

May 1, 2014

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

Hold on to your hat! It's May Madness! As principals new to St. Vincent de Paul School, we look at the May calendar and marvel at the many activities and events that fill the next days and weeks. While we have much to celebrate, we wish to remind you and your children that classes continue and education is the number one priority. We encourage our students to study hard and balance this with the enjoyment of spirit week, field day and the plethora of other activities.

As a Catholic school our religious education program centers on the sacraments. The culminating sacramental event for the second graders is the celebration of First Holy Communion which occurs on Sunday, May 4 at the 10:00am Mass. Under the careful guidance of Ms. McCaffrey they have been preparing the entire year for this monumental event. We are grateful for the assistance and direction provided by both Ms. McCaffrey and Ms. Broderick. Congratulations to the second graders. In addition, we wish to acknowledge Summer Bolcerek, Samantha Raulgh and Andrea Raulgh who made their First Communion on Holy Thursday.

We hope you have marked your calendars for Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00pm. This is the evening that our sixth and seventh grade thespians will share their many talents with you. Come enjoy the antics of our students as they assume roles in *Peter Pan* and *Alice in Wonderland*!

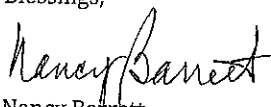
Eighth grade chose one of the hottest days of the years to travel to Sacramento on their annual trek to the State Capitol and the Railroad Museum. By all accounts, this was a learning experience and a fun-filled excursion. Next week first graders will hike to Inspiration Point in the Presidio, learning about plants, bugs and animals as they walk. Third graders will explore the Presidio Archaeology Lab where they will examine historic images and artifacts as they learn about past cultures. Fourth and fifth grade students will visit St. Peter and Paul School to enjoy their dance recital. Field trips continue to be met with enthusiasm and provide both learning opportunities and enjoyment for our students.

Congratulations to our very own Eco Committee. This group of dedicated students spearheads our composting endeavors, promotes waste reduction in the cafeteria and encourages our walk and roll days. On Tuesday, May 13th they will be honored at City Hall for their efforts in the area of environmental excellence. This recognition come from the San Francisco Department of the Environment. Thank you to our Eco Committee and to Profesora Grube for their hard work in this area.

It is with great pride that we announce that Ms. K.C. McCabe-Isom has been selected to receive the 2014 Herbst Award for Teaching Excellence. On Tuesday Ms. McCabe will be presented with this award at morning assembly. This year's award recognizes teachers of grades 6, 7 and 8 at schools in San Francisco. We congratulate Ms. McCabe and salute all of our SVDP teachers who dedicate themselves to providing excellence in education.

Finally it is with great enthusiasm that we announce the hiring of Ms. Valerie Persky in the capacity of Curriculum Director. She will work with all children to ensure that students are fully engaged and successful in the learning process. In addition, Ms. Persky brings many skills that will help support teachers in the classroom. Some of you may be familiar with Valerie Persky as she has been volunteering in the first grade classroom during this last semester. Ms. Persky holds a Masters of Arts in Education, a California Educational Administration Credential, a California Reading Certificate and is currently completing a Masters of Arts in the Teaching of Reading. Please join us in welcoming Valerie Persky!

Blessings,


Nancy Barrett
Co-Principal


Marguerite Pini
Co-Principal

Bay Area Writing Project Young Writers Camp Summer 2014

Join us
in 2014!

What to Expect at

Friendly and Supportive Camp Environment!

The Young Writers Camps offer students the time and opportunity to explore their writing interests, discover their strengths and learn more about the craft of writing.

Art projects to inspire student writing!

Summer 2014 marks the 18th year for the Young Writers' Camps, one of the most desirable summer enrichment camps in the area. Sponsored by the Bay Area Writing Project (BAWP) at UC Berkeley, the camps offer children entering grades 3 through 9 a unique opportunity to develop their writing talents and creative abilities.



Students learn to share their stories, observations, and feelings through their writing.

The camps provide in-depth instruction, structured writing workshop time, flexibility in writing assignments, and daily opportunities to share writing with peers.

Who is a Good Candidate for Camp?

The camps are for students who like to write! Our most successful students are those who are eager to try their hand at new types of writing. We discourage parents from enrolling children who are not enthusiastic about writing.



"Author's chair" celebration at the end of camp!

Who are the Instructors?

Instructors are experienced classroom teachers who serve as BAWP Teacher Consultants and who make it their goal to instill in each student an appreciation, excitement and enjoyment of writing.

"I didn't think I had so many ideas in my head. They all just spilled out here. I am glad I came. I learned a lot and I had lots of fun."

Registration and fees:

The \$550 fee includes all materials and a camp T-shirt. Enrollment is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Cancellations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. *Scholarships:* A limited number of partial scholarships are available based



"Our son was a part of the Mill Valley workshop this past summer and is determined to attend this next year as well. This is a real high-point of his summer."

on need. Please inquire with the BAWP office for more information. *Sibling Discount:* Subtract \$50 from the fee for the second child.

Young Writers Camps Summer 2014



Bay Area Writing Project

UC Berkeley
Graduate School of Education

(510) 642-0971

bawpwritingcamp.org
bayareawritingproject.org

Camp Locations and Dates

SF Site #1:

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

Marin Site:
Pacich

Elementary School
June 16 - July 3
9:00 - 12:00

Berkeley/
Oakland:

Westlake Middle
June 16 - July 3
9:00 - 12:00

Digital
Storytelling:

St. Vincent de Paul
June 30 - July 3
9:00 - 3:00

SNDP

SF Site #2:
St. Vincent de Paul
July 7 - July 20
9:00 - 12:00

SF Site #3:

St. Ignatius Prep
July 21 - August 8
9:00 - 12:00

San Ramon:
California High
School

July 28 - August 15
9:00 - 12:00

Questions?? bawp@berkeley.edu

Registration Form:

Camper's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Preferred contact phone # _____

Preferred contact email _____

Student's School in 2013-14 _____ School City _____

Camper is entering the _____ th grade

Camp Location: SF #1 ___ Marin ___ El Cerrito ___ Berkeley ___ Digital ___ SF #2 ___ SF #3 ___ San Ramon ___

T-Shirt Size: Youth Med ___ Youth Large ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ XXL ___

How did you hear about the Young Writers Camps? _____

*Online payment available at bawpwritingcamp.org. Visa and Mastercard accepted online (with a processing fee).

You can submit a paper registration with a check or cash (in person only when paying with cash). Please make your check payable to "UC Regents" and mail to: Bay Area Writing Project, Graduate School of Education, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-1040