



March 27, 2014

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

It is with grateful hearts that we thank everyone who helped make the St. Vincent de Paul Parish and School Auction a success. What a tremendous amount of work was invested in creating this exciting, enjoyable event! Those of us who attended had the pleasure of wonderful company, good food and an opportunity to support our favorite school and athletic programs! In particular, we wish to thank those that supported our Fund the Need request. The money raised will support the first of three tiers of our iPad implementation. The first tier goal is to create a one-to-one program for the middle school; the second tier goal is the purchase of a fully loaded iPad cart for third, fourth and fifth grades; and the third tier goal does the same for kindergarten, first and second grades. If you did not have the opportunity to donate to this cause at the auction, we are still soliciting contributions to make this dream come true. You may send a check payable to SVDP and earmarked for our iPad fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Healthy eating was the name of the game last week when Kelly Alonzo and Anna Strain laid out a beautiful salad bar for our students and faculty. All of the lettuce was harvested from our school garden by our students. The leafy greens were fresh and beautiful and were supplemented with other vegetables. So many students delighted in the salad that they even requested seconds! Thanks to our two moms, Kelly and Anna, the garden continues to thrive.

Last weekend Marguerite Pini and Katie Nejasnich traveled to Southern California for professional development workshops. Ms. Pini attended the Religious Education Congress and Ms. Nejasnich participated in the annual conference of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development. Both came back energized and with new ideas to share with our faculty and staff.

An exciting and unique summer opportunity will be offered at St. Vincent de Paul School. The Young Writers Camp sponsored by the Bay Area Writing Project will be held from July 7 – July 25. Additionally, a digital storytelling class will be offered from June 30 – July 3. If your child is a third to eighth grader and wishes to develop and reinforce writing skills in a relaxed camp environment, this is the perfect summer class.

We have noticed an inordinate number of morning tardies and will begin writing tardy slips. We wish to remind students that arriving on time is a valuable life long skill. It is important that our children understand that their current job is that of a student and beginning their day promptly is critical. It is also important to note that high schools seriously consider punctuality when reviewing transcripts from their applicants.

Registration contracts have been mailed indicating this year's tuition category. In May, categories will be re-evaluated taking into account volunteer hours and parish participation. Please stay current with your hours and parish participation.

Our new phone system is being installed today and tomorrow. Next week when you phone the school, be prepared to hear a new message. The new system will allow us to answer calls and receive messages in a more timely and efficient manner.

May our continued Lenten journey instill in us a desire to practice kindness and compassion in our day to day experiences.

Blessings,

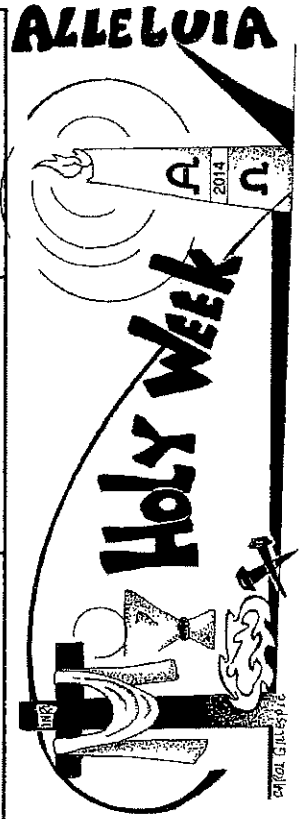

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APRIL

		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			1:45 dismissal		Walk and Roll to School First Friday Mass 9:15 am	Mass at 5:15pm
		8	9	10	11	12
		PG Speaker Meeting/High School Information Panel 7:15pm	1:45 dismissal	School Confessions 10:30 am Family Envelope	3 rd Grade Field Trip / SF City Hall	Mass at 5:15pm
		15	16	17	18	19
		CYO Cooking	1:45 dismissal	Holy Thursday 12:30pm Dismissal No Extended Care Gym Closed SVdP Students depart for Nicaragua	Good Friday 3 rd & 7 th Grades Stations of the Cross 10:45 am - All school 12-3pm Stations of the Cross Easter Holiday	Holy Saturday No 5:15 Mass Easter Vigil 8pm
		22	23	24	25	26
		Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Mass at 5:15 pm
		29	30			
			1:45 dismissal			
		6	7	14	21	28
		Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15pm	Spanish Club 6 th -8 th Grades	Spanish Club 3 rd -5 th Grades	Easter Holiday	School Resumes Teacher in Service 12:30 pm Dismissal
		13	20	27		
		Palm Sunday Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00pm No Evening Mass	Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm Men's Club Spring Breakfast after 10:00 am Mass		



Dear Saint Vincent de Paul Families,

Last week we received the sad and tragic news of Mr. James Nolan's sudden passing. Mr. Nolan was a loving and peaceful friend and a devout father to one of our current 7th graders. He also leaves behind three other children who also graduated from Saint Vincent de Paul School.

