

2025

CHAIRPERSON BOOKLET



**SCHOOL CHILDREN'S FLOWER
& VEGETABLE ASSOCIATION**

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History of the SCFVA, School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association

In the early 1920's, Park Superintendent, Adolf Jaenicke began organizing a program with the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce that would provide potted plants to school children. According to minutes from October 5, 1923, Board of Park Commissioners instructed Mr. Jaenicke that "plants be propagated in our greenhouse and later be distributed among school children throughout the city." The program officially began in 1926, and later, the first distribution took place in 1927 when a plant display by participating students was held at the courthouse. In 1928, flower seeds became available for purchase, and later in 1929, vegetable seeds were included as well. Mrs. John Memmewisch served as the first president of what eventually came to be known as the SCFVA, School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association. Under her leadership, the constitution was written to include all children in public and parochial schools.

Locations for an annual display changed over time as the number of plant entries grew. Following the first display, the location was moved to Central High School until 1954. It then moved to the Memorial Coliseum when challenges arose with each school wanting its own exhibit. In 1958, the association was disbanded with the "sincere hope that a new organization might be formed that would sponsor the continuation of the program." A re-organized SCFVA was formed after the Park Board maintained the program through 1961 when a new constitution was adopted, elections were held, and a new era of the plant show had begun! First made possible via volunteer efforts, plants and seeds were distributed to elementary school children in the spring. Come fall, each school held its own local plant show when all blue-ribbon winners became eligible to participate in a City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show. This annual recognition show has been held at Franke Park, Blackhawk Middle School, and at the McMillen Community Center as its most recent location.

The program purpose as stated in the by-laws is to "further education in the Nature Study Theory by growing plants and molding characteristics of worth in making citizens of the future." Current-day, it is managed by the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department. More than 19,000 potted plants are grown and distributed each spring. An abundance of seeds is also distributed and sown by participating children. On average, there are more than 60 schools, including homeschool groups, who participate in the SCFVA program. Together, let us continue to enhance an interest in nature that is inherent in children!

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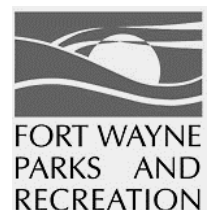
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SCFVA SCHOOL SHOW: School Chairperson's Checklist

Before School Begins

- ☐ Double-check your school show date with the principal &/or PTA president. Contact Botanical Conservatory staff with questions.
- ☐ Put a notice about the school plant show in registration packets, etc. for students Grades 1-5.
- ☐

A Week Before the School Show

- ☐ Establish the location & table setup for displaying entries.
- ☐ As necessary, confirm show date, time & location with judges.
- ☐ Count ribbons to make sure there are enough; refer to prior Statistics Forms (pages 13-14).
- ☐ Announce the show & send home info/entry stubs (pages 9-11).
- ☐ Promote the show via posters, etc.
- ☐ Schedule helpers for the morning of the show. You may even allow students to bring entries after school the day before.
- ☐ Consider what might make the show even more fun! Create extra categories for the "goofiest" vegetable" or "smallest" plant, which could receive Green Thumb ribbons & special prizes. Get other students & teachers involved even if they did not grow anything or

their plant died; they could enter the existing "My Favorite Plant" category.

- ☐ Recall that each school receives a "Principal Plant" for them to participate as well.
- ☐

Day Before the Show

- ☐ Have copies of the information page & entry stubs available in the school office (pages 9-11)
- ☐ Prepare ½ cut copies of "Helpful Hints from the Judges" (page 15) for ribbons awarded 2nd, 3rd, 4th.
- ☐ Gather supplies such as extra copies, a stapler & tape for securing entry stubs; scissors for trimming; fabric tape measure for size categories. A watering may also be useful.
- ☐ In case a student needs help displaying their entry, have misc. containers like paper plates, cups, or cans available.
- ☐

Day of the Show

- ☐ As needed, offer copies of the entry stubs. Stay alert to all entries coming in, as it is the responsibility of the chairperson

& helpers to make sure all entries are correct. If a student has incorrectly entered a category, advise on entering correctly.

