



# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Summer 2017

## Alumnus Chad Durante Places 3rd in National Competition

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2015 alumnus Chad Durante accomplished quite the feat this April when he placed third in the American Legion High School Constitutional Speech Contest. The contest is a national competition that tested teens from 53 states and territories on their speaking skills and knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. In the 80 year history since this contest began, no one from West Virginia had made it into the final three!

Mr. Durante made it to the national competition in Indianapolis by winning the sectional, regional and state competitions. Each round required an eight to ten minute prepared speech on an issue involving the Constitution and a three to five minute speech on a Constitutional issue that was picked at random.

“I got started after my mother forced me to do it my freshman year” Mr. Durante stated. “I would never have made it all the way to nationals without her constant pushing. Also, it’s really a great experience. I think everyone should give it a shot. But really, this speech was a big life lesson for me. What effort you put in is the reward you get out. Hard work with a little encouragement goes a long way.”

Mr. Durante received a \$14,000 college scholarship for his third place finish. He is currently a sophomore at Weirton Madonna High School. St. Paul School is incredibly proud of Mr. Durante’s hard work and we are excited to see what the future holds for him!



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## News

### St. Paul School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

From January 29th through February 4th, St. Paul School celebrated Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme was "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The theme brings together concepts that are at the heart of Catholic education. A school is a community by itself, but it is also a part of a larger community of home, church, city, and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are integral components of a Catholic education.

The week kicked off with mass on Sunday. Monday was all about celebrating our community. The week started off with a country western themed day and a collection was taken for the Hancock County Animal Shelter. We celebrated our students on Tuesday with a Disney day. All students could wear Disney attire and play Disney themed games. On Wednesday, we celebrated our nation. As we have in the past, the school invited past and present military members to the school for a luncheon to show our appreciation for their dedication to our country. Thursday's theme was celebrating vocations. We had a career day for the students who heard about some of the cool jobs that our families and friends have. Friday celebrated the faculty, staff and volunteers of St. Paul School. It was a day full of green and white with a pep rally at the end of the school day!

St. Paul School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week once again in 2018 with a week full of fun and service to our community.



Above: Military Appreciation luncheon, Pep Rally, Career Day



Below: Disney day, Animal Shelter Collection, Western Day



## News (continued)

### Washington D.C. Trip

The 7th and 8th grade classes got to go on a 4 day trip to Washington D.C. this Spring. They had the opportunity to visit many historic landmarks during their trip. The stops included the Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Museums, Martin Luther King Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Mount Vernon, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, American History Museum, J.F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial, U.S. Capital Building, and the White House.

The weather was not cooperative the first day as they had to deal with a lot of rain and wind. There was even a tornado watch! It cleared up over the course of the trip and the students and chaperones alike had a wonderful and fulfilling trip to Washington D.C. Students had the chance to meet with veterans and thank them for their service to our country. They also had the unique experience to speak with Holocaust survivors.



Above: The group with the Washington Monument behind them, 8th graders at the Lincoln Memorial.

Left: Students speaking to a Holocaust survivor.

Right: Picture outside of the White House.



## News (continued)

### 2017 “Lights, Camera, Auction!” Gala

The St. Paul School “Lights, Camera, Auction!” Gala was held on March 4, 2017 in the Grande Ballroom at the Mountaineer Casino, Racetrack and Resort. The Hollywood theme was noticeable throughout the room and the beautiful centerpieces helped bring the theme to life. The event was well attended by around 185 family and friends of St. Paul School who helped raise close to \$20,000 for the school’s operating budget!

The Family Traditions Award was given out for the fourth year. This year the honorees were Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Jeannie Duffy for the steadfast support they have provided to St. Paul School. They received a lovely decorative Celtic cross. Their granddaughter, Mrs. Stephanie Zimmer, gave a moving acceptance speech on their behalf.

