



May 29, 2014

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

Student body elections, spirit week, field day, 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic, yearbooks mark the end of the 2013-2014 school year. We heard the sound of laughter and camaraderie, the quiet listening during election speeches and the mighty roar as 8<sup>th</sup> graders beat the faculty at kick ball. These many activities created a spirit and energy that excites us as we end our first year as co-principals.

Many of these events were orchestrated by our St. Vincent de Paul Student Council. They worked behind the scenes to ensure that our activities were organized and enjoyable for all. Thank you to this year's eighth grade student council members: Eugenio Frew, Fiona Mahoney, Chris Melchior, Luke Phelan, Connor Reed and Owen Veit. We appreciate their dedication, commitment and hard work. Welcome to our new student body officers: Brennan Canapary, Katherine McDonnell, Chris Nolan, Coco O'Brien and Owen Veit. We anticipate great leadership from our newly elected officers and a variety of activities during the 2014-2015 school year!

Third grade had a surprise on Tuesday when as part of a book report, Lyla Makras brought former mayor Willie Brown to the classroom. Students questioned Mr. Brown about his experience with "being famous", his age and the presidents he had met. Thank you to the Makras family for arranging this opportunity.

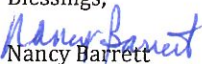
Kindergarten spent today at the San Francisco Zoo. They looked forward to visiting exotic and interesting animals. Next week, several classes will experience the last field trips of the year. Second grade will visit the Ferry Building in order to talk with farmers and purchase a fresh food item for family use. Third grade will be taking the ferry to Alcatraz to learn about life on "The Rock". Finally, first grade will enjoy an end of the year picnic.

We are happy to inform you that our teaching staff will remain constant for next year. We so appreciate our instructors' skills and the many ways they interact with the children. We know they will bring the same energy to their classes next year. We will celebrate motherhood and fatherhood next year which means there will be slight adjustments. Both Ms. Nejasnich and Mr. Walsh will be taking some family leave time. Kersta Freibergs, a credentialed teacher who has been serving as an instructional aide in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom, will substitute on the days the new parents will be home with their baby. Micaella Colla, PhD candidate and current instructional aide in middle school, will substitute for K.C. McCabe-Isom during her pregnancy leave during the first semester.

Congratulations to our eighth graders! We are so proud of their accomplishments and know they will be successful next year. We will miss them. Thank you to the parents of our eighth graders who have supported them in their endeavors and supported the school in so many ways. We will miss you, too!

There are several handouts in this envelope that are extremely important. Please read them carefully. They include a skeleton calendar that includes the first day of school and holidays. Please note that school days for next year will begin at 8:00am and end at 2:45pm for K, 1, 2 and 3:00pm for the older students. Also included is a very important letter explaining technology for next year.

Thank you to all for your tremendous support during this school year. It has been much appreciated. We wish you a summer spent with family and friends and time that is relaxing and enjoyable. See you in August!!!

Blessings,  
  
Nancy Barrett  
Co-Principal

  
Marguerite Pini  
Co-Principal

**SVDP Parent Guild  
Events 2013-2014**

**August**

- \*New Family Cocktail Party
- \*Welcome Picnic
- 1st Day of School Hospitality

**September**

- Back-to-School Dinner Dance
- Parent Guild Meeting

**October**

- High School Information Day
- 8th Grade Confirmation
- Coffee Talk

**November**

- Parent Guild Meeting

**December**

- Parent Guild Cookie Exchange

**January**

- Parent Guild Meeting
- 1st Reconciliation Reception
- \*Grandparents Day

**February**

- Coffee Talk
- Father Daughter Dance

**March**

- Mother Son Event

**April**

- Parent Guild Meeting

**May**

- First Communion Reception
- Coffee Talk
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

**May/June**

- 8th Grade Graduation Luncheon
- 8th Grade Graduation Reception
- 8th Grade Picnic
- 8th Grade Dinner Dance
- Room Parent Transitional Meeting

\*Shared event with other SVDP organizations

# SVDP PARENT GUILD



Thank you for  
Supporting the  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Parent Guild

**2014-2015**

***GO VIKINGS!***

**St. Vincent de Paul School  
2350 Green Street  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415.346.5505**



## SVDP Parent Guild

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Parent Guild is to bring the families of St. Vincent de Paul School together as a community and to foster a spirit of involvement between the school and other parish organizations.

### Executive Board 2014-2015

Co-President — Co-President  
Kelly Alonzo Anna Strain

Vice President — Secretary  
Marie Schieber Jennifer Mahoney

Treasurer  
Paul Schieber

Co-Event Chairs-  
Stephanie Harden-O'Brien  
Julie Paul

Sunshine Coordinator  
Kristi Estes

School Spirit Fundraising  
Kendra Stitt-Robins

Gently Used Uniform Sales  
Heidi Engelbrechten

### Executive Board

The Executive Board is established at the end of the prior school year. The existing Executive Board selects a nominating committee that first nominates individuals and then asks if they are interested in serving on the Board for the coming school year. If desired, two individuals can share a Board position. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Board, simply inform a Board member.

### Membership

You are automatically a member if your child is enrolled in St. Vincent de Paul School. Your annual enrollment fee is \$125.00 and is paid with your registration fee. The membership fees are used to finance the various Guild activities throughout the year.

### Meetings

The Parent Guild Meetings convene on the second Tuesday of each month. The general meetings provide parents with an avenue for affecting their child's education and developing a relationship with school decision-makers. Four of the general meetings are designated as "guest speaker" meetings (two per semester). Speakers present valuable information on topics such as education, family life, spiritual growth, etc. Parent Guild Meeting can alternate in the mornings or evenings. Complimentary Child Watch is provided at evening speaker meetings for children ages 4 years and above. If parents are interested in being designated "participating family" status for their tuition contract, then they are required to attend two out of the four Guest Speaker Parent Guild Meetings, at least one per semester.