- ☐ Before judges arrive, be sure that each entry (refer to page 9) is properly tagged with an entry stub & the student's name is concealed.
- ☐ Recall that while students may enter more than 1 category, only 1 entry is permitted per category.
- ☐ Recall that only students Grades 1-5 are eligible to be judged & are qualified to take 1st place entries to the City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show.
- ☐ Be sure all Blue-Ribbon winners receive a copy of the Winner's Congratulations/Invite (page 12).
- ☐ Track entries/ribbons on the Statistics Form (pages 13-14).
- ☐ Congratulate the students/staff as well as yourself & your helpers! *Way to grow* on contributing to a valuable program that brings us together in the common goal of growing something special!
- ☐

NOTE: Please do not hover around entries or comment on entries when the judges are present.

Important Dates 2025

Thursday, January 16: 1st School Chairperson's Meeting

Pick 1 of 2 meetings at the Botanical Conservatory to ask questions & receive an updated booklet. Before or soon after, distribute student order form (page 5) to Grades K-4.

Monday, February 3: Order Deadline

Submit order for total # of plants, ribbons, pencils, seeds & t-shirts (page 6) to Conservatory Staff. Send ONE check to address at bottom of page; keep a copy for your records. Be sure to include your requested show date, as it is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Note that School Shows must be completed prior to the City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show.

Tuesday, April 1: Ordered Items Ready

Ordered items available for pickup during OPEN PUBLIC HOURS at the Botanical Conservatory; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10 am-5 pm; Thursday 10 am-8 pm; Sunday 12-4 pm. Orders will be held only until April 27 once plants have been distributed.

April 21-25: Plant Distribution to Schools

Plants distributed on designated dates (page 16). Provide students ¼ sheet (pages 7-8) along with ordered items.

Thursday, August 7: 2nd School Chairperson's Meeting

Pick 1 of 2 meetings at the Botanical Conservatory to see examples of the plants & learn more about judging criteria. Also ask questions & discuss how to make it more fun.

Late August/Early September: School Plant Shows

Remind students of your school's upcoming show! Send home pages 9-10 with Grades 1-5. Copy page 11 to have entry stubs available the day of & page 9 for reference.

Friday, September 12 & Saturday, September 13

City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show Registration at the McMillen Community Center. Volunteers needed to help with entries. Refer to page 12 for more information.

Saturday, September 13: Day of the Blue-Ribbon Show

Judging goes from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Volunteers needed to help the judges. Show opens to the public at 2:30 p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

Thursday, January 15, 2026: 1st Chairperson's Meeting

Meet back at the Botanical Conservatory to get reacquainted & receive the most up-to-date information/handbook.



It's Time to Think Ahead & Order Seeds!

Dear Students & Guardians,

Now is the time to order seeds for the coming spring. Below is a list of seed packets available from the SCFVA, School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association. A description of each variety is also included. When choosing seeds, think of what you would like to grow & return with early next year to your school's plant show. Your family & friends are also welcome to order. Seeds will be distributed by the end of April. Thank you!

Please return this order form with payment to your teacher by: _____.

SEED PACKETS		QTY
VEGETABLES	Beet - Detroit Dark Red <i>medium size; rounded & deep red</i>	Beet
	Carrot - Nantes <i>up to 8" long & 1.5" wide with orange-red color</i>	Carrot
	Corn - Ornamental <i>up to 10" ears with mixed kernels of yellow, red, white, blue & purple</i>	Corn
	Gourd - Small Ornamental Mix <i>assorted size, colors & shapes</i>	Gourd
	Pumpkin - Jack-O'-Lantern <i>medium-sized; up to 10 pounds; bright orange with round to oval shape</i>	Pumpkin
	Sunflower - Giant Greystripe <i>can get a flower up to 12" on a 10' plant; seeds are edible when roasted</i>	Sunflower, Giant
HERBS	Basil - Sweet <i>aromatic herb with edible, green leaves; grow in the ground or a container</i>	Basil
	Parsley - Curly <i>decorative herb with edible green leaves; grow in the ground or a container</i>	Parsley
FLOWERS	Cleome - Queen Mix <i>airy blooms in pink, purple, or white with spidery seed pods on 3-4' plants</i>	Cleome
	Marigold - Crackerjack <i>large double blooms of yellow, gold & orange on 3.5' plants</i>	Marigold
	Sunflower - Teddy Bear <i>double, golden blooms on 1.5' plants; can be grown in the ground or container</i>	Sunflower, Teddy Bear
	Zinnia - Dahlia-flowered <i>abundant blooms up to 5" in assorted rainbow colors on bushy 2.5' plants</i>	Zinnia
Total # Seed Packets _____ x \$0.95 = \$ _____		

