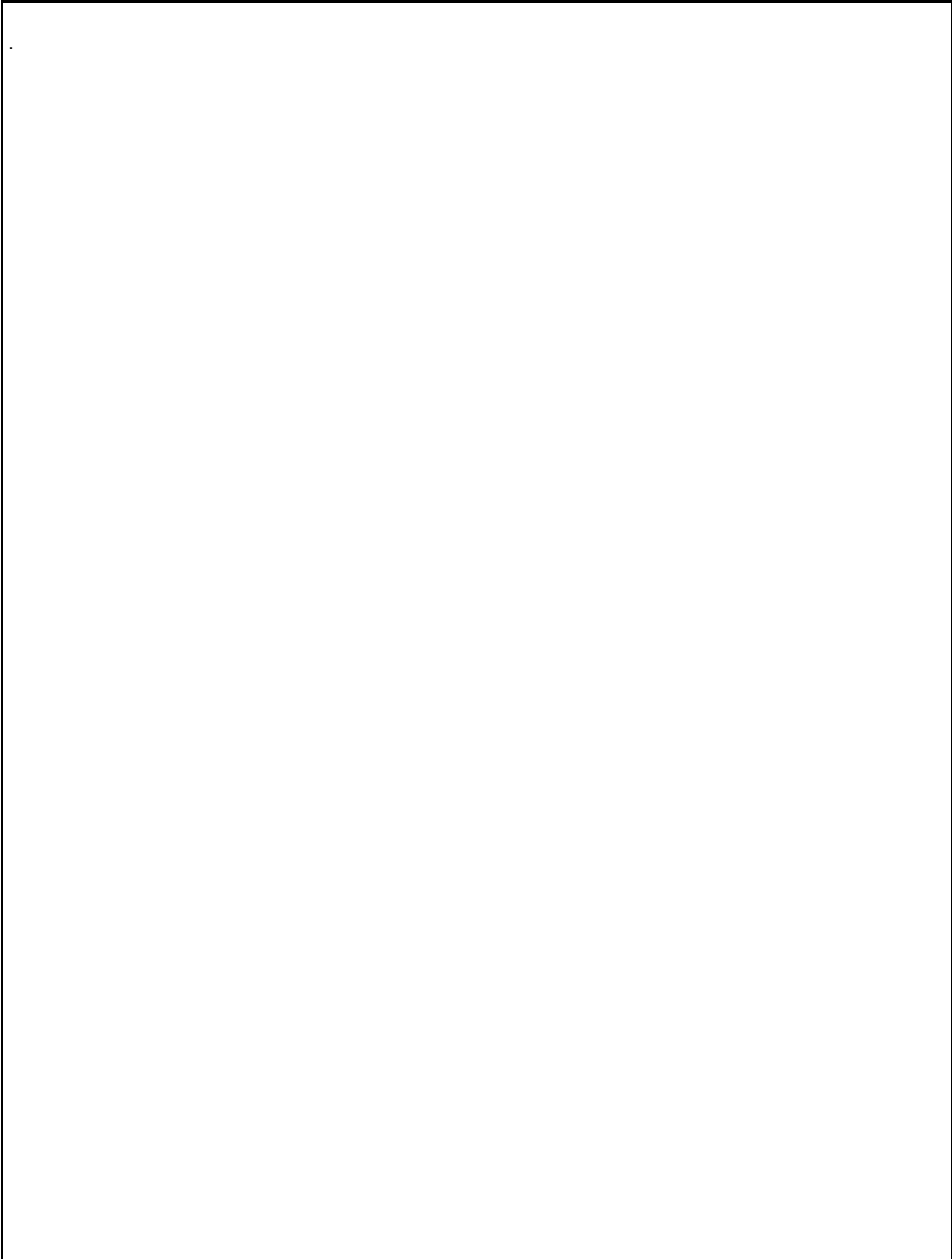
There are some fantastic prizes to be won for **top-selling winners** as listed below. There will also be a prize for the **top-winning class** as well as *every student* that purchases one Variety or Single Pack of popcorn automatically gets entered in a draw to win an awesome **surprise prize!**

Winners	Prizes
Grand Prize Winner (JK & SK)	\$100 Toys R Us Gift Card
Grand Prize Winner (Grades 1 – 4)	\$100 Toys R Us Gift Card
Grand Prize Winner (Grades 5-8)	\$100 Best Buy Gift Card
Class Prize Winner	Dress Down Day, Ice-Cream Party & Free McDonalds Fries coupons
Participant Draw	Surprise Prize!