Tamara’s Camera was on hand to document the evening. They captured some wonderful images throughout the evening. Attendees enjoyed a dinner of either prime rib or chicken florentine, garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables. The delicious desserts consisted of three different flavored mousses prepared by Mr. Matt Marshall of A Touch of Elegance Bakery and Cafe. After dinner and the Family Traditions Award was handed out everyone got to enjoy the music of Legend who performed until the end of the event.

The \$1,000 prize was won by Mr. Guy Holmes, who generously donated the money back to St. Paul School! There was also the opportunity to buy a duck for the chance to win up to \$250. The big winner was Mr. Chuck Robinson who donated a portion of his winnings back to the school as well.

Thanks to generous donations from St. Paul School families, friends and businesses the Gala was able to have over 70 items available for the Chinese, Silent, and Live auction.! Mr. Spencer Thomas offered his auction computer program and it greatly eased the auction preparation and process.

St. Paul School thanks the following sponsors: *Elite*: MommaGrizzly Fitness, *Gold*: Professional Tire and Alignment, *Silver*: Greco-Hertnick Funeral Home and JT Sauer and Associates, *Bronze*: Trinity Health System and First Choice America Federal Credit Union. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston contributed with the printing of flyers, tickets, and the program. The support from all of our sponsors and donors is extremely appreciated and the Gala could not have been a success without their help along with the generosity of those who attended!



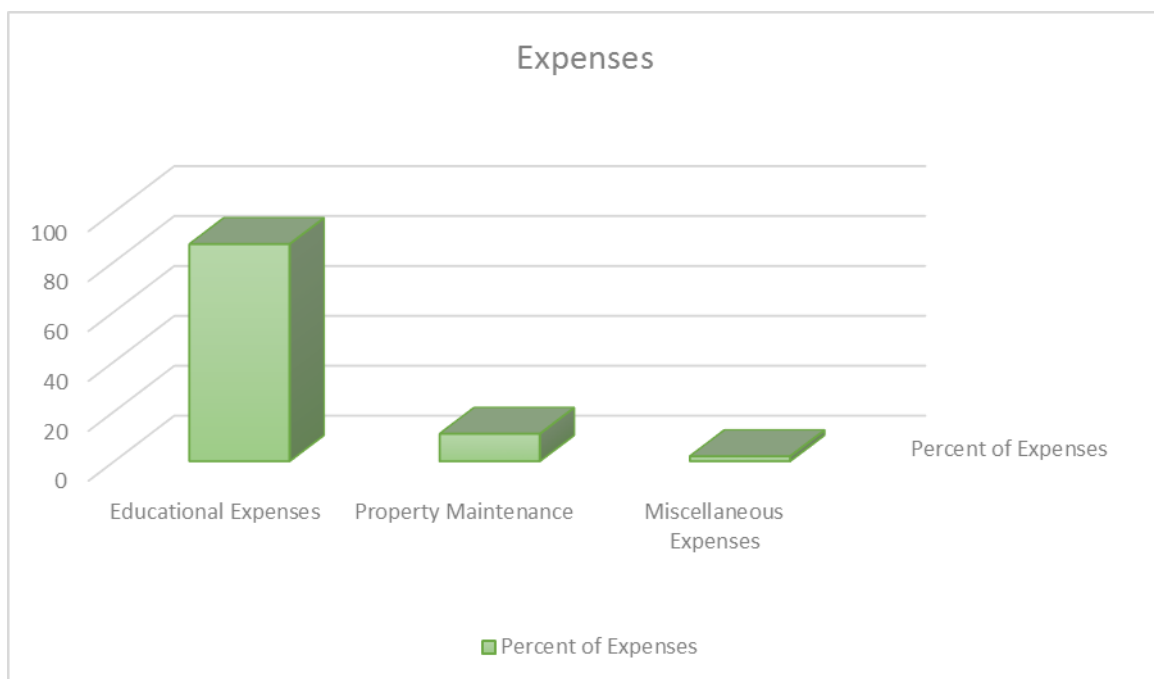
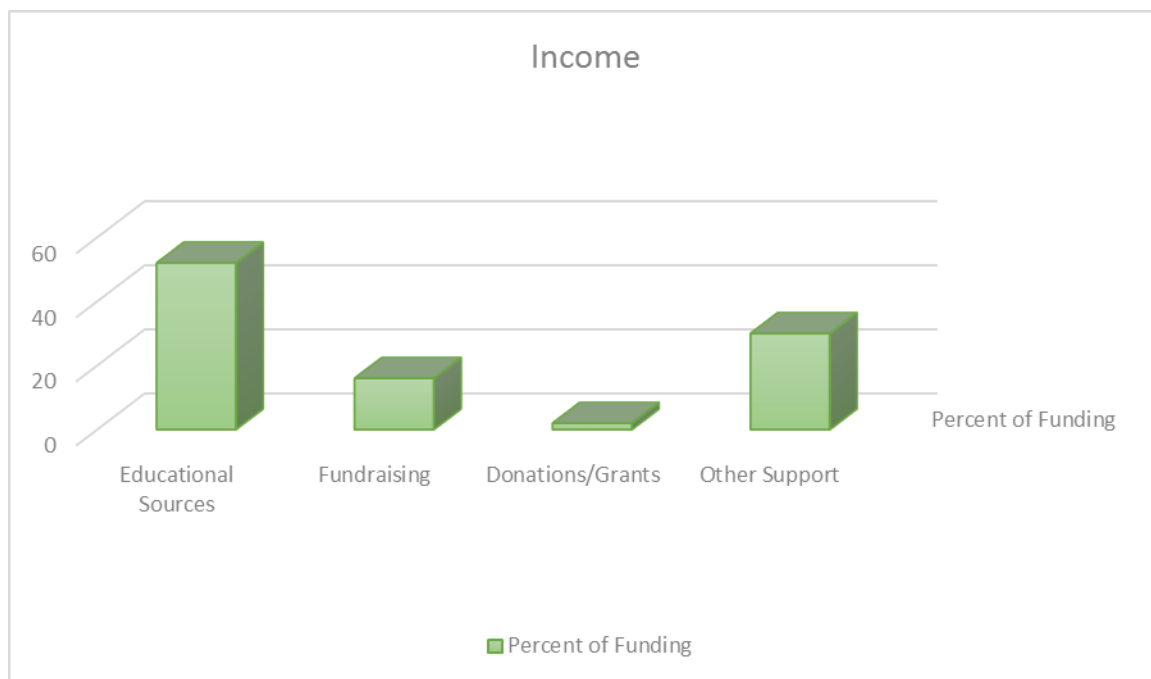
2017 Family Traditions Award recipients  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duffy