### Room Parents 2014-2015

Each year the SVDP Parent Guild will ask for parent volunteers to serve as room parents. The room parents serve as a liaison between the classroom teacher and the remaining parents for that particular grade. The room parents communicate the need for assistance and recruit volunteers from parents within the grade level. They help coordinate classroom parties, chaperones on field trips, and plan assigned Parent Guild school events. All activities are the decision of the classroom teacher and are at the classroom teacher's discretion. Room Parents volunteer for grades K-8.

## SVDP Room Parents 2014-2015

Kindergarten  
Mary Noonan\*  
Caroline Williams  
Michelle Kleier  
Peggy Straley

1st Grade  
Lesli Carmignani\*  
Josie Truchan  
Katie Basara  
Caroline Pacula  
Michelle Messenger

2nd Grade  
Melissa Brilliant\*  
Courtney Hurley  
Lisa Ballerini

3rd Grade  
Courtney Heaton\*  
Bernadette Gomez  
Heather Leventini  
Laura Andronaco  
Susan Whipps

4th Grade  
Catherine Stefani\*  
Linda Bettencourt

5th Grade  
Kathleen Havlin\*  
Marie Murphy  
Kelly Burt-Deasy

6th Grade  
Katie Reed\*  
Beth McKillop  
Elisa Sciaroni-Heubner-  
Pilar Eslava

7th Grade  
Heidi Engelbrechten  
Laura Maneschi

8th Grade  
Janine Froom\*  
Kristi Estes  
Stephanie Harden-O'Brien

### \*Head Room Parent

Room Parents volunteer for grades K-6. Room Parents for grades 7 and 8 are selected by the administration. All Room Parent positions are approved by the school administration.

St. Vincent de Paul School would like to extend a warm thank you to all who donated so generously to the Fund-a-Need campaigns over the past two years. With your assistance, our community has raised a total of **\$54,800** to support the integration of technology into our school.

Part of this donation funded the first step of our **Technology Action Plan** that began last summer. It included the purchase of iPads for the teachers and professional development on the integration of iPads in the classroom i.e. discussion of classroom management, exploration of educational apps and web based tools for classroom use, and training on technology implementation across the curriculum.

As teachers began training for the integration of technology in the classroom, it became apparent that the inclusion of technology in each classroom would need the support of a more robust infrastructure. Thus, in the fall of 2013 the school began the upgrading of the **wireless network** increasing our **broadband capabilities and access points**. The school, in order to support the next steps in our Technology Action Plan, incurred the upgrade cost of approximately \$65,000.

The original Technology Action Plan called for:

- iPads for the teachers and Professional Development – Approx. cost: \$20,000
- 1:1 iPad integration at the middle school level – Approx. cost: \$60,000
- 30 iPads and a tech cart for the intermediate grades (3-5) – Approx. cost: \$20,000
- 30 iPads and a tech cart for the primary grades (K-2) – Approx. cost: \$20,000

In its entirety, the total cost to fund the action plan would be \$120,000. Remaining in our Fund-a-Need account is \$39,800, which will not fund the second tier of our action plan, 1:1 iPads in the middle school, let alone furnish Tech-carts for our two elementary floors.

The Technology Committee, working with the Administration and the Advisory Board, discussed and investigated how to get technology into all our classrooms and how to best serve our school on this initiative.

These are the committee's findings:

- All grade levels would benefit from having immediate access to technology on a daily basis.
- Technology in the classroom is highly supported by the elementary school parents (K-5) who contributed nearly 92% of the total money raised at this year's auction.
- Trends in the educational circuit are showing that the exorbitant cost of procuring and maintaining devices at any school site has schools in California leaning toward a Bring-Your-Own Device approach.
- In preparation for high school SVDP students need exposure and access to technology in a learning environment.

In order to address this, beginning in the fall of 2014, middle school students will be required to purchase an iPad or iPad Mini and bring it to school every day. The cost per student will range from \$399 to \$599. Each middle school student will receive an iTunes card of \$100 to defray the cost of purchasing either an iPad or iPad Mini before the first day of school. (If a student already owns an iPad then there is not need to purchase one.) The remaining monies, raised through the Fund-a-Need campaigns, will be directed toward the acquisition of two fully loaded iPad or iPad Mini Tech-carts to be shared by our elementary classrooms.

We believe the integration of technology with learning will further enhance our students' educational experience and prepare them for their future. More information will be coming this summer. Stay tuned!



# SVDP 2014-2015

Month	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
August					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22
September	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26
October			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24
November						3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21
December	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26
January				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23
February	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27
March	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27
April			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24
May					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22
June	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26

## KEY

Early Dismissal

Minimum Day

Holiday

Vacation

Work Days

End of Quarter

2:15

12:30

(No School for Students)

School begins August 21, 2014

School ends June 5, 2015

Regular School Day 8:00-2:45 Grades K-2

Regular School Day 8:00-3:00 Grades 3-8

Thanksgiving Vacation  
November 26-28

Christmas Vacation  
December 22-Jan 2

Easter Vacation  
April 3-10

\*The school calendar is subject to revision.

# DE PAUL YOUTH CLUB

Dear Parents,

All De Paul Youth Club uniforms should now be returned. Your uniform deposit can not be returned to you until your child/ren have returned all De Paul Youth Club uniforms loaned to them this year.

For your convenience you may choose to have your deposit returned to you when your child returns his/her uniform or you may choose to not have your deposit returned and it will be kept on account for the 2014-2015 athletic year. Please indicate on the form below which option you prefer.

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CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please return my deposit to me when my child returns his/her uniform.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please keep my deposit for the 2014-2015 athletic year.