YOUTH T-SHIRTS				\$9.95each
Color	YS Size 6	YM 10-12	YL 14-16	
Lt. Blue				
Lime Green				
Orange				
Bright Pink				
Salmon				
White*				
# Youth T-Shirts _____ x \$9.95 = \$ _____				
ADULT T-SHIRTS				\$12.95each
Color	S	M	L	XL
Lt. Blue				
Lime Green				
Orange				
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# Adult T-Shirts _____ x \$12.95 = \$ _____				
*Color your own SCFVA design! White shirts come with a box of 7 heat-activated fabric dye crayons.				

REPEAT TOTALS	
Seed Packets	\$
Youth T-Shirts	\$
Adult T-Shirts	\$
GRAND TOTAL	\$

Student's Name: _____

Teacher, Grade & Room #: _____

Guardian Signature: _____

Guardian Phone: _____

Email: _____

QUESTIONS? Contact your School Chairperson:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

2025 Order Form for Plants, Ribbons, Pencils, Seeds & T-Shirts

Due Monday, February 3 with pickup April 1-27

School: _____ Address: _____ Zip: _____

Chairperson's Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Requested School Show Date*: _____ Judging Time: _____

* Shows are scheduled in blocks of time, as there are limited judges for each block. Requested show dates are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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PENCILS				\$0.25each
Multicolored with SCFVA logo as giveaways for plant show.				
Total # Pencils _____ x \$0.25 = \$ _____				

RIBBONS	\$0.25each	QTY
Blue (1st) <i>Maximum # blue ribbons possible is 57, though, rarely that many are awarded.</i>		
Red (2nd) <i>Usually 3x red ribbons are awarded than blue; reference Statistics Form.</i>		
Yellow (3rd)		
Orange (4th)		
Green Thumb		
Total # Ribbons _____		x \$0.25 = \$ _____

NO-COST ITEMS	QTY
Potted Plants <i>Grades K – 4</i>	
River Birch Tree Seedlings <i>For 3rd grade students in addition to plants</i>	

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Pencils	\$
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Check or Money Order Payable to: Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory
 Botanical Conservatory
 ATTN: SCFVA
 1100 South Calhoun Street
 Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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Hey kids, it is time to bring your SCFVA potted plants, flowers, vegetables & herbs back to school!

Your SCHOOL PLANT SHOW will be held on: _____
date

Deliver your entry/entries to: _____ By: _____
location at school time

Questions? Contact: _____

Listed are all possible categories & display options for students, Grades 1-5. Two entry stubs are included below; please cut out & copy as many as you need. Only one entry is permitted per category. When delivering to school, be sure to fold the bottom of each entry stub where your name is written. Refer to the back page for more important information!

SEED CATEGORIES

VEGETABLES

Beet for appearance	1 per display
Beets for appearance	3 per display
Beet for size	1 per display
Carrot for appearance	1 per display
Carrots for appearance	3 per display
Carrot, longest	1 per display
Corn for appearance	1 per display
Corn for appearance	3 per display
Corn, longest	1 per display
Gourd, single	1 per display
Gourds, 3 alike	3 per display
Gourds, 3 different	3 per display
Pumpkin, appearance	1 per display
Pumpkin, size	1 per display
G.Sunflower, appearance of the seeds	1 per display
G.Sunflower, for size of the seed head	1 per display
Mixed Collection of Vegetables	5 or more from AT LEAST 2 categories