## Financial Information

### Annual Report

St. Paul School financial report from the 2016-2017 fiscal year\* is shown below. It is an overview of where our income has come from and where it is spent during the year. If there are any questions, please contact us at 304-748-5225.

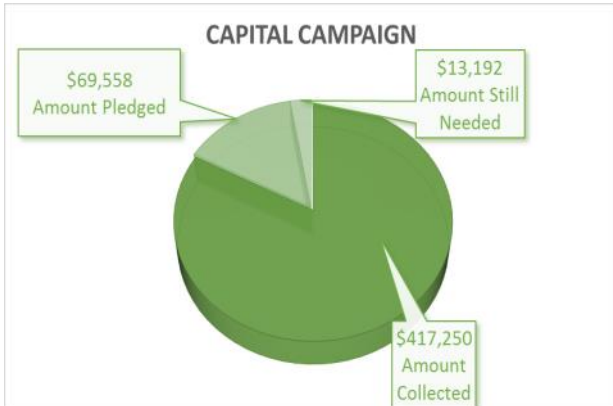
\*The fiscal year runs until June 31, 2017. This is up to date as of May 31, 2017.



## Financial Information (continued)

### Capital Campaign

The first phase of our Capital Campaign for the heating and cooling system will continue through until June 2018. We have been collecting on our generous pledges since the campaign began back in June of 2015. As the graph below shows we have been able to collect \$417,250 with \$69,558 in pledges still to come in. That brings our total to \$486,808 which leaves us with \$13,192 still to bring in to reach our goal of \$500,000.



