



September 12, 2013

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Parents,

We were pleased to see so many of you at the first Parent Guild meeting. It is wonderful to have such a dedicated and committed parent group. We look forward to partnering with you during this school year.

On September 27 we celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul during a prayer service to be held at morning assembly. As part of our celebration of our patron saint's feast day we wish to remind the students of his mantra "Let All Things Begin with Charity". We intend to kickoff our service learning program by asking that each child bring a canned good or a dry good that morning. There will be St. Vincent de Paul Society bins in the gym for our donations. Student Council will sell root beer floats at lunch, adding the money raised to our canned food donations. We invite all of you to our morning assembly.

Please note that the Iowa tests were incorrectly scheduled for next week. They will begin the week of September 23 and will be administered to 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. This week is also "Walk and Roll to School Week". The theme is "Exercise...it's good for your brain!" Please assist your child to make healthy food choices and get exercise at all times, but particularly during what can be a stressful testing week.

Many of you have inquired about Homework Club. It will begin on September 24 and be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 – 5:00pm. Micaella Colla and James Andrews, instructional aides, will provide supervision and assistance with homework. This opportunity is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. A flyer with further information will be sent home next week.

The successful healthy cooking classes begin on September 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a monthly component of our PE program and sponsored by CYO. We know the students will enjoy this activity while learning about nutrition and cooking.

As you can see, many programs and activities are underway, all of which add to our St. Vincent de Paul community. We continue to ask God to bless our endeavors and keep you and your families healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy J. Barrett  
Co-Principal

  
Marguerite Pini  
Co-Principal



Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

*"When two or more are gathered in my name..."*

On Wednesday, September 11, the students of St. Vincent de Paul prayed for world peace and gave thanks to those who serve us daily in our communities and aboard. We prayed together in remembrance of those lost 12 years ago. We expressed our gratitude for those civil servants who work every day to keep us safe and from harms way. And we prayed for hope, hope for a future where peace is the normality and violence toward others is not tolerated.



*For those who were not in attendance Wednesday morning, we share the prayer with you here.*

***PATRIOTS' DAY***  
***September 11, 2013***

*Today is a day put aside to remember those lost in the tragic events that took place 12 years ago on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001. September 11<sup>th</sup> has forever changed the way we live and work together. We take a moment to pray for those souls lost on that day and for those directly affected by those disheartening events.*

*Today is a day to give thanks to those who work in our communities to keep us safe and from harms way. The police personnel - who keep our streets safe. The firefighters and medics - who are first responders when help is needed. And the military – who protect us against foreign threats. Our hearts are full of gratitude and we thank you for all you do.*

*Today we pray for peace around the world whether in our neighborhoods locally or in countries far away. May our prayer for peace rise up and touch the heart of all people so that they may put down their weapons and be led by the desire for peace.*

**Prayer is powerful!**

**Saint Vincent de Paul School  
Yearly Calendar of Events  
2013-2014**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR CHANGES/ADDITIONS**

Sep 23	IOWA testing begins
Nov 24	Confirmation 5:15 pm Mass
Feb 22	Father/Daughter Dinner Dance