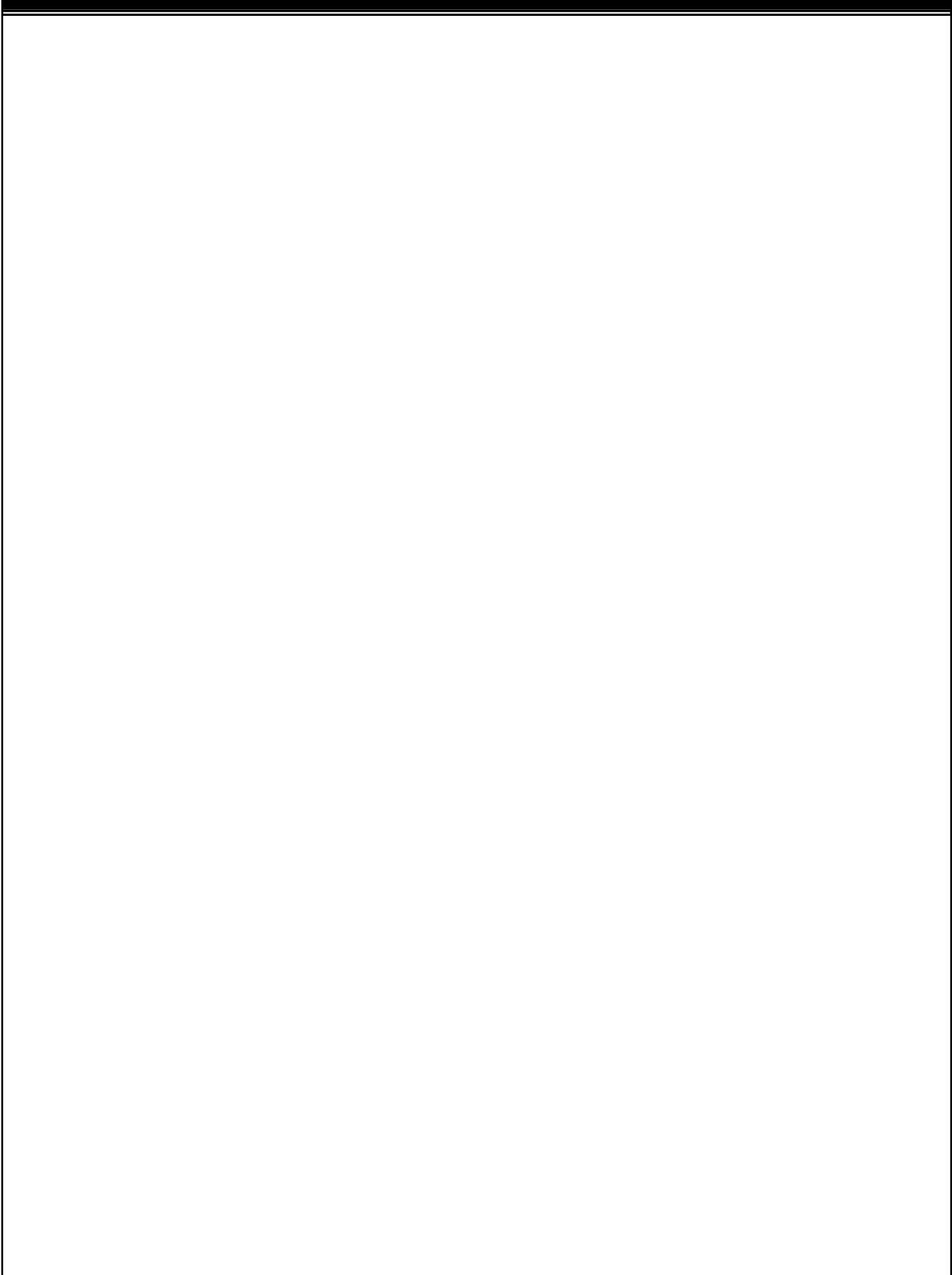
Please return orders with CASH payment (no coins please) on or before MARCH 30th, 2017. There will be another opportunity to place re-orders if needed at a later date. Orders will be distributed the week of April 3rd. There will be an opportunity for parents of JK & SK kids and students with large orders to pick up orders from school after school hours if needed. The pickup date and time will be confirmed once orders are received. Please indicate this in your order form if it is your preference to pick up your orders from school.

