

Saint Vincent de Paul School

Bi-monthly Newsletter



August 27, 2015

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

The eager, fresh and smiling faces of students carrying their brand new schools supplies remind all of us that we are beginning anew. Another school year begins and all of us are filled with hopes, dreams and excitement for all that can be. Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year!

Being committed educators, the faculty continue to develop professionally. At the end of the school year everyone participated in a two-day iPad workshop tailored for the needs of our teachers. Before students arrived, faculty and staff spent three days beginning the process of creating a vision for the school during the next years. This is ongoing work that will continue throughout the year. One of our days we participated in a lively and interactive workshop sponsored by the Olweus Bullying Prevention program. Come to the September 8th Parent Guild meeting to hear more about this program.

Other professional development for 2015-2016 will focus on continuing the implementation of Common Core Math. In addition, the Archdiocese of San Francisco is leading a three-year implementation program for Common Core English Language Arts. On many of our Monday minimum days faculty will participate in afternoon workshops designed to inform us about best practices in Common Core ELA. To assist in this effort, this next Monday afternoon our inservice focuses on keeping "running records" which is a method for ongoing assessment of student reading levels K - 8 so that the teacher can better serve each student. We look forward to these many opportunities for continued growth in our profession and know that the knowledge gained will ultimately benefit our students.

ChoiceLunch is off to a great start. The students seem to like the variety of food available and have indicated that the options are tasty. Thank you to Maria Luisa Fuller and her volunteers who help to organize the distribution of lunches. If you have comments, both positive and constructive, please share them with ChoiceLunch and with us.

As we begin our new year, we welcome Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone who will visit us

tomorrow, Friday August 28th. He will preside at our 9:15 liturgy and then visit classrooms, before joining the faculty for lunch. Our eighth grade students with the assistance of Ms. Nejasmich have prepared the liturgy using the theme "New Year - New Beginnings - in Joy". Please know that you are invited to join us for liturgy.

Blessings,

Nancy Barrett
Co-Principal

Marguerite Pini
Co-Principal

Faculty and Staff *2015-2016*

Kindergarten

Leslie Carmignani
Bridget Lemos

Grade 1

Lizzy McCarthy
Leigh McMonigle

Grade 2

Kate McCaffrey

Grade 3

Kersta Bailey

Grade 4

Julie Franceschi

Grade 5

Rosanne Mattson

Grade 6

K.C. McCabe-Isom

Grade 7

Micaella Colla

Grade 8

Katie Nejasmich

Math 7/8-Science 6/7/8

Paul Watters

Math Specialist 3-6

Jenifer Spinale

Curriculum&Learning Services Coordinator

Valerie Persky

Literacy Coach 3-5

Jessica Cannata

Spanish K-8

Petrina Grube

IT

Matt Walsh

Library

Sue DellaCella

PE

CYO

Art

Vicki Bamsey

Music

Steve Meyer

Drama

Mary Powelson Productions

Instructional Aides

Anna Strain

Daniella Ocampo

Mary Broderick

Jeanne Deely

Rachel Gattuccio

Deanna Melchior

Nicholas Wright

Extended Care

Patricia Shanks

Rachel Gattuccio

Administrative Office

Nancy Barrett and Marguerite Pini

Mary Barnes

Gwen Aponte

Marie Ferdon

SVdP Choirs

Our SVdP parish music teacher and school music teacher is Mr. Steven Meyer, who looks forward to working with all the children this new school year. He extends a special welcome to all new students at SVdP School!

The first rehearsal for continuing and new students for the SVdP School Choirs will be on Friday, August 28th, Girls Chorus immediately after school (30 minutes) and Boys Choir at 3:35 p.m. until 4:30. Both groups meet in the school music room.

Sign up information will be available at those practices. The groups sing for school Masses, and other events through the year.

Mr. Meyer is also the director of the Golden Gate Catholic Boys Choir and Bellringers, a regional boys choir in the SF Bay Area. Try outs for the group from the GGCBC that rehearses Mondays at Saint Mary's Cathedral Choir Room, will be on Mondays September 14, 21 and 28. The group sings in the Diocese of Oakland and Archdiocese of San Francisco for Masses, weddings and parish events and a monthly Mass at SVdP Church. Age range of current members is 6 to 19, including boys with unchanged voices and high school young men (bellringers) whose voices have changed,

Mr. Meyer is leading a group to Rome and the Vatican to an International Catholic Boys' Choir Festival, December 26 - January 5th. The festival will culminate in singing for the Papal Mass on New Year's Day in Saint Peter's Basilica for Pope Francis. Final call for Rome Festival sign ups is September 15th. There are four places left in the tour group for boys, age 10 -14. Next festival will not take place for five years (2020). Speak to Mr. Meyer, or view the choir web site at www.ggbc.org.

