

VikingVoice

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Halloween Parade

The costumes did not disappoint at this year's Halloween Parade. They were creative, clever, colorful, creepy and crazy. We hope everyone had a great Halloween.



Mollie Stone's Market

This year marks the 30th anniversary of this community grocery store. Mollie Stone's selected 30 non-profits from around the Bay Area to receive a \$1,000 donation. SVDP was very fortunate to be chosen as one of the recipients. Our 8th grade Student Council members attended the check presentation.

Field trips are a great opportunity for children to experience learning outside the classroom. Our Annual Giving Campaign provides the funds for field trips. Participating in Annual Giving is easy, just [click here](#) for more information.

Urban Gardening

On October 4th, our 5th grade class visited the San Francisco Garden for the Environment. Students learned about a range of garden topics like composting, creating healthy soil,



encouraging beneficial bugs, the importance of water conservation, and farm-to-table food tasting.

The Great Pumpkin

Our Kindergarten class visited the Nicasio Valley Farm. They went on a scavenger hunt and each child brought home a pumpkin that was used in math and science lessons back at school.



The Jungle Book

Our drama program is another student experience funded by our Annual Giving Campaign. In October, our 6th grade class kicked off our drama performance season with "The Jungle Book!" They were amazing and rocked the house with their song and dance.



Community Service

In October our 3rd graders participated in our ongoing sandwich drive. They made 150 sandwiches to be distributed through Catholic Charities.



Also, the 1st and 2nd grades decorated Halloween cookies and cupcakes and made cards to send to the Riley Center. The treats and cards were sent to the Riley Center along with over 75 costumes donated by our



generous families. Thanks to everyone for participating!



8th Grade Tradition

On a warm day in early October, the 8th graders walked into the classroom to find their Class of 2017 sweatshirts on their desks. Receiving these sweatshirts is a tradition at SVDP. We wish our 8th graders the best as they are very busy with their high school search, visits and applications.

MEET THE STAFF

Jenifer Spinale

5th Grade Homeroom Teacher

Ms. Spinale and her four siblings are all proud SVDP graduates.

FUN FACTS:

Can not live without: family, friends and people who like her. On another level, she says her iron and starch are pretty important too.

Pet: Vincent Paddington Spinale, an 8 year old tabby

First Job: Gardener and stair vacuumer, a gig she got from a parishioner.

Greatest Strength: Self-reliance with a dash of flexibility



Mary Broderick

2nd Grade Aide

Ms. Broderick loves sailing and wants to learn to play the violin.



Micaella Colla

8th Grade Homeroom Teacher

Ms. Colla was born in San Francisco and reports she can cook and bake like a maniac.

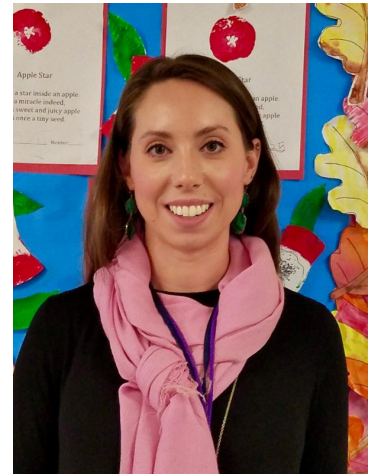
FUN FACTS:

Retirement Plan: "I get to retire?"

Favorite Food: "I've never met a food that wasn't my favorite."

About Gratitude: "I am most grateful for every single day of my life and the many, many, many blessings I have in it."

Something she would like to improve: patience



Patricia Shanks

Extended Care Director

In addition to her work at SVDP, Ms. Shanks sings with the Sacred Heart Gospel Choir at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

FUN FACTS:

Theme Song: "Electric Lady"

Best Vacation: The Grand Canyon

Favorite Article of Clothing: shoes

Greatest Strength: understanding

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7 - 10 Book Fair

November 7 - 10 Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:30 + Parent Teacher Conferences
November 11 - Veterans' Day School Holiday
November 22 - Thanksgiving Prayer Service @ 2:15PM
November 23 - 25 - Thanksgiving Break



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