Our students and staff have been so grateful to not have to worry about the temperature in the building this year!

Many of you have already helped and we are incredibly thankful! If you haven't had the chance and would like to make a donation, please send a check to St. Paul School, 140 Walnut Street, Weirton, WV 26062 and have Capital Campaign on the memo line.

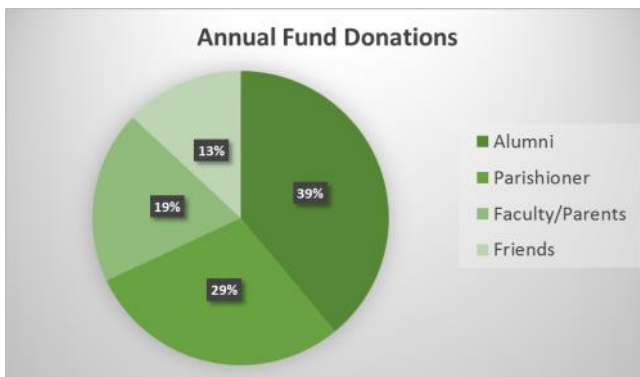
### Annual Fund

The 2016-2017 St. Paul School Annual Fund is almost done for the year! Each year, donations from families and friends of St. Paul School help students benefit from all that St. Paul's has to offer. The St. Paul Annual Fund is our annual appeal for contributions from alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents, parents, staff, and friends of St. Paul School to help defray the costs of a Catholic education that tuition revenue alone does not cover. So far we have been able to raise over \$13,000!

These funds will support all areas of St. Paul School, including religious activities, instructive materials, technology upgrades, building improvements, and tuition assistance. Please join us and help us reach 100% participation from the entire school community! **Every gift counts.**

There's still time to make a tax-deductible donation before the end of our fiscal year! Don't forget to ask your HR Department about matching gifts.

The St. Paul School Annual Fund runs from July 1st through June 30th each year to coincide with our fiscal year. Contributions are happily accepted at any time. Contact Christine Holmes at 304-748-5225 or [cholmes@weirtonstpauls.org](mailto:cholmes@weirtonstpauls.org) with any questions.



This chart shows the percentages of donations to the St. Paul School Annual Fund this year broken down by groups.

# Events



St. Patrick's Day



Living Stations of the Cross



Deputy Phil program

## Events (continued)



3rd grade and their portable garden



Products from the garden



7th & 8th grade students vs. staff volleyball game fundraiser



Visit to St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church



3rd grade cleaning the area outside the school



## Events (continued)

6 parents in attendance also participated in the Moral Compass Program when they were students at St. Paul School.



Moral Compass Program



May Crowning



Liam Morris, a student in our Pre-3 program, was Vice Principal for a day. It was an auction prize at the 2017 Annual Gala.



The graduating 8th grade class of 2017



Above: Ties and Tiaras  
Father/Daughter  
Dance.

Right: Mother/Son Pic-  
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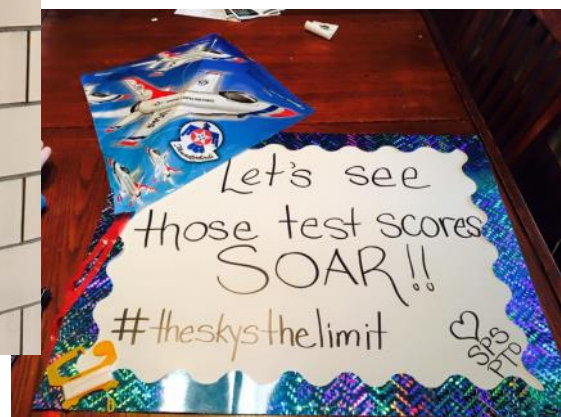


# PTO (continued)

Below: Hanging basket sale fundraiser



Right and below: The St. Paul School PTO showed their support during State Testing week with these inspirational posters.