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Sept. 14	Faculty/Staff, SVDP Parents' Guild Installation Mass 5:15 pm Back to School Dinner Dance to follow in the gym
Sept. 23	Teacher In-Service – 12:30 pm dismissal. <b>IOWA testing begins</b>
Sept. 27	Feast of St. Vincent de Paul – Students attend 9:15 am Mass
Sept. 28-29	Ministry Fair – After all Masses in the Parish Hall
Oct. 1	High School Information Day – Church Hall 8:30 am – Noon
Oct. 4	First Friday School Mass 9:15 am (7 <sup>th</sup> grade).
Oct. 6	Saint Vincent de Paul School Welcome Coffee after 8:00 am Mass
Oct. 8	School Open House – Times to be determined
Oct. 10	School Open House – Times to be determined
Oct. 14	Columbus Day Holiday
Oct. 25-26	Halloween Carnival – Gym
Oct. 28	Teacher In-Service 12:30 pm dismissal
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade – Main School Yard
Nov. 1	All Saints' Day – Students attend 9:15 am Mass (6 <sup>th</sup> grade) Report Card Distribution
Nov. 3	Auxiliary to the de Paul Youth Club Memorial Mass 8:00 am – Welcome coffee after Mass
Nov. 4	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 pm dismissal
Nov. 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 pm dismissal
Nov. 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 pm dismissal
Nov. 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 pm dismissal
Nov. 8	12:30 pm dismissal
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day – School Holiday
Nov. 16	Auxiliary to the de Paul Youth Bella Notte Dinner after 5:15 pm Mass
Nov 24	<b>Confirmation 5:15 pm Mass</b>
Nov. 25	Teacher In-Service 12:30 pm dismissal
Nov. 27	Grandparents' Day Thanksgiving Holiday begins 12:30 pm dismissal – <b>No Extended Care</b>
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day – Men's Club Breakfast after 9:15 am Mass
Nov. 29	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 30	de Paul Youth Club Reunion
Dec. 1	Saint Vincent de Paul Parents' Guild Welcome Coffee after 8:00 am Mass
Dec. 6	First Friday School Mass 9:15 am (5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
Dec. 8	Auxiliary to the de Paul Youth Club Noel Luncheon
Dec. 18	School Confessions 10:30 am School Christmas Program 7:00 pm in the Church
Dec. 20	Christmas Holiday begins 12:30 pm dismissal – <b>No Extended Care</b>



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Jan. 6	School Resumes
Jan. 11	Kindergarten Testing St. Vincent de Paul Parish Thank You Dinner
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Jan. 22	First Reconciliation 5:00 pm – Church
Jan. 25	Kindergarten Testing Men's Club Cioppino Dinner
Jan. 26	Catholic Schools Week begins
Jan. 27	Teacher In-Service 12:30 pm dismissal
Feb. 7	Teacher In-Service – Student Holiday
Feb. 17	Presidents' Day Holiday
Feb. 22	<b>Father/Daughter Dinner Dance – Gym</b>
Feb. 24	Teacher In-Service 12:30 pm dismissal
March 5	Ash Wednesday – Students attend 9:15 am Mass
March 7	First Friday School Mass 9:15 am (4 <sup>th</sup> grade)
March 8	Parent Guild Mother/Son Night
March 22	Auxiliary and Development Board Auction/Gala – St. Mary's Cathedral
March 24	Teacher In-Service 12:30 pm dismissal
March 25-27	WASC
March 28-31	Local School Holidays
April 4	First Friday School Mass 9:15 am (3 <sup>rd</sup> grade)
April 9	School Confessions 10:30 am
April 17	Holy Thursday – Easter Holiday begins 12:30 pm dismissal – <b>No Extended Care</b>
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 27	Men's Club Spring Breakfast after 10:00 am Mass
April 28	School Resumes Teacher In-Service 12:30 pm dismissal
May 1	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day and Luncheon
May 2	First Friday School Mass 9:15 am (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade)
May 3	First Communion Retreat – Parish Hall
May 4	First Holy Communion – 10:00 am Mass
May 7	May Crowning
May 9	Men's Club Golf Tournament and Dinner
May 15	de Paul Youth Club Sports Award Pot Luck Dinner
May 16	Altar Servers Picnic
May 18	High School Seniors Reunion and Luncheon – Cafeteria
May 19-23	Spirit Week
May 21	School Field Day 2014-2015 Calendar Meeting 4:00 pm Rectory
May 22	Auxiliary to the de Paul Youth Installation Tea 1:00 pm Parish Hall
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday
May 27	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Dinner Dance
May 28	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Picnic New Parent Orientation Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Hall
May 29	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Retreat
May 30	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Baccalaureate Mass 9:15 am – Church 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Brunch 11:45 am – Parish Hall 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Graduation 6:00 pm – Church
June 5	Kindergarten Graduation 11:00 am Church 12:30 pm dismissal
June 7	Last Day of School 9:15 am Mass 10:30 am dismissal – <b>No Extended Care</b>

**Schedules and dates are subject to change. Always check the monthly calendar posted to the website for changes and for dates and events not listed above.**