Thank You for your support! Please email cspc.stpaschalbaylon@tcdsb.org if you have any questions. Also follow us on Twitter [@StPaschalSchool](https://twitter.com/StPaschalSchool) for fundraiser updates.

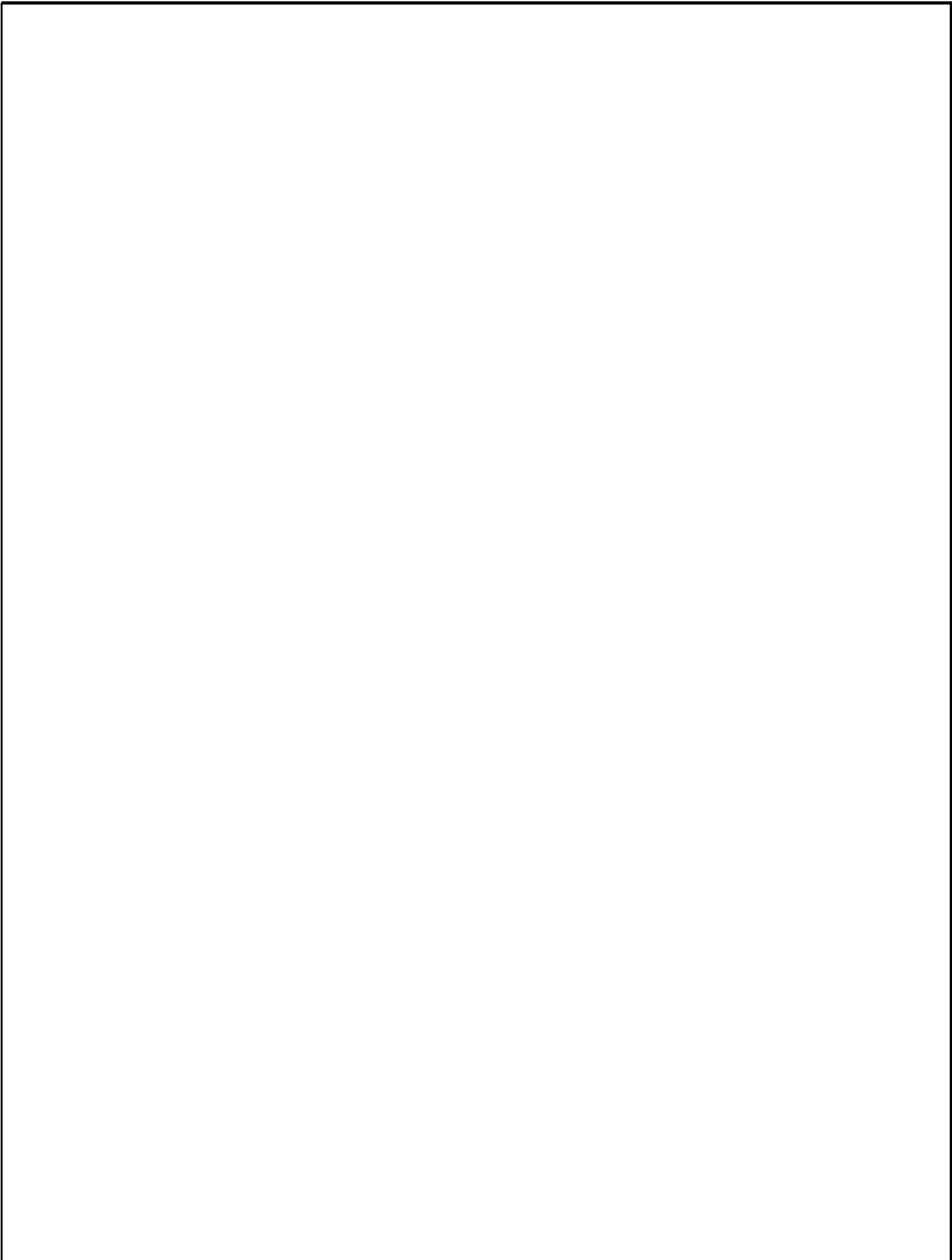
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