Many of you know Mr. Nolan's contributions to our community went beyond his business skills in painting our school over the years. His photography, videos, music recordings, and the gifts and beauty of his sons' melodic voices have changed lives exponentially.

It is in Mr. James Nolan's honor that the Parent Guild is sponsoring a gift card basket and monetary drive for the Nolan Family. Because so many families across all grades have asked how they could help, we felt it appropriate to gather gift cards from local merchants. This will allow the family to take "quick escapes" or order a meal when they choose or need a lift. Gift card ideas include: Super Duper, Amici's, Starbucks, Albertsons, Safeway, Babies R Us, Target, Movie Theatre tickets, etc.

We will also collect monetary donations "To the Nolan Family" should you consider this type of a donation.

Several families have inquired about a food drive. We will pursue this thoughtful gesture in the near future, but for now wish to give the family full privacy and time.

If you would like to contribute, please forward your donation to the Front Office to the attention of the Parent Guild. If you include a personal note, please be sure your envelope is sealed. If you would like the Parent Guild to purchase a gift card for you, please indicate which vendor. We ask that gift cards and/or monetary donations arrive by Friday April 4th. The Parent Guild will deliver the basket and gifts the following week.

We appreciate your generosity and support and ask that you keep the Nolan family in your prayers as they navigate this difficult journey.

Lastly, at the request of Mrs. Daisy Nolan: condolences may be left in the Guestbook of their families' website at nolanbrotherspainting.com.

Sincerely,
Your Parent Guild
March 2014

Young Writers Camps

BAY AREA WRITING PROJECT

www.bayareawritingproject.org

Turn this Summer into more than a Story!

EL CERRITO/
KENSINGTON

Kensington Hilltop
June 16 - July 3
9 a - 12 p

MARIN/
KENTFIELD

Bacich Elementary
June 16 - July 3
9 a - 12 p

SAN
RAMON

California HS
July 28 - Aug 15
9 a - 12 p

BERKELEY/
OAKLAND

Westlake Middle
June 16 - July 3
9 a - 12 p

DIGITAL
STORYTELLING

St. Vincent de Paul
June 30 - July 3
9 a - 3 p

SAN
FRANCISCO #3

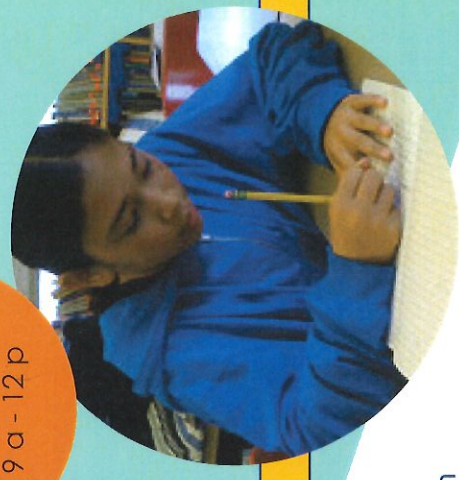
St. Ignatius Prep
July 21 - Aug 8
9 a - 12 p

SAN
FRANCISCO #1

Francisco Middle
June 9 - June 27
9:30 a - 12:30 p

SAN
FRANCISCO #2

St. Vincent de Paul
July 7 - July 25
9 a - 12 p



Sponsored by the Bay Area Writing Project at UC Berkeley,

Young Writers Camps offer kids entering grades 3rd through 9th a unique opportunity to develop their creative abilities and writing talents. In a relaxed camp atmosphere, campers will receive specific writing instruction and conference individually with staff to build and reinforce their writing skills. The camps are for kids and teens who like to write! Students will have time to explore their writing interests, and discover their strengths, and learn more about the craft of writing.

Berkeley Graduate School of Education
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



Academic Chess

at St Vincent De Paul

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- Tournament for all participants
- Exclusive Academic Chess Books
- Prizes awarded to all students

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Pay by credit card **ONLINE!**
www.academicchess.com

or

Turn in completed registration form and payment to the school office.

Please make check payable to
'Academic Chess'

Registration is due by the
first day of class.

