

Saint Vincent de Paul School

Bi-monthly Newsletter



February 5, 2015

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

It is difficult to believe that this week we celebrated the 100th day of school. Kindergartners opened their classroom door to find 100 balloons and a variety of activities based on the number 100. This day reminds us that we are more than halfway through this school year!

While it is many months away, we are already planning for the school year 2015-2016. The last newsletter provided you with the dates for the beginning and ending of next school year and the holiday schedule. This week finds us concentrating on incoming students. Over 60 potential kindergarten students are in the process of being assessed by a team of teachers and staff. They appear to be an excited and enthusiastic group with much potential. Additionally, there are a number of transfer applications also being assessed. We look forward to seeing many eager, new faces next year!

Fifth through eighth grade students enjoyed a wonderful hour with Dr. Melba Pattillo Beals, one of the Little Rock Nine. As you know, the students read *Warriors Don't Cry*, Dr. Beals' memoir, in preparation for today's assembly. Micaella Colla did an excellent job of working with students in each grade level to comprehend the book and understand the historical times of the Civil Rights movement. Consequently, students were well versed about the integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas and ably asked intelligent questions of Dr. Beals. Her message of "love" centered in a belief in God, echoed our own Catholic beliefs. Additionally, she reminded students that each of them has the potential to accomplish great things.

One of the ways we show our capacity to accomplish great things is through our service program. This month's calendar is filled with activities that will benefit others. Valentine bags will be made by 5th and 7th grades. Fifth grade bags will be sent to St. Anne's home and 7th grade will make bags for Reilly House. Both 2nd and 6th graders will do things to benefit Project Night Night. Our 1st graders will be the sandwich makers of the month, making sandwiches for those served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Please note the change in Parent Guild meetings. Tuesday, February 10th will be a coffee talk with the principals beginning at 8:15am. On Tuesday, March 10th the Parent Guild meeting will be at 7:00pm and will focus on finances. Hope to see you there.

Blessings,

Nancy Barrett
Co-Principal

Marguerite Pini
Co-Principal

Calendar reminders:

February 10 CoffeeTALK with the Principals at 8:15am
February 16 Presidents' Day-School Holiday
February 18 Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
February 23 12:30 Minimum Day dismissal

SVDP Summer Learning Academy June 15 through July 3

SAVE the dates!



Dear SVDP Parents and Community,

Join us for a variety of enriching and engaging sessions this summer. Bay Area Writers Project will offer multiple writing sessions for grades 3-9. Play-Well Technologies will provide sessions for both grades K-2 and 3-5. There will also be multiple opportunities to learn about dance, music, and drama!

Sessions will be offered weekly from 9:00-12:00pm and 12:30-3:30pm. Some camps run over a period of two weeks or three weeks.

More information will be available soon!

Come join the learning!

SVDP Gives!

February 12: Valentine's day bags for St. Anne's Little Sisters of the Poor (Grade 5)
February 25: Sandwich making for the needy (Grade 1)
February TBA: Valentine's day bags for Reilly house (Grade 7)
February 19: Project Night Night (Grade 6)
February 20: Project Night Night (Grade 2)

SVDP School for the 2015-2016

To download a copy of the calendar click the link provided:

[2015-2016 Year-at-a-Glance Calendar](#)

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Saint Vincent de Paul School is to educate our students in the Catholic tradition. We aspire to teach as Jesus did, with a focus on the gospel values. As facilitators of learning, we recognize parents as the primary educators of their children. We encourage our students to be responsible and sensitive to church, school, and neighboring communities. We challenge our students to build their moral intelligence and become self-motivated lifelong learners who will share their gifts with the world.



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Flyers:

[Father-Daughter Dance 2015](#)
[Spelling Bee Thank You Note](#)
[CoffeeTALK with the Principals](#)

**Presidents' Day
Holiday**

February 16th

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Noble Saint Vincent de Paul,
beloved servant of the poor,
may we follow your example and do good works
among those whom society has abandoned,
enslaved, or forgotten.
Amen.

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