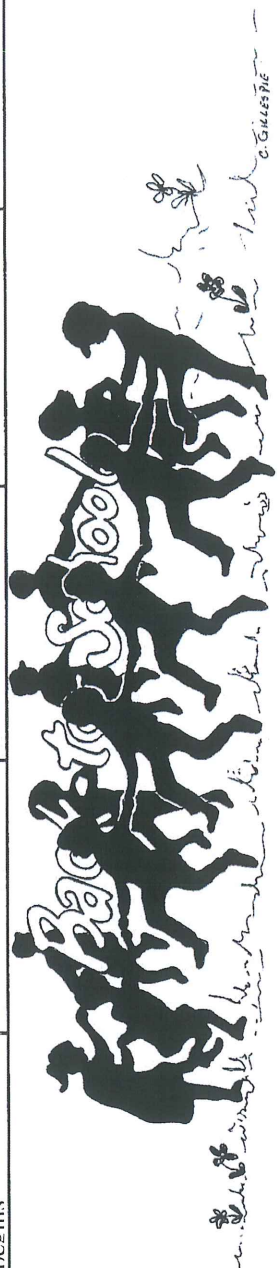




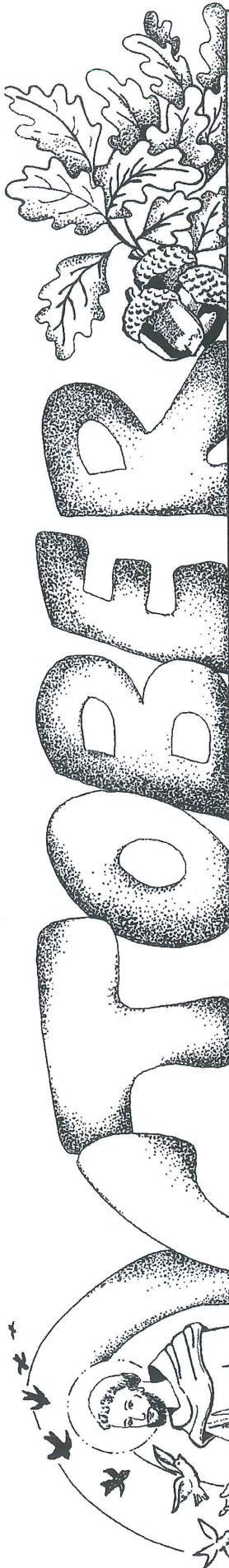
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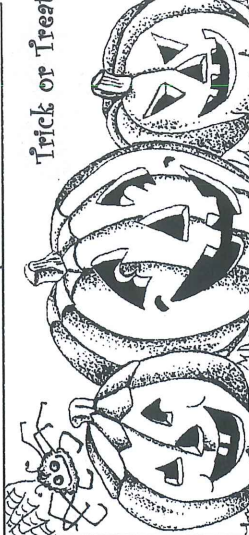


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	<b>2</b> Labor Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:45pm dismissal Back to School Night at 6:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> First Friday School Mass 9:15am Liturgy by 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>7</b> Mass at 5:15pm
<b>8</b> BVM's Birthday Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> SVDP Parents' Guild Mtg 7:00pm	<b>11</b> 1:45pm dismissal	<b>12</b> FAMILY ENVELOPE	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Installation Mass at 5:15pm Dinner/Dance following Mass
<b>15</b> Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Academic Chess begins <b>Intl. Peace Day</b> <b>Prayer</b> 1:45pm dismissal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Mass at 5:15pm
<b>22</b> Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	<b>23</b> IOWA Testing Begins Teacher In-Service 12:30pm dismissal	<b>24</b> <b>Walk &amp; Roll</b> CYO Nutrition Class Homework Club begins	<b>25</b> <b>2 School all</b> 1:45pm dismissal	<b>26</b> <b>Week</b> FAMILY ENVELOPE	<b>27</b> SVDP Feast Day Morning Prayer Service and food drive	<b>28</b> Mass at 5:15pm
<b>29</b> Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	<b>30</b>					