CUT FLOWERS

Cleome, single	1 per display
Cleome, any 3	3 per display
Marigold, single	1 per display
Marigold, any 3	3 per display
Teddy Bear Sunflower	1 cut stem with one or multiple blooms
G.Sunflower, cut flower	1 cut stem in water
Zinnia, single	1 cut stem in water
Zinnia, 3 alike	3 per display
Zinnia, 3 different	3 per display
Mixed Bouquet of Flowers	5 or more from AT LEAST 2 categories

HERBS

Basil	1 cut stem in water
Basil	1 potted container
Parsley	1 cut stem in water
Parsley	1 potted container

POTTED PLANT CATEGORIES

1st Year Potted Plants (sent home April 2025)

Umbrella Plant, Asparagus Fern, Strawberry Begonia, Spider Plant, Iresine 'Brilliantissima', Begonia 'Senator Pink', Coleus 'Super Rainbow Multicolor', Geranium 'Pinto Orange'

2nd Year Potted Plants (sent home April 2024)

Umbrella Plant, Asparagus Fern, Iresine 'Brilliantissima', Strawberry Begonia, Spider Plant, Begonia 'Super Olympia Bicolor', Coleus 'Super Rainbow Color Pride', Geranium 'Maverick Rose'

3rd Year Potted Plants (sent home April 2023)

Umbrella Plant, Asparagus Fern, Jacobinia, Strawberry Begonia, Spider Plant, Begonia 'Party Red', Coleus 'Super Rainbow Festive Dance', Geranium 'Bullseye Red'

4th + Year Plants – Any SCFVA Plants sent home prior to 2023. A plant is never too old to enter!

My Favorite Plant – Any plant grown by the student throughout the summer.

Potted Plant _____	
Variety _____	
Year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 TH +
Cut Flower _____	
Variety _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Alike (Zinnia only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Any 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Different (Zinnia only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Bouquet	
Vegetable _____	
Variety _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Size	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Appearance
<input type="checkbox"/> Group of 3 Same	<input type="checkbox"/> Group of 3 Different
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Collection	
Herb _____	
Variety _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single cut stem	<input type="checkbox"/> Container
My Favorite Plant _____	
-----FOLD HERE-----	

Child's Name	
Teacher	Grade & Room #

Potted Plant _____	
Variety _____	
Year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 TH +
Cut Flower _____	
Variety _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Alike (Zinnia only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Any 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Different (Zinnia only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Bouquet	
Vegetable _____	
Variety _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Size	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Appearance
<input type="checkbox"/> Group of 3 Same	<input type="checkbox"/> Group of 3 Different
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Collection	
Herb _____	
Variety _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single cut stem	<input type="checkbox"/> Container
My Favorite Plant _____	
-----FOLD HERE-----	

Child's Name	
Teacher	Grade & Room #

HOW EACH ENTRY IS JUDGED

Vegetables

- Should be clean & free of blemishes
- Tops of carrots & beets should be cut back to 1 inch
- Corn husks on ornamental corn should be pulled back & tied
- Giant sunflower seeds are judged in the vegetable category for maturity, symmetry & pattern; any yellow florets in the center of the flower head should be removed for seeds to be judged
- Entries for size are judged on size only
- When entering "3 Alike," the vegetables should be similar in size & color

Cut Flowers

- Judged for freshness, richness of color, symmetry & health of foliage/petals
- Should be free of blemishes
- When entering "3 Alike," the flowers should be similar in size & color

Cut & Potted Herbs

- Judged for well-developed & abundant foliage as well as freshness & color
- Should be free of blemishes
- Should be properly groomed with discolored, dead, or damaged flowers & leaves removed

Potted Plants

- Should be properly groomed with discolored, dead, or damaged flowers & leaves removed
- Blooming Plants: Jacobinia, Begonia & Geraniums are judged first for health of the plant & overall growth; they are judged second for their flowers
- Foliage Plants: Asparagus Fern, Spider Plant, Umbrella Plant, Strawberry Begonia & Coleus are judged for well-developed & abundant foliage
- Coleus flowers as well as the "babies" of Strawberry Begonia & Spider Plants may remain as indicators of a healthy plant

