

March 13, 2014

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

We offer huge thanks to those who contributed to Tuesday night's Parent Guild meeting. Julia Bolcerek and Lesli Asiello coordinated the meeting. Renee McDonald and Sean Havlin provided a report from the Finance Committee, and Dave Alonso discussed the Annual Campaign and the work of the Development Board. We are indeed fortunate for the abundance of resources available to St. Vincent de Paul School. The financial information emphasized the fiscal strength of our school for which we are very grateful.

As we plan for the 2014-2015 school year, we anticipate increases in our expenses. Personnel costs, including health care, continue to rise, utilities will be higher and the basic cost of classroom materials and supplies is also increasing. This year you will note that the registration fee is rolled into the tuition. The total increase (including registration and tuition) is \$200 per student. There will be no separate registration fee as in previous years. By the end of March you can expect a packet that will detail the registration process and the expected financial commitment of each family.

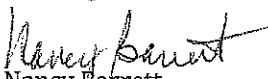
While we look ahead to the next school year, we also look forward to summer days. Many of you are undoubtedly planning family vacations, registering your children for camps and enrolling them in classes. As you plan your summer schedules keep in mind that the first day of school is Thursday, August 21st.

All of you football fans will be excited to know that Joe and Jennifer Montana will visit SVdP on Tuesday, March 18. There will be a short assembly at which Joe and Jennifer will speak to our students about what it takes to be a champion and how to develop healthy habits. After the presentation class photos will be taken with our guests. You are welcome to join us at this assembly. **If you choose to do so, please arrive by 11:25. Parents may enter the gym ONLY from the Green Street entrance. Because this is a student event, parents will be seated in the bleachers. Feel free to take photos from the bleachers during the presentation, but you may NOT take photos during the class photo time. Additionally NO autographs will be given.** We wish to thank Lori Puccinelli Stern for arranging this opportunity.

You may recall that 8th grader Cooper Veit was the champion of the SVdP spelling bee. In February Cooper met other school spelling bee winners at Lawrence Hall of Science where he took a written spelling exam. Based on his excellent performance on that test, he and 50 other Bay Area students will meet on Saturday at the KPIX studios for the regional oral spelling bee. The winner of this round will compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee to be held near Washington D.C. We wish him the best of luck. Happy Spelling, Cooper!

The month of March is designated as Women's History Month. This year's theme is "celebrating women of character, courage, and commitment." As we reflect on the women in our lives, we thank God for family members, friends, colleagues, and the moms in the St. Vincent de Paul community who demonstrate character, courage and commitment in their daily lives. We salute you!

Blessings,


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