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HAPPY 2017!

December was very busy at St. Vincent de Paul. We hope that you all enjoyed the blessings of the season and the school break. Here is a recap of some of the fun and activities from December.



Christmas Concert

Our children and music teacher, Ashley Jenks, provided us with a wonderful evening of music at the annual Christmas concert. We hope that everyone enjoyed the event.

Remember that this year's Blazers & Baubles on March 11, will benefit our Visual and Performing Arts Program. We can't wait to see next year's Christmas performance.

Kindergarten Celebrates Their Favorite Saint's Feast Day

December 6th is the feast day of Saint Nicholas. Our kindergarten class celebrated by learning about the saint and making their own



Saint Nicholas hats.

Field Trips Rock!

The teachers at SVDP place great value on learning outside the classroom. The Development Board supports these efforts with our Annual Giving campaign. If you have not yet donated, follow this link for [online donations](#). If you wish to participate via FACTS, check or stock/securities, please complete this [participation form](#).



4th Grade

The 4th graders received an archaeology lesson when they had the opportunity to attend the Presidio Archaeology Lab "Excavate History" field trip. The students got a little dirty, but had a valuable learning experience.

6th Grade

In early December our 6th grade class journeyed to San Jose to visit the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum. It was a great experience for all the children, teachers, and chaperones.



Theatre Arts in the Classroom

As a continuation of bringing our theatre arts program to the classroom, our 8th grade students created perspective-based poetry performances in English Language Arts and social studies classes. The project focused on creating an original poem that dramatized the American

Experience. The class was given six American identities from which to choose. They were asked to discover perspective as a group, create an original poem, and dramatize it. The topics included immigrants, Native Americans, slaves and slave owners. Performances were done for the 6th and 7th grade students, as well as parents.



Community Service

The entire school participated in the annual coat drive. Our 3rd grade class lead the drive and some of our 8th grade students delivered 151 coats to a nearby shelter. Thank you!



Our sandwich drive continued in December, with our 5th grade class completing 305 sandwiches to be donated to those in need.

The Mannequin Challenge Comes to SVDP

Gingerbread Houses - Sweet Fun in Kindergarten

While building incredibly cute gingerbread houses, the kindergarten took part in the popular mannequin challenge. [Take a look!](#)

Polar Express Day in 3rd Grade

Come to school in your pajamas, drink hot cocoa, and watch *The Polar Express!* Such is the lucky life of our 3rd grade class. They also participated in a mannequin challenge to remember this special day. [Check out the fun!](#)

MEET THE STAFF

This feature will return next month. In the meantime, the faculty and staff wish to thank the families that participated in the Parent Guild Christmas giving program. The monetary gifts were appreciated by all.

Thank You!

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 9 - 20 - STAR assessment window
January 10 - 12 - In-coming Kindergarten Assessments (minimal day for K-2 only)
January 13 - First Friday Mass lead by the 5th grade
January 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 20 - 2nd quarter ends
January 21 - Men's Club Cioppino Dinner
January 23 - Minimum Day dismissal @ 12:30
January 25 - 3rd grade Reconciliation @ 5:00PM
January 28 - Confirmation @ 5:15 mass
January 30 - February 2 - Catholic Schools Week
February 2 - Grandparents Day



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