Steven J. Meyer

Director of Music, Organist and Choirmaster
Parish of Saint Vincent de Paul, San Francisco.

If your matter is urgent, please contact me at (510) 887 - 4311. Thank you.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- * Tuesday, September 1st is Picture Day. Students should be in full uniform and ready with a huge smile for the camera!
- * Thursday, September 3rd is Back to School Night. Unlike previous years, the event will begin in your child's classroom at 6:00pm.



It's a Small World

2015 Back to School Dinner and Dance

*September 19, 2015
6:15-9:00pm
right after 5:15 mass*

Wear attire from your favorite international destination!

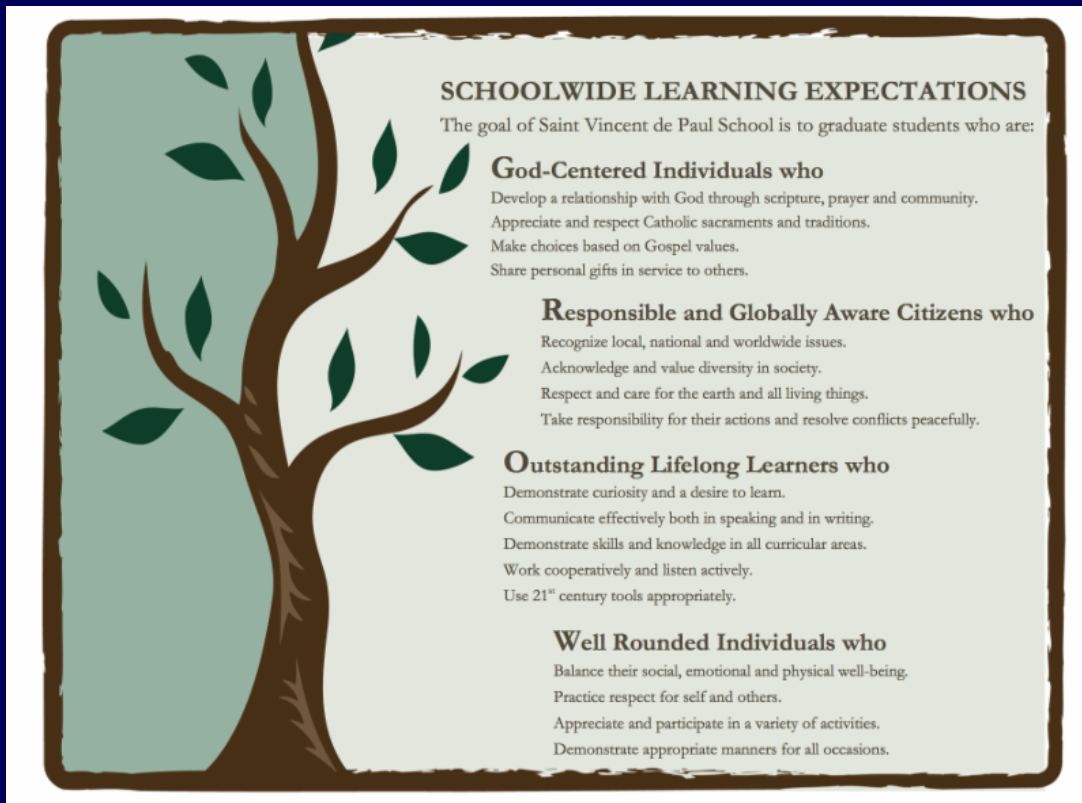
Student SchoolSpeak Profile

All SVDP families **must** update their student profiles on SchoolSpeak. Even if your student's profile information has not changed, we ask that you review the information and **submit** it again.

Profile information is used in emergency situations. If you are having

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.



SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS
The goal of Saint Vincent de Paul School is to graduate students who are:

- God-Centered Individuals who**
 - Develop a relationship with God through scripture, prayer and community.
 - Appreciate and respect Catholic sacraments and traditions.
 - Make choices based on Gospel values.
 - Share personal gifts in service to others.
- Responsible and Globally Aware Citizens who**
 - Recognize local, national and worldwide issues.
 - Acknowledge and value diversity in society.
 - Respect and care for the earth and all living things.
 - Take responsibility for their actions and resolve conflicts peacefully.
- Outstanding Lifelong Learners who**
 - Demonstrate curiosity and a desire to learn.
 - Communicate effectively both in speaking and in writing.
 - Demonstrate skills and knowledge in all curricular areas.
 - Work cooperatively and listen actively.
 - Use 21st century tools appropriately.
- Well Rounded Individuals who**
 - Balance their social, emotional and physical well-being.
 - Practice respect for self and others.
 - Appreciate and participate in a variety of activities.
 - Demonstrate appropriate manners for all occasions.

Electronic Family Envelope

Flyers:

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

September 3

Back to School Night
6:00p.m.

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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