When: Wednesday

Time: 2:00 to 3:00

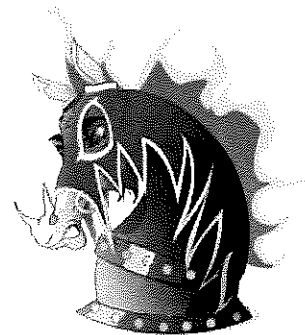
Dates: 04/02, 04/09, 04/16, 04/30
05/07, 05/14, 05/21, 05/28

Skip Dates: 04/23

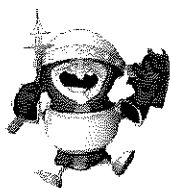
Meeting Place: Library

We are devoted to promoting the merits of chess among children by using stories, dances, and catchy songs to make the game of chess exciting and easy to understand.

This wonderful learning experience not only teaches children to play chess, but also prepares them for life by enhancing their thought process.



Here is a short list of the many benefits of chess.



1. Creativity
2. Concentration
3. Logical Reasoning
4. Critical Thinking
5. Memory
6. Problem Solving
7. Planning Ahead
8. Complex Decision Making
9. Pattern Recognition
10. Intellectual Maturity



For more information call us at **415-412-4040**

Email us at sanfrancisco@academicchess.com

or check out our website at www.academicchess.com

I give permission for my child to attend the after-school chess classes with Academic Chess.

I understand it is my responsibility to arrange adult supervision immediately after chess class.

School: St Vincent De Paul Day: Wednesday Time: 2:00 to 3:00 Session: 04/02 - 05/28 Cost: \$88.00

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Email: _____ Allergies: _____

After Chess Class: ☐ Pick Up ☐ Day Care ☐ Yard Dismissal ☐ _____



SVDP Parent Guild Speaker Meeting High School Information Panel

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

When: Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 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,

Kristi Arnold Estes- Sunshine Coordinator SVDP Parent Guild skestes@sbcglobal.net

Stephanie Harden-O'Brien- SVDP Parent Guild sdeehobrien@yahoo.com

March 26, 2014



Dear SVDP Families and Friends,

On behalf of the Auxiliary to the de Paul Youth Club and the SVDP 2014 Auction Committee, we'd like to thank everyone who helped make this year's auction a great success. It was through the generous sponsorship, auction item donations, beautiful class artwork, guest attendance, and volunteers that made it a wonderful celebration of our SVDP community. This event would not have been possible without the dedication and countless hours put in by so many individuals. A sincere thank you to our core Auction 2014 Committee: *Marie Murphy, Kristina Landry, Joe Pacula, Brenda Barkley, Dianna Frew, and Linda Bettencourt*. It was truly a team effort!

We have exciting news to share – through your generous giving during the live auction we were able to raise \$27,700 for our "Fund the Need for iPads" in the classrooms. These needed funds will help Saint Vincent de Paul School continue their mission to incorporate technology throughout the curriculum. Thank you again to all who so generously gave in support of this fund. We applaud you!!

For all purchases made during the auction, your receipts will be mailed to you starting next week. If you were unable to attend the event, there will still be opportunities to donate to the "Fund the Need," and purchase individual student artwork or unfilled party boards. We will be sending out an email in the near future explaining how you can still participate. ***If you have any immediate questions, please contact Marie Murphy at mariemurphy49@comast.net.***

A few more special thank you's, which were not made that evening...

- Thank you to Vicki Bamsey, our very creative art teacher, who designed the beautiful Olympic Torch centerpieces.
- Thank you to our talented SVDP parent and photographer, Tony Kiehn, who took fantastic pictures all night long. Please visit the link below and you'll see that everyone had a great time!
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1pobg2y5n7c7khz/QvXSeV-8OK>
- Thank you to SVDP parent Anel Muller for her technical work on the Live Auction slideshow and videos.
- Thank you to Andra von Behren who worked on publicity.
- Thank you to Kristine Delagnes, Brenda Barkley, and Jen Mahoney for their time and patience with Reservations & Seating.
- Thank you Ana Maria Hughes, Marie Murphy, and Diane Perun for their work on the raffle.

- Thank you to Carissa Hawthorn for heading the Class Art Projects, along with all the room parents and other volunteers. The projects were fantastic!
- Thank you to Mary Noonan, Melissa Brilliant, and Lindsay Hanover for a great job on the Wine Cellar.
- Thank you to St. Mary's Event Center and Knights Catering for their hospitality and outstanding service.
- And finally, thank you to Mr. Steven Meyer and the SVDP Boys Choir and Golden Gate Choir and Bell Ringers who came to share the gift of their incredible voices.

Again, we appreciate your generous support, and we will keep you updated on the overall success of the event.

Sincerely,

Sandra Oltranti, Auxiliary President
Marie Murphy, Auxiliary VP

Jeff Landry, Auction Co-Chair
Bob O'Brien, Auction Co-Chair