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		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		HS information day	IOWA Testing ends 1:45pm dismissal		First Friday School Mass 9:15am Liturgy by 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mass at 5:15pm
		8	9	10	11	12
		Open House tours available by appt Parent Guild Mtg	1:45pm dismissal	Open House tours available by appt FAMILY ENVELOPE		Mass at 5:15pm
		15	16	17	18	19
			1:45pm dismissal			Mass at 5:15pm
		22	23	24	25	26
			1:45pm dismissal	FAMILY ENVELOPE	End of quarter	Mass at 5:15pm
		29	30	31	 Trick or Treat	
			1:45pm dismissal			
Sunday	Monday					
6	7					
Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	Spanish Club 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade					
13	14	Columbus Day				
Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	School Holiday					
20	21					
Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	Spanish Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade					
27	28					
Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	Teacher In-Service 12:30pm dismissal					



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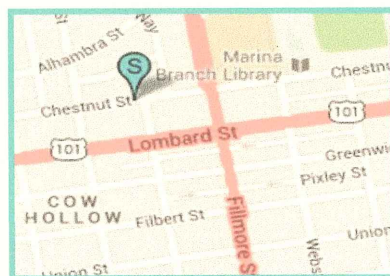
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# Walk and Roll to School Week!! Sept. 23-27



After a first successful "Bike to School Week" last year, we decided to expand it this year to Walk and Roll to School Week at the beginning of the school year, plus first Fridays of each month after that! We'll kick off the day after World Car Free Day (Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>). Students are invited to walk, bike, scooter or carpool to school the week of September 23-27. When they get to school they will be rewarded with snacks, drinks and fun stickers at the Energizer Station in front of school! Note: This week is Iowa testing for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> and as we all know exercise is good for the brain...jump start your day as you walk, scooter, or ride to school!

**Parents, you can help the school community in Walk and Roll to school by bringing fun treats or supervising the Energizer Station one morning. Please email Profesora Grube to sign-up at: [pgrube@svdpsf.com](mailto:pgrube@svdpsf.com).**

Thanks for participating!  
From your organizers,  
the SVDP EcoHeroes Environmental Committee and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade



**"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you  
in those who are most in need of encouragement  
or assistance." - St Vincent de Paul**

St. Vincent de Paul School is sponsoring a food drive  
to celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul.

We are asking that each child bring one non-  
perishable food item to our Morning Prayer  
assembly on **September 27<sup>th</sup>**.

The collected food will be donated to the St.  
Vincent de Paul Society

We sincerely appreciate your participation and  
generosity.



THE MARINA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
INVITES YOU TO THE 3RD ANNUAL

# MARINA FAMILY FEST

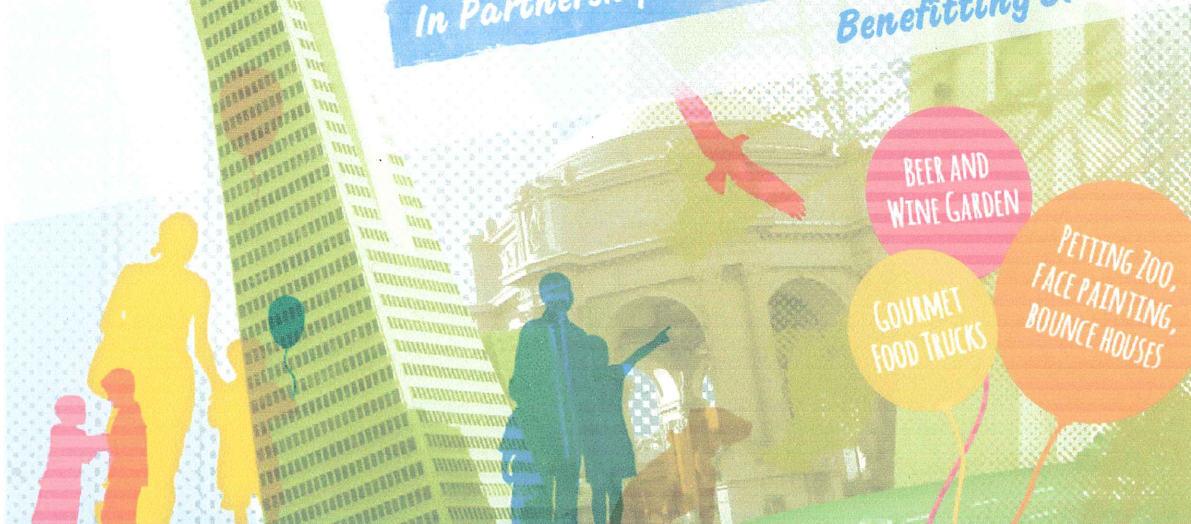
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## "Enrollment forms for the 2013 - 2014 SVDP Girls Chorus

