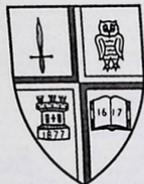


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31st January, 1986.

Dear Mr. Foley,

My first-year pupils were very much affected by your tragedy earlier this week: we would like to express our sympathy in your sadness and send our warmest wishes for your strength in coming to terms with your loss.

You must have been so proud of Mrs. McAuliffe: I was very moved by her obvious skill as a teacher and enthusiasm for her dream, when I saw her interviewed on television. Perhaps because I am 37 too, I recognise had much of her

life has been taken from her family, friends and colleagues.

Her courage and joy are an inspiration to us.

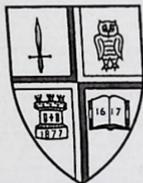
The children wrote what they wanted - the little incidents they recall are true. The only guidance I gave them was to avoid sensitive remarks about the negative aspects of the tragedy.

Please accept our love - you are all in our thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Madeleine Shaw (Miss)

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30th January, 1986

Dear Mr. Foley, Staff and Pupils,

I was moved by the horrifying pictures on the television and in the papers showing the space-shuttle Challenger on fire.

I am very sorry for you all especially for Mrs. Mc Auliffe's children, Scott and Caroline.

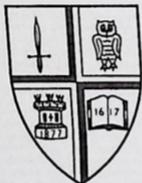
A close friend of mine died very suddenly last week. I know how you must feel like just now.

Your President, Mr Reagan, said last night on television that he hoped your teacher's life would not be wasted. In years to come another civilian will go up in space and succeed.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Lapoley

Age 12 Form 1D



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30th January, 1986

Dear Mr Foley, Staff and Pupils

I was sad to hear about your teacher, Mrs McAuliffe. It made me cry when I heard her loss with the rest of the crew on the space shuttle-Challenger.

I know how you must feel at this time. My granny died suddenly five years ago and it took time to recover.

I am sure it will take time. She must have been a very good teacher and you will remember her for what she did for the school.

Yours Sincerely, Sylvia Moore
Aged 12 Form TD.



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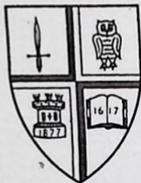
I was sorry to hear about the accident in the space shuttle and the loss of your teacher, Mrs. McAuliffe. I hope her family will soon get over the shock of the accident.

I heard about it on the radio and I was moved by what the newsreader told us about what happened.

Just when I heard about the accident I was coming home from a funeral of a good friend, so I know what you are feeling.

As your President, Mr. Reagan said, your teacher's life has not been wasted because they will be able to correct their mistakes.

Yours sincerely,
Sarah McKinney.
Age 12. Form 1D.



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Dear Mr. Foley, Staff and Pupils

Last night at ten o'clock we were watching the news on TV. At first I did not know what happened to the Challenger. Whenever I found out what happened I was sad to hear.

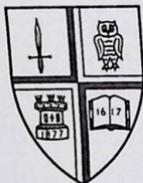
From the news I heard about Mrs Auliffe I knew she must have been a great teacher. I was waiting to find out what it was like being in a space ship which we would have found out if it had gone well.

I am sorry to hear about your great loss and I hope her family will get over all this.

Yours sincerely,

Alan McClure

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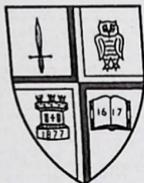
I was watching T.V last night when I saw the pictures of the space shuttle exploding.

I know how you must feel about your teacher as I lost both my Grandparents recently.

I know you will miss your teacher very badly but she lost her life for a good cause. I heard President Reagan is planning on sending more people into space so she will be remembered in what they do.

yours sincerely,

Jonathan Tomrens 10 Age 11



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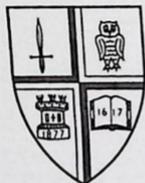
I was saddened to watch on TV the horrific crash of the space shuttle 1 minute after take off.

Mrs McAuliffe must be a great loss to the school.

I hope her family will get over the shock quickly. Scott and Caroline must be very sad but proud of their Mum

Yours sincerely,

Michael Wilson
age 11 10



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Dear Mr Foley, Staff and Pupils,

I was very distressed to hear about the tragedy of the 'Challenger.' I heard about the loss of your brave teacher on the news on the way home from school. I know that all my friends and I would be very sad if any of our teachers were lost like that.

I sympathize deeply with Mrs McAuliffe's husband and children, but life will go on and I'm sure it will be enjoyable. She was a very brave woman whose memory will live for ever.

Yours sincerely,
Trevor Nutt Age 12 Form 1D



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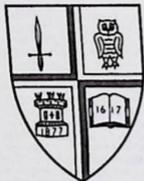
I was very distressed to learn about the loss of your teacher, Mrs. McAuliffe. I heard about it on the evening news. It shocked me immensely, as your teacher seemed to be a very brave woman.

As your President said, this would not prevent any more ventures in space because what happened was awful. Mrs. McAuliffe was a very kind and brave woman and I am sure she shall be greatly missed by all of you.