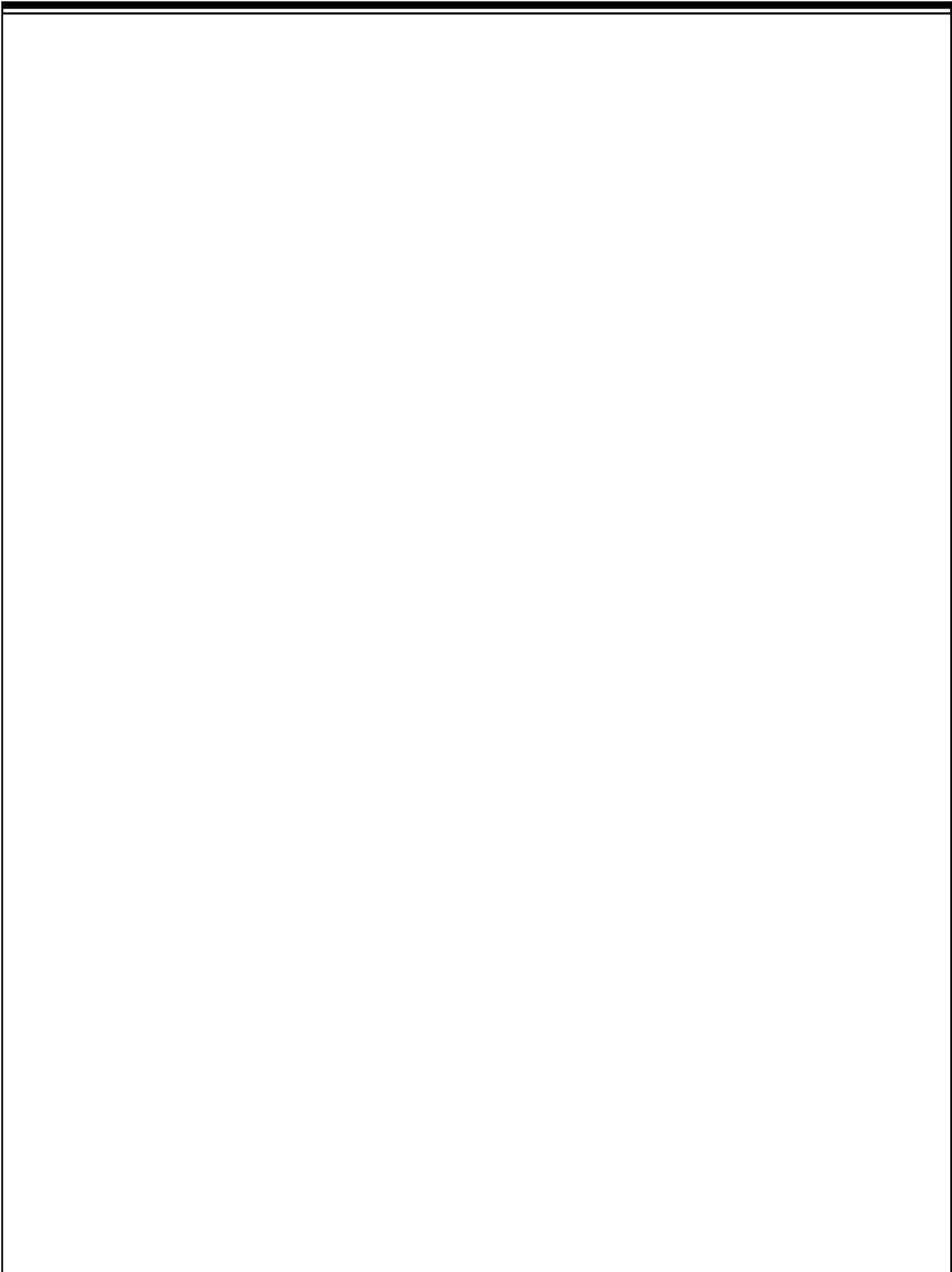
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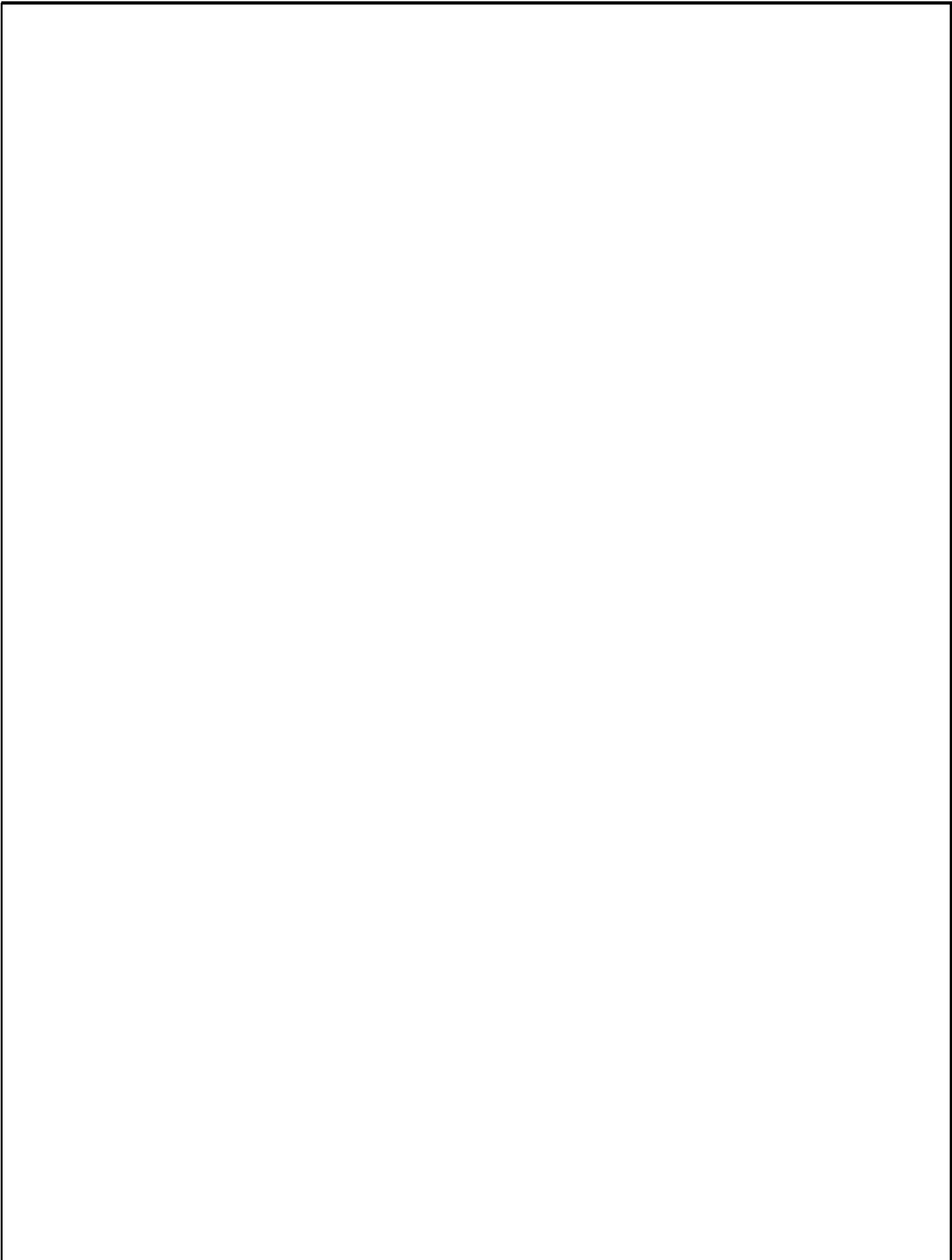