As last year, the Girls Chorus will meet after school in the Music Room from 1:45 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The fee for the year is \$90 or \$10 a month. Checks should be made out to **SVDP Parish** (not SVDP School),

The Girls Chorus typically sings the Saturday evening Vigil Mass on the fourth weekend of the month, unless it is a three day weekend, in which case another day will be chosen. For those Masses, the choir members meet in the school music room at 4:30 p.m. to prepare.

The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 18th, and the first weekend Mass will be on Saturday, September 28th.

Members from last year may continue by re-enrolling, but we are not seeking new members from K or 1st grade. We want to have the typical age for Girls Chorus members be Second through Eighth grade, and are making an effort to keep or interest our middle school girls in the choir. In addition to being an after school activity, we would like to see the Girls Chorus develop into a music-reading, conductor-watching and repertoire satisfying group!

Mr. Meyer is looking forward to working with the Girls Chorus - new members, continuing members - in the coming academic year!

Steven J. Meyer

Director of Music, Organist and Choirmaster

Parish of Saint Vincent de Paul, San Francisco.

If your matter is urgent, please contact me at (510) 887 - 4311. Thank you.

# St. Vincent de Paul Girls Choir

## 2013-2014 Enrollment Form

Student Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade at SVdP: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone/Cell #: (    )

Home Phone #: (    )

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies (snack time): \_\_\_\_\_

Who else is authorized to pick up your daughter after rehearsal?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** Girls not picked up by an authorized person by 4:40pm will be brought to Extended Care. Older girls may go up to the de Paul Youth Club on their own.

I give permission for my daughter to participate in the SVdP Girls Choir:

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the form to the school office. Thank you.



"Enrollment forms for the SVDP Boys Choir complete and send back.

The fee is \$10 a month, September through June, so please attach a check made to **SVDP Parish** (not SVDP School). The fee for the school year is \$90 per student.

Rehearsals continue on Fridays after school, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Boys Choir members sing at the church on the first Saturday of the month, unless there are conflicts or holiday weekends, in which case another Saturday will be designated. Boys will receive a snack each Friday, as has been the custom.

The first rehearsal will be on Friday, September 13th.  
The first Mass will be the "Back to School" Mass on Saturday evening, September 14th. Warm-up in the school music room at 4:30 p.m. please.

The co-principals and Mr. Meyer have agreed that the typical age for choir members will be Second through Eighth grade - we want to encourage older boys to continue and not give the impression that the choir only a "little boys" program. Boys voices are at their peak when they are 10-11-12 years old, so that is a target age for membership by boys. Younger boys can learn, older boys can mentor, but for a really good sound, we need the medium age range boys.

Boys in First Grade this year who sang in the choir last year may enroll again (or join the GGBC as an alternate). We will not be passing out forms to boys in K or 1st grades who were not already members last year.

I am looking forward to working with your son(s) again this year and hope to see older boys return, and newer boys enroll.

Looking toward December 2015, when we have a goal to sing for Pope Francis in Rome at the Vatican on New Year's Day, January 1, 2016. This is the next International Boy Choir Congress in Rome.

Steven J. Meyer  
Director of Music, Organist and Choirmaster  
Parish of Saint Vincent de Paul, San Francisco.  
If your matter is urgent, please contact me at (510) 887 - 4311. Thank you.



# St. Vincent de Paul Boys Choir

## 2013-2014 Enrollment Form

Student Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade at SVdP: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone/Cell #: (    )

Home Phone #: (    )

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies (snack time): \_\_\_\_\_

Who else is authorized to pick up your son after rehearsal?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** Boys not picked up by an authorized person by 4:40pm will be brought to Extended Care. Older boys may go up to the de Paul Youth Club on their own.

I give my permission for my son to participate in the SVdP Boys Choir:

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the form to the school office. Thank you.