## Principal's Honor Roll 3rd Quarter

### First Grade

Geena Birkhimer, Daniel Hamann, Sarah Kuhn, Giana Mastrantoni, Kailyn Palm, Abigail Porco, Lilliana Soplinks, Abigail Tennant, Luke Wingett

### Second Grade

Andrew Caprarese, Madison Charles, Hannah Dalfol, Danyka DeCaria, Dominick DelSignore, Nicholas DiMatteis, Marlee Ewusiak, Nicholas Glass, Jake Goddard, Mira Jasko, Benjamin Lazear, Guy Meneely, Carter Oliver, Addison Orecchio, Lacy Quering, Santino Sperlazza, Makenna Wiersbicki

### Third Grade

Alenna Alatis, Ethaniel Baker, Rylee Birkhimer, Teddy Glyptis, Tyler Kirkpatrick, Jacob Lazear, Emma Riggs, Lily Rocknich, Jackson Stevens, Grant Upright, Lilly Wootton

### Fourth Grade

Christany Bartley, Brian Charles, Annie Enos, Catherine Glodowski, Kenneth Goddard, Emma Impellicceiri, Sara Impellicceiri, Joshua Kirkpatrick, Gabriella McCarthy, Audrey Orecchio, Chayce Stasiowski, Melina Upright

### Fifth Grade

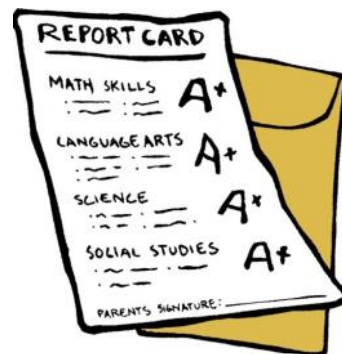
Mia Chiodo, Laynie McCarthy, Mia Pietranton, Zoe Purcell, Nicholas Sagan, Kaitlyn Sauvageot, Onna Welsh, Grant Wilharm

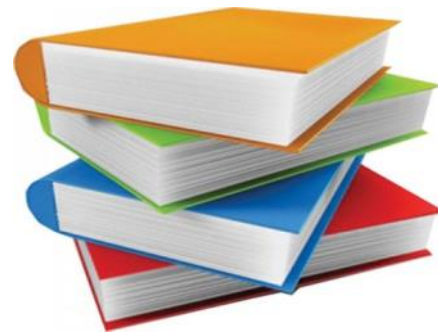
### Sixth Grade

Luke Amaismeier, Julianna Glodowski, Ben Jasko, Mackenzie Sargent, Olivia Shafer, Luke Sweat, Julia Wingett, Benson Zhao

### Seventh Grade

Vanessa Alatis, Matthew Amaismeier, Michael Burdine, Stefani Gresko, Peyton Moore, Morgan Owens, Paige Purcell, Evan Quering, Mitchell Sagan, Olivia Tennant





## Honor Roll 3rd Quarter

### First Grade

Alexis Miller, Connor Miller, Aiden McAllister, Kalie Moore, Franklin Nonamaker, Brianna Scandolari, Giana Sloan

### Second Grade

Lane Blankenship, Maxwell Klink, Avery Morris, Madison Owens, Lana Sauer, Reed Wilharm

### Third Grade

Alexis Bracken, Blaine Beatty, Jacob Cline, Matthew Crisci, Madison Nonamaker, Jaiden Palm, Nicholas Snodgrass

### Fourth Grade

Jilian Abate, Thomas Boyd, Cole Canterbury, Sophia Cecchini, David Connors, Jenna Costello, Emanuel Enos, Grace Glover, Lucas McAllister, Peyton Rauch, Sophia Shafer, Marissa Sole, Lyla Soplinski, Juliana Tomshack, Melesse Wiersbicki