Yours Sincerely,

Gregory Hamilton

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Dear Mr. Foley, Staff and Pupils,

I was very sad to hear about the space shuttle tragedy on TV and was horrified to hear about the loss of Mrs. McAuliffe. You must have been very proud of her winning the competition to go into space.

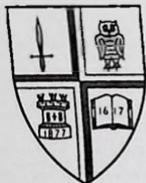
I know how you must feel because I have had a similar experience when my friend's father, who was a policeman, was shot in the street.

Please pass on my condolences to Scott, Caroline and family.

Yours sincerely,

Ajay Sharma

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Dear Mr. Foley, Staff and Pupils,

I was very distressed when I heard about the space-shuttle exploding in space and sad about the loss of your teacher, Mrs. Mc Auliffe.

I know how you must feel because I lost a relative close to me. It was a big tragedy in the family.

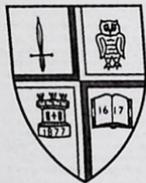
I hope the family will get over the loss of

their mother in time.

Yours sincerely,

Norman M^c Farland.

Age 11 Form 1



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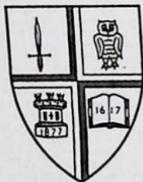
I was watching television last night and I was horrified by the awful pictures of the incident of the space shuttle, Challenger.

I feel very sympathetic for all of you, because of the loss of your teacher. Mrs Mc Auliffe was a very brave and courageous woman and as the President of the United States said, "She will always be remembered."

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Munro

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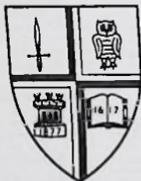
I was shocked to see the Challenger explode nine miles into the sky. I am sad to hear about the loss of your Social Sciences teacher, Mrs. M^c Auliffe. Her husband said that there might be some equal to her but none better than her.

My great great uncle died suddenly, so I know how you must feel. Your teacher was very brave to go up in the space shuttle, Challenger.

Yours sincerely,

David M^cLaughlin

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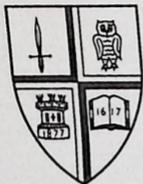
I am very
sorry to hear about the loss of
Mrs McAuliffe. I felt very distressed when
I heard about it on television.

She was a very brave lady and I am
sure that you will always remember her
in your hearts.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne O'Brien

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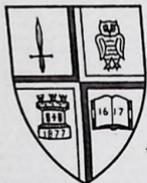
I was very shocked and upset when I heard of the loss of your teacher, Mrs McAuliffe. The pictures I saw on television of the space shuttle blowing up were horrifying.

Your teacher was a very brave woman and as the President said the space project will go on and I am sure there will be many successes.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn McIlwaine.

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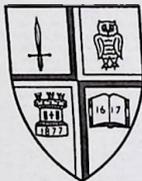
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Dear Mr. Foley, Staff and Pupils,

I was very sad to hear about what happened on the Challenger Space Shuttle yesterday. I'm sure you must all feel very sad at the loss of Mrs Mc Auliffe. She was very brave and I know that I wouldn't have gone into space. I'm sure her life isn't wasted as more successful trips will be made to space.

Yours sincerely,
Rhonda Mc Donald
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Dear Mr. Foley, Staff and Pupils,
I was very sad to hear about the loss of your teacher, Mrs Mc Auliffe. I understand how bereaved you must be. My heart dropped when I saw the incident on television. I hope that Mrs Mc Auliffe's children will soon get over it.

She was a very brave person. When she was talking on television she sounded a very kind and happy person.

I'm sure you all will always remember her in your hearts.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Norris,

Age 11. Form 10.



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Dear Mr. Foley, staff and pupils,

I was very distressed and sad to learn about the loss of your teacher Mrs. Mc Auliffe.

I know how you must feel because a few years ago my granny died and she meant a lot to me.

I am sure you were all looking forward to this great occasion. She must have meant a lot to you, and I am sure you will all have happy memories of her and what she did for the school.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Shaw

Age 11 Form 1D.



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Dear Mr. Foley, Staff and Pupils,

I share your grief and distress for the loss of one of your teachers, Mrs. McAniff. I heard the sad news while watching TV on the night of the tragedy, I was very distraught on hearing that the Shuttle Challenger had burst into flames after take off. It was a terrible disaster and you all must be very sad. She was very highly thought of by both teachers and pupils.

I hope Mrs. McAniff's children will get over her loss soon, for a couple of years ago my granny died suddenly and I know how you feel.

Yours sincerely
Rosalind McLean
Age 12 Form 1D.



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Dear Mr. Foley, Staff and Pupils,

I was very sorry to hear about your sad loss. You must have been very proud of Mrs. McHuliffe when she got the chance to go into space on the Shuttle Challenger.

I was horrified to see the explosion on television. I know how you must feel because my Grandfather died only last year. But you musn't feel too bad as President Reagan said, the Shuttle programme must go on and your Social Sciences teacher's life wasn't wasted.

Please pass on my condolences to Scott, Caroline and the rest of P.T.O.

their family.

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

Steven McClay

Age 11 Form 1D