



February 27, 2014

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

Please join us in welcoming Valerie Persky to our school community. She will be working in the first grade classroom on Mondays and Fridays. Valerie brings a vast array of experiences with her and is excited to share them with our students. She taught for over 15 years in the San Francisco public schools, has a masters degree in educational administration and is currently completing a second masters in the Teaching of Reading. Welcome, Valerie!

As most of you know, St. Vincent de Paul School is preparing for its WCEA/WASC evaluation that will take place next November. The last few months have found faculty and staff immersed in the self-study process of reflecting, studying and writing the necessary reports. We now need **your** help! Your opinions, observations and perceptions are key components of our self-study. In order to capture your thoughts, we will email a survey on Monday, March 3 and ask that you complete it by Wednesday, March 12. We ask that you set aside time to give us this valuable feedback.


Some of you have inquired about our progress in the area of technology. We hope the following overview will assist you in understanding the great strides we have made in this area. In the Spring of 2013, Fund the Need raised money for the purchase of iPads which provided each faculty member with an iPad. In the fall it became apparent that our infrastructure needed to be bolstered in order to sustain the number of electronic devices we hope to see on campus. With that in mind, we invested close to \$60,000 in a new wireless system. This was completed in January.

Simultaneously, faculty continue to prepare for the advent of classroom use of iPads. During the fall teachers participated in workshops, both on campus and off site, to improve their familiarity with the device and to discover strategies to use the iPad in teaching and learning. Ten faculty members are registered for the three day iTeach Conference sponsored by Apple and held at San Domenico School in June. The upgrades to our infrastructure combined with teacher preparation positions us to invest in iPads for our students. Your generous donations to this year's Fund the Need at the auction will help us accomplish this goal. Our intention is to launch our student iPad program at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

Next week will be quiet around here. On Monday the 4th grade will leave school for the drive to Coloma and a wonderful three days immersed in Gold Rush life. They will return on Wednesday. A few hours later our 5th grade students will walk to the San Francisco Maritime Park for their overnight on the *Balclutha*. On Thursday 1st graders will visit the Marine Science Institute in Redwood City. All trips promise to be incredible learning opportunities for our students. Huge thanks to our teachers who organized the trips and to our parent volunteers who accompany the teachers and students.

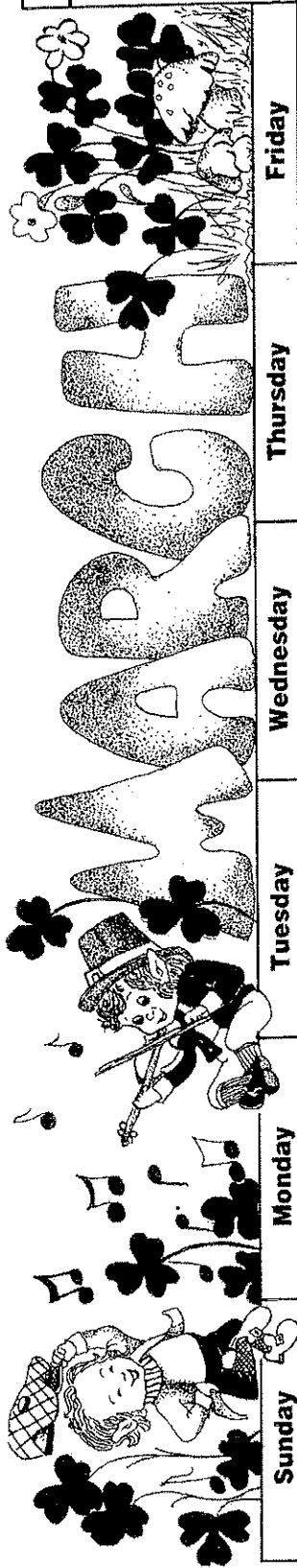
Ash Wednesday which is next week begins our forty day journey of fast and penance. In reality, we see the Lenten season as the "growing" season – a time to slow our pace, an opportunity for reflection and re-awakening of our spirits. As we travel these Lenten days, may they find us growing in compassion, generosity and love.

Blessings,


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St. Patrick's Day					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Auction Preview Following 8am and 5:15pm Mass/Parish Hall Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	3 4 th grade to Coloma 5 th grade Age of Sail overnight Spanish Club 3 rd -5 th grades 3:30-4:30pm	4 5 th grade returns	5 Ash Wednesday All School Mass 9:15am 4 th grade returns 1:45 dismissal	6 1 st grade Marine Science Institute	7 Walk and Roll to School
9 Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	10 Children's Book Drive begins Spanish Club 6 th -8 th grades 3:30-4:30	11 3 rd grade Academy of Sciences Parent Guild Meeting / Parish Hall 7pm	12 1:45 dismissal	13 CYO Cooking 5 th -8 th grades Science Fair 6-8pm Gym GYM CLOSED Family Envelope	14
16 Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 1:45 dismissal	20	21 2 nd grade Exploratorium Children's Book Drive ends
23 Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	24 Teacher in Service 12:30 Dismissal	25	26 1:45 dismissal	27 Family Envelope	28 School Holiday STAFF Work Day
30 Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	31 School Holiday				
Saturday Auction Preview Following 5:15pm Mass/Parish Hall					
8 Mother/Son Bowling Mass at 5:15pm					
15 Mass at 5:15pm					
22 <i>Raise the Torch</i> SVDP Gala Auction					
29 Mass at 5:15pm					



SVDP Parent Guild Speaker Meeting High School Information Panel

Who: Rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

When: Tuesday, April 8th 2010 6:15 - 7:15 PM

Where: SVDP Parish Hall

What: The SVDP Parent Guild is hosting our annual High School Information Panel. Topics we hope to cover include: frequently asked questions, what to expect in the 7th grade, the 3 standardized tests students take for HS entry, tips from graduating students and parents, HS open houses/visits and more.

