Dear Packer community,

With the generous cooperation of Packer’s business office, Bill Knauer, and the Packer faculty, the list of required textbooks for the 2010-11 school year for rising 6th -12th graders is now available here. We are making this effort in order to give families the opportunity to acquire used textbooks from within the Packer community and, hopefully, reduce expenses for the upcoming school year. The PackerPA Textbook Consignment Sale will be open for business during exam week, June 3rd and 4th, 7th and 8th. Here’s how you can take advantage of the sale to both sell and buy gently used textbooks for your child’s upcoming school year.

**TO SELL:** Consult the list of textbooks required for the 2010-11 school year. Texts purchased for the prior school year (2009-10) that are in “like new” condition (no writing, pages missing, etc.), may be brought to the PA room during the sale’s operating hours.

Volunteers will inspect and price books. All new books will be priced approximately 50 percent LESS than the publishers’ price listed on the Varsity books website.

Consignment Sale price: $50.

Already used textbooks that are in “like new” condition will be priced 75 percent less than publisher’s list price.

Once the books are sold, an email will be sent to the original owner asking him/her to claim sale proceeds. All monies from the sale of consigned books will be paid in CASH to the original owner. **Sellers will only receive monies once a book is sold.**

**TO BUY:**
Consult the textbook list and determine which books your child will need for 2010-11. Visit the sale to see if the titles needed are
available for sale.

**CALCULATORS:** Lizbeth Joseph, chair of Packer’s mathematics department, tells us that all students in 8th grade and up will need graphing calculators: TI-83, TI83+, TI84 only (all of these come in "silver editions" that are fine, too). Families interested in selling any of these models are welcome to bring them to the sale.

The Consignment Sale will accept CASH only. Parents are responsible for making sure books purchased on consignment are the needed texts for their child's upcoming year. **ALL SALES ARE FINAL.**

*An IMPORTANT caveat emptor about the sales logistics of textbook editions.* Many textbook publishers issue updated editions of older titles each year and refuse to sell NEW older editions to textbook retailers, like Varsity, which will remain Packer’s retail source for all required books. Some parents, to save money, have bought the older used edition from internet resellers. The PA Consignment Sale will only accept 2009-10 editions of textbooks for resale, but suggest parents who want to BUY an older edition that is no longer in print consult with the child’s teacher to make sure that the newer editions are not radically different from the older used version.

At the end of the sale, owners of unsold books can either reclaim them (Varsity Books will be at Packer after exams have been completed to buy back books.) or donate them to Packer’s classrooms. Extra textbooks are always needed! Any unclaimed books will be automatically donated to Packer.

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