HOW RIBBONS ARE AWARDED

- A 1st Place Blue Ribbon is awarded in every category for which there is an entry. Only one 1st Place Blue Ribbon is awarded in each category. Multiple 2nd Place Red Ribbons, 3rd Place Yellow Ribbons, and 4th Place Orange Ribbons may be awarded. All student entries receive a ribbon.
- Individual plant tags that came with your plant are not necessary to participate in the show, as a missing tag does not disqualify the plant from receiving a ribbon. However, students are encouraged to include the original tag to be sure their plant is placed in the correct category by distribution year. Know too that plant tags may be used for judging if there are two completely equal plants in competition for the 1st Place Blue Ribbon.
- Only an entry is judged and awarded per its category; not by the plant container or included décor.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How many categories am I able to enter?

You may enter as many categories as you like, however, only one entry per category (does not apply to potted 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th). You may also enter any or all seed categories depending on what you grew.

2. What if my plant died or did not do so well?

Even if you did not get the results you wished for, enter your plant anyway! Another option is to enter the "My Favorite Plant" category; this would be an alternative, different plant you have grown that is not listed as an individual category.

3. May I enter a plant that I received in another year when attending a different Fort Wayne School?

Yes, you are welcome to enter your plant(s) at the school you are attending now; even 4 + years!

Potted Plant _____

Variety

Year: ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4TH +

Cut Flower _____

Variety

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☐ Any 3 ☐ 3 Different (Zinnia only)
☐ Mixed Bouquet

Vegetable _____

Variety

☐ Single Size ☐ Single Appearance
☐ Group of 3 Same ☐ Group of 3 Different
☐ Mixed Collection

Herb _____

Variety

☐ Single cut stem ☐ Container

My Favorite Plant _____
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Child's Name

Teacher _____ Grade & Room # _____

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You are a SCFVA, School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association Blue-Ribbon Winner, 2025!

Congratulations _____
student's name

Your entry, _____ received a
plant category

1st Place Blue Ribbon at the _____ Plant Show!
name of school

This means you are invited to bring your winning entry/entries to the

City-Wide Blue-Ribbon Show

on Saturday, September 13, 2025

at the McMillen Community Center

3901 Abbott Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46806

BE SURE TO BRING & KEEP THIS FORM WITH YOU

Registration & Plant Drop-off Before the Show Begins

- Friday, September 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- *OR* Saturday, September 13 from 8:30-11:00 a.m.

NOTE: It is OK to enter a different/fresh cut flower or vegetable as long as it is entered in the same category that won in your school show. Potted plants must be the same plant that won at your school show. SCFVA Youth & Adult T-Shirts will be available for purchase during registration.

Schedule for Day-of Show on Saturday, September 13

12:30-2:00 p.m. Judging of entries
2:30 p.m. Open to the public
Please DO NOT pull your entries yet
2:45-3:00 p.m. Merit Awards presented
& Door Prizes announced
4:00 p.m. End, all entries collected by

NOTE: At registration, each student is automatically entered to win a door prize per entry; must be present to win from 2:45-3:00 p.m. Entries not picked up by 4:00 p.m. will not be held.

Questions about the Annual Blue-Ribbon Show? Contact Supervisor of Public Programming, Amanda Amstutz at Amanda.Amstutz@cityoffortwayne.org



2025 School Plant Show Statistics

This form is for your school's annual records, which helps to plan out the following year. This is true especially when it comes to ordering ribbons! You will thank yourself next year, plus your efforts of organization are much appreciated by future chairpersons.