### Fifth Grade

Ava Budney, Antonio Cecchini, Katelynd Costa, Dominic DeMarco, Isabella Earley, Mason Klink, Cole LeFever, Mason Mackey, Anthony Mascio, Noah Neill, Brayden Rauch, Nicolas Serafine, Ella Wingett, Kevin Zhao

### Sixth Grade

Landry Bone, Nico Connell, Zachary Dalfol, Haidyn Enos, Deaven Miller, Speed Stasiowski,

### Seventh Grade

Angelina Baker, Evan Bone, Tommy Charnie, Brianna Glosser, Kristina Lesho, Camden Mackey, Mark Pietranton, Tyler VanCamp

### Eighth Grade

Alexis DeMarco, Jennifer Donofrio, Delia Givens, Gabriella Green, Carter Hosler, Adriana Lenhart, Alaina Moore, Miranda Sole, Ryan Taylor



## #irishpride (continued)



Sophia Safer, daughter of alumna Dihanna Rybka Shafer, won the Gettysburg Address Contest. Ms. Shafer is the first student from St. Paul School to come in first place!



St. Paul School won this year's "Battle of the Saints" by collecting 5,794 pounds of food to benefit the Community Bread Basket



Tommy Charnie, son of alumna Marilyn Charnie, was the winner of this year's "Mayor for a Day" essay contest.



Laynie McCarthy, Ella Wingett, and Mia Pietranton were winners in the First Choice America FCU bullying contest. They are pictured with 5th grade teacher Ms. Rhonda Piccirillo.



Delia Givens and Mrs. Michele Martin received awards from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Ms. Givens won the Aquinas Award and Mrs. Martin received the Silver Apple Award.

St. Paul School Fighting Irish Sports Teams



Clockwise from the top: Volleyball, Cheering, Boys' Basketball, Track and Field, Girls' Basketball

# #irishpride (continued)

## Jr. Dons Sports Teams



Cheering



Football



Girls' Basketball



Volleyball



Track and Field



Boys' Basketball



## Ways to Help

You can also help St. Paul School by the following simple methods:



Cut out and return Box  
Tops to the school office.



Go to [www.projecteducation.net](http://www.projecteducation.net) and register any phone number you may use to order from Fox's Pizza Den. Each number is worth 10 points and each order under \$25 is worth 50 points! School code: 110880.



Enroll your Kroger Plus Card with Kroger Community Rewards and choose St. Paul School—Weirton # 81133

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We also can get money from your used ink cartridges and recycle them for you. Just bring your empty cartridges to the school office, we will send them back and get a check from the recycling company.



## Alumni News

St. Paul School would love to begin holding two reunions a year. One in March for those who graduated before 1974 and one in May for those who graduated in 1974 and after. If anyone is interested in participating or helping with organizing the reunions please contact Christine Holmes at 304-748-5225 or [cholmes@weirtonstpauls.org](mailto:cholmes@weirtonstpauls.org).

Please fill out the alumni form located on page 16 with any updates you would like to share with fellow alumni. Also, if you meet up with old classmates send us a picture and description so we can share. We would love to hear from you!



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## Donor Information (please print or type)

Name	
Billing address	
City, St Zip Code	
Home   Cell Phone	
Email	
Relationship to St. Paul School	<input type="checkbox"/> Alumni <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Staff

## Donation Information

I (we) donate a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid:  Now  Monthly  Quarterly  Yearly.

I (we) would like the donation to go to:  Tuition Assistance  Capital Improvements  Religious Education and Activities  
 Technology  Where it is needed most.

I (we) will make this contribution in the form of:  Cash  Check  Credit card  Other.

Credit card type   Exp. date	
Credit card number  CCV#	
Authorized signature	

Gift will be matched by (company/family/foundation) \_\_\_\_\_

form enclosed  form will be forwarded (attn.: Christine Holmes)

## Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

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I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

All contributions are tax deductible. If you have any questions regarding donations or payments please contact Christine Holmes at 304-748-5225 or [cholmes@weirtonstpauls.org](mailto:cholmes@weirtonstpauls.org)

Please make checks, corporate matches, or other gifts payable to:

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