Why: We will be hosting an informal panel and discussion for both parents and 'rising' students - to highlight information parents and students might want to start thinking about with reference to the High School Application process. The intention is to demystify the process and hopefully help eliminate some of the anxiety for all parties involved.

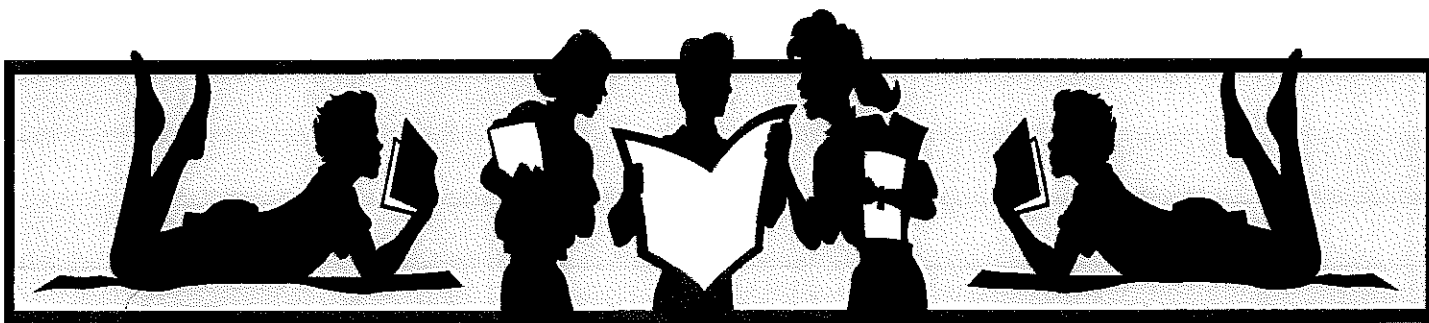
Note: This will NOT take place of the SVDP HS Information Day which typically is the 1st week of October during school hours.

If there is a specific question you have regarding this process, please let us know so we can provide an answer for you that evening. We hope to see you and your 'rising' student.

Sincerely,

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**CHILDREN'S
BOOK DRIVE
AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL**

March 10 – March 21

Give your books a “second reading”!

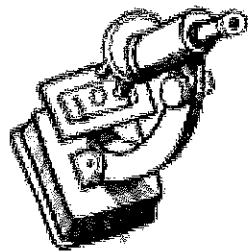
Please bring your “outgrown” or no longer needed, gently used children’s books to school from March 10 to March 21.

The Children’s Book Project will give the books to children at homeless shelters, childcare centers and other children’s facilities.

St. Vincent de Paul
5th - 6th - 7th - 8th Grade
Science Fair



Thursday March 13
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Gym



SVDP MEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH
6:30PM

WE'LL BE CELEBRATING ST. PADDY'S DAY WITH ??????

WE'LL BE HOLDING BOARD ELECTIONS TOO



Gourmet Meal

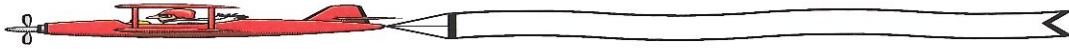


Please join us on Wednesday night, March 12th, in the School Cafeteria for another incredible meal tailored to the gourmet tastes of our members. As always, we'll have an open bar followed by dinner and our meeting. This is the last Men's Club General Meeting of the school year - don't miss it!

Additional Upcoming Men's Club Events

April 27	Sunday	Spring Breakfast
May 9	Friday	Viking Golf Tournament

St. Vincent de Paul Men's Club Spring Breakfast



YOU'RE INVITED!

Take the morning off!

Let the Men's Club cook your breakfast for you!

You are cordially invited to the Men's Club Spring Breakfast on Sunday April 27th in the school cafeteria after the 10:00 am mass. There is no charge to members, parents, students, and parishioners.

Don't you already do enough cooking? Let the Men's Club take care of breakfast. We'll be serving scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, coffee cake, milk, and coffee. It's delicious and there's no charge--you can't get a better price anywhere! Don't miss it!!!

**Calling all Fans of Girl Scout Cookies!
The SVdP 2nd Grade Brownie Scouts are having a
Girl Scout Cookie Sale**



When: Friday February 28th after school!

Where: Courtyard or the Gym if it is raining!

Cost: \$5 per delicious box of cookies!

We have Mint Thins, Samoas, Savannah Lemon Cookies,

Dos-i-dos, Tag-a-longs, and Trefoils!

Your support helps our Brownies attend camp and other special

Girl Scout activities. We thank you for your consideration!

If you have any questions: contact Stephanie Harden-O'Brien

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