Category	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Green Thumb	Blue Ribbon Winner/Grade/Teacher
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Vegetables, Flowers & Herbs Grown from Seed						
Beet 1 – Appearance						
Beet 3 – Alike						
Beet – Size						
Carrot 1 – Appearance						
Carrots 3 – Alike						
Carrot – Size						
Corn – Appearance						
Corn – 3 Alike						
Corn – Size						
Gourd 1 – Appearance						
Gourd 3 – Alike						
Gourd 3 – Different						
Pumpkin – Appearance						
Pumpkin – Size						
Sunflower – Appearance						
Sunflower – Size						
Mixed Collection Vegetable						
Cleome 1 – Single						
Cleome 3 – Alike						
Marigold 1 – Single						
Marigold 3 – Alike						
Teddy Bear Sunflower – 1 Stem						
Sunflower, Giant – 1 stem						
Zinnia 1 – Single						
Zinnia – 3 Alike						
Zinnia – 3 Different						
Basil – Cut						
Basil – Container						
Parsley – Cut						
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Mixed Bouquet Flowers						
Total # Ribbons						

All other entries continued on the other side

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Umbrella Plant						
Asparagus Fern						
Strawberry Begonia						
Spider Plant						
Iresine 'Brilliantissima'						
Begonia 'Senator Pink'						
Coleus 'Super Rainbow Multicolor'						
Geranium 'Pinto Orange'						
2nd Year Plants (2024)						
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Asparagus Fern						
Strawberry Begonia						
Spider Plant						
Begonia 'Super Olympia Bicolor'						
Coleus 'Super Rainbow Color Pride'						
Geranium 'Maverick Rose'						
3rd Year Plants (2023)						
Umbrella Plant						
Asparagus Fern						
Jacobinia						
Strawberry Begonia						
Spider Plant						
Begonia 'Party Red'						
Coleus 'Super Rainbow Festive Dance'						
Geranium 'Bullseye Red'						
4th+ Year Plants						
All Plants Judged Together						
My Favorite Plant						
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TOTAL # Ribbons (This Page)						
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Feedback from the Judges



Plants & Potted Herbs

- ☐ Discolored, dead, or damaged flowers & leaves need removed.
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2025 Plant Distribution Dates

School	Day	Date	School	Day	Date
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Aboite	Tuesday	4/22	Scott	Monday	4/21
Adams	Tuesday	4/22	Shambaugh	Wednesday	4/23
Arlington	Wednesday	4/23	Southwick	Friday	4/25
Ascension	Wednesday	4/23	South Wayne	Monday	4/21
Blackhawk	Friday	4/25	St. Charles	Wednesday	4/23
Bloomington	Thursday	4/24	St. Elizabeth	Tuesday	4/22
Brentwood	Friday	4/25	St. Joe Catholic	Wednesday	4/23
Bunche	Tuesday	4/22	St. Joe Central	Wednesday	4/23
Canterbury	Tuesday	4/22	St. John the Baptist	Monday	4/21
Classical Roots	Thursday	4/24	St. Jude	Wednesday	4/23
Concordia	Wednesday	4/23	St. Michael	Tuesday	4/22
Covington	Tuesday	4/22	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wednesday	4/23
Croninger	Friday	4/25	St. Peter's	Friday	4/25
Deer Ridge	Tuesday	4/22	St. Therese	N/A	
Emmaus Lutheran	N/A		St. Vincent	Thursday	4/24
Emmanuel	Wednesday	4/23	Study	Wednesday	4/23
Fairfield	Monday	4/21	Suburban Bethlehem	Thursday	4/24
Forest Park	Wednesday	4/23	Timothy Johnson Ac.	Tuesday	4/22
Franke Park	Thursday	4/24	Towles	Monday	4/21
Glenwood	Wednesday	4/23	Unity	Monday	4/21
Haley	Wednesday	4/23	Washington	Wednesday	4/23
Harris	Wednesday	4/23	Washington Center	Thursday	4/24
Harrison Hill	Monday	4/21	Waynedale	N/A	
Haverhill	Tuesday	4/22	Weisser Park	Monday	4/21
Holland	Thursday	4/24	Whispering Meadows	Tuesday	4/22
Holy Cross	Wednesday	4/23	Young	Monday	4/21
Indian Village	Wednesday	4/23			
Irwin	Tuesday	4/22			
Lafayette Meadows	N/A				
Lincoln	Thursday	4/24			
Most Precious Blood	Thursday	4/24			
Northcrest	Thursday	4/24			
Price	Thursday	4/24			
Prince Chapman	Friday	4/25			

CHAIRPERSON'S NOTES

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