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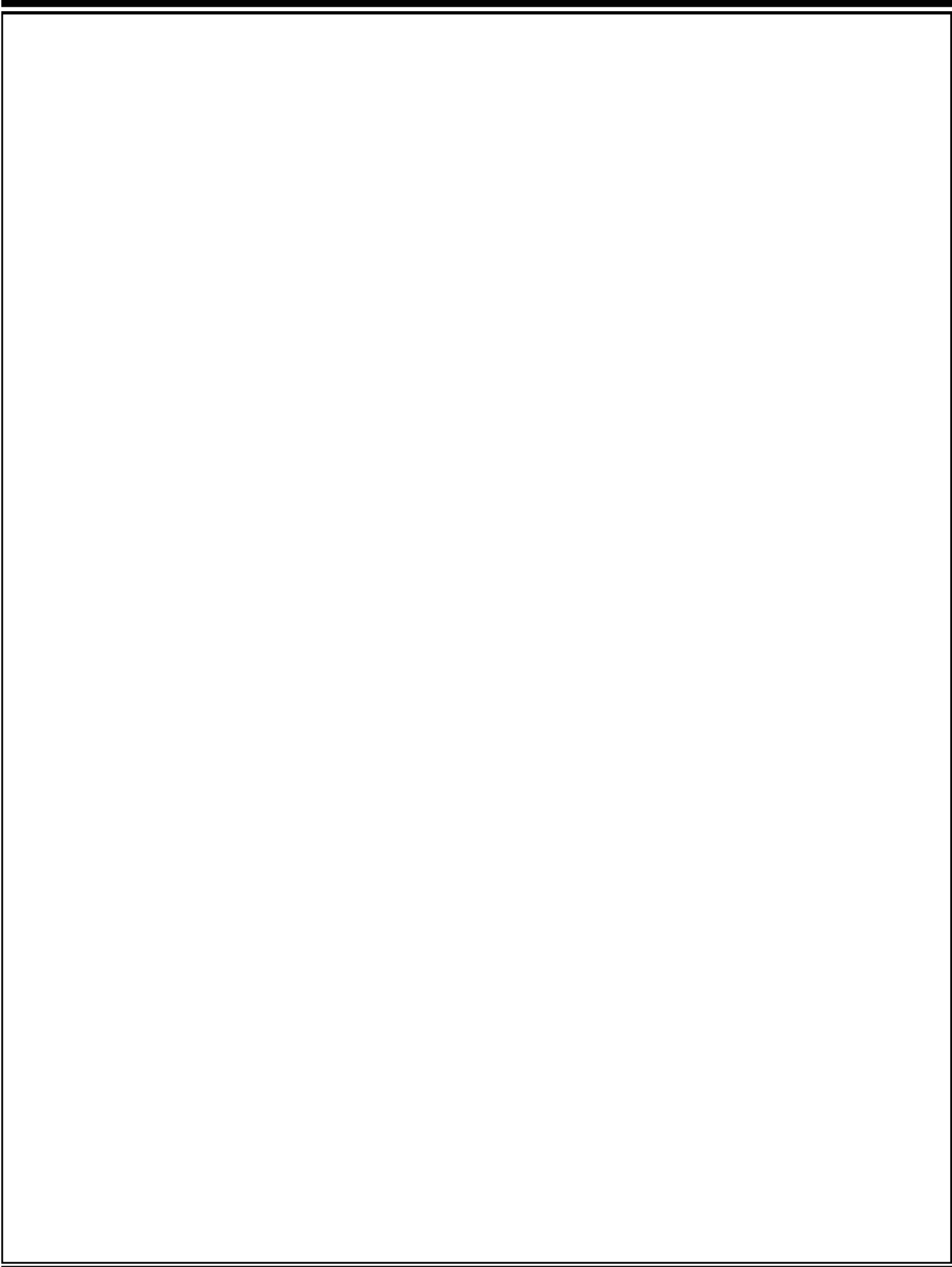
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