

Saint Vincent de Paul School

Bi-monthly Newsletter



October 8, 2015

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

While the sun shines brightly, we notice cooler mornings and evenings as we quietly transition to fall. This season is a wonderful time to thank God for the goodness of life and the abundance of food on our tables. We pray in thanksgiving and also with hopeful hearts that the next months will bring us a season of rain.

As part of their autumn lessons, kindergarteners are off to the pumpkin patch next Friday. They eagerly look forward to their first field trip. They will visit McLelland's Dairy Farm and Pumpkin Patch. Students will use their observation skills to identify similarities and differences in the pumpkins and in the behavior of animals. This is certain to be an exciting day for them!

We are amazed by all of the students who have received JOY cards during these last two weeks. It truly reminds us of the many wonderful ways our students contribute to our St. Vincent de Paul community. At this morning's assembly two names were drawn from the stack of submitted JOY cards. Third grader Ava Barnes was recognized for volunteering to help Ms. Bamsey put up K-2 African inspired artwork in the cafeteria. Matthew Winslow, an eighth grade student, demonstrated JOY by being a great leader in his student family group. He was patient, caring and mature with the younger students in his group.

The first grade is now under the guidance of Mary Broderick. She brings a plethora of skills to the role of first grade teacher. With Ms. Broderick at the helm, we are certain that our first grade students will continue to thrive.

Please welcome Domonique Riojas to our staff. Domonique has assumed the role of first grade aide. She has a BA degree from San Francisco State University and is currently applying to credential programs. Her experience ranges from leading summer camps to working as a teacher in after school programs. We are happy to have her join our staff.

Tuesday, October 13 is Coffee Talk with the principals. Please join us at 8:30 in the parish

hall. This is the first Coffee Talk of the year. We enjoy sharing the time with parents, answering questions and listening to your concerns.

October 15th and 16th are Open House days at SVDP. If you know of anyone who is looking for a great kindergarten, ask them to register to attend our Open House.

Time moves quickly. Enjoy each and every day ahead!

Blessings,

Nancy Barrett
Co-Principal

Marguerite Pini
Co-Principal

JOY Card winners

Ava Barnes
3rd grade

Matthew Winslow
8th grade

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Week 3

Definition of bullying: *A person is bullied when he or she is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and he or she has difficulty defending himself or herself.*

During this week each classroom focused on rule number 3:

We will include students who are left out.

Annual Giving Update

**6th and 7th grades are currently leading the pack in participation.
Every donation, no matter the amount, is critical to meeting our goal.**

Please donate today and GET ON THE BUS!

Annual Giving -- Donate TODAY!

You can donate NOW through [Square](#) or schedule a one time donation through your [FACTs](#) account.

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Annual Giving Campaign

"A Message from Adam Taisch, Annual Giving Chair" found on SchoolSpeak

As always the primary goal of the campaign is to achieve **100% participation** from our school families.



Tuition Raffle:

For every \$1,000 donated by January 31, 2016 members will be entered for a chance to win a year free tuition for one student.

Through your generosity, the Annual Giving Campaign allows us to create a learning environment that keeps pace with the expanding needs of the school, by supporting enrichment programs that enhance our students' education, by providing state-of-the-art equipment, and by making improvements to our facilities.

Since 100% Participation is our number one objective, we ask each family to consider making your tax-deductible donation at a level that is appropriate for you. On behalf of the SVDP Community, thank you in advance for your participation.

What we support...

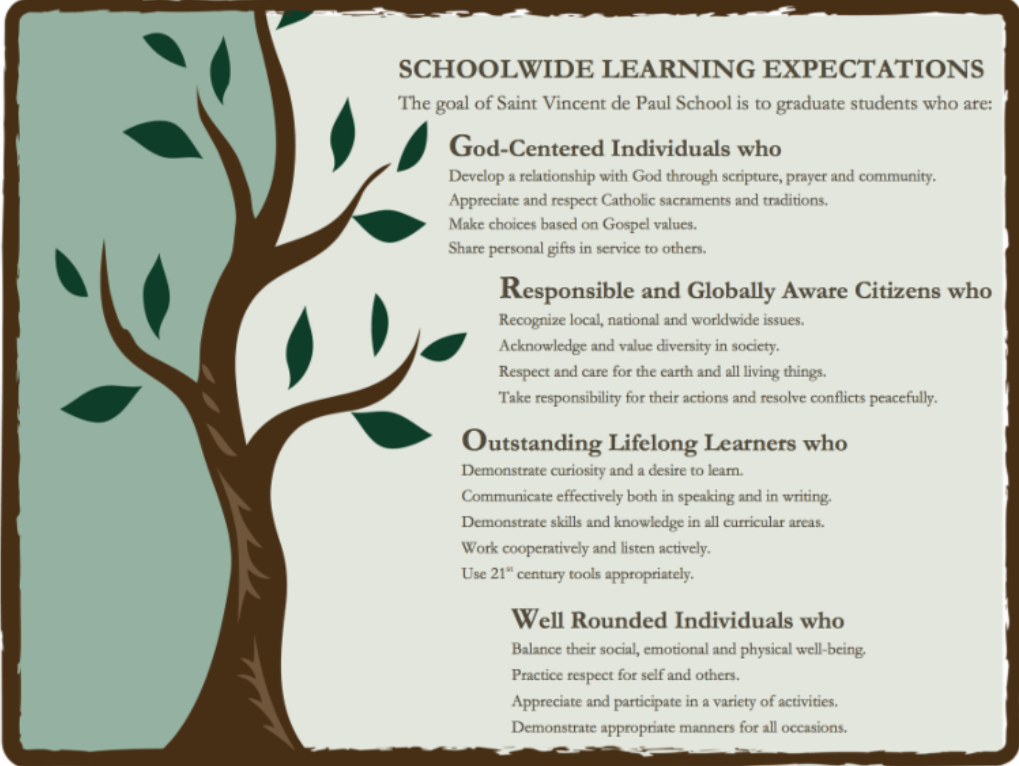
- Drama program
- Homework Café
- Field trips
- School Garden
- Technology upgrades
- Facility Improvements



Join the Annual Giving Campaign...get on the BUS!

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:

[Fall FEST 2015](#)

[Year at a Glance 2015-16 updated](#)

[Yearly Calendar of Events 2015-16 Updated](#)

October 12
School Holiday

No school

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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