

VikingVoice

St. Vincent de Paul School

Committed to Excellence in Catholic Education since 1924



8th Grade Visits Caritas Creek

Our 8th grade students spent a week at Caritas Creek beginning Monday, September 12. They returned home feeling closer as a class and thankful for such an amazing experience. Caritas Creek and all field trips are possible thanks to our annual giving donors.



Community Service

The second grade kicked off this year's sandwich drive on September 12. The class made 150 sandwiches and donated them to Catholic Charities. Throughout the year, each grade will participate in this program. Thanks to 2nd grade teacher Kate McCaffrey and volunteer Jennifer Mahoney for their leadership of this program.

Moms and Sons at AT&T

185 SVDP mothers and sons attended a Giants game on September 16. The evening included food, fun and raffle prizes. Thanks to the SVDP Parent Guild for organizing this event, especially the co-chairs Katie Basara, Alura Gambino and Elisa Sciaroni-Huebner.

[Event Photos](#)



Student Families

In September, all the children met their student families. Each family is assigned one or two children per grade and will work together on activities throughout the year. The first activity was to create a shield representing each family's members. The shields are on display in the cafeteria.



Roald Dahl - 100 Year Celebration

September 13th marked 100 years since Roald Dahl's birth. Roald Dahl gave us many written treasures like "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Ms. Della Cella hosted a birthday party for the third, fourth and fifth grade classes. There were games, trivia, golden tickets and of course, chocolate bars!

More Celebrations at SVDP

Thanks to Profesora Grube for educating all of us on Central American Independence Day, Mexican Independence Day and International Peace Day.

The third grade led the student body in a Central American birthday celebration on September 15. The fifth grade led the school in a Mexican Independence Day celebration on September 16.



International Peace Day was September 21. The third and fourth grades sang "Paz y Libertad" at morning assembly. The Junior High students sang "Todos Somos Uno." In continuing with our school's theme



for the year "Though Many, We are One in Christ," the junior high students designed these colorful hearts using their hand drawings and writing unique information about themselves in Spanish.



Back to School Dinner Dance

The Parent Guild and the Back to School Dinner Dance Committee helped us kick off the school year with SPIRIT. On September 24th, over 120 families donned the blue and gold and had a fun evening. Special thanks to event chair Anel Muller, event committee members AnnaMarie Van, Caroline Williams, Sally Ann Flood, Kim Gonzalez-Moore, Michelle Van de Braak, Lindsay Hanover, Pamela Farmer, Mary Eugster and Brenda Barkley. The committee sends a huge shout out to all event volunteers too!

Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul

On September 27, we honored St. Vincent de Paul. The children joined their student families to enjoy a hot dog lunch and recess fun. After lunch, the student families played bingo and assembled over 200 Vincentian Blessing Kits to be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and distributed to those in need. Thanks to all the families that generously donated products for the kits.



Grill Masters Mr. Paul Watters

MEET THE STAFF



Nancy Barrett

Co-Principal

Mrs. Barrett was born in Los Angeles and has been an educator at the college, high school and elementary levels.

FUN FACTS:

Theme Song: "Who Will Write Your Story?" from *Hamilton*

Favorite Place to Shop: an independent book store

Hidden Talent: closet historian

About Gratitude: "I am most grateful for having terrific, loving parents."

Rosanne Mattson

6th Grade Homeroom Teacher

Mrs. Mattson has been at SVDP for nineteen years.

FUN FACTS:

Favorite Children's Book: "Brave Irene" by William Steig

Favorite Food: avocados

Place of Birth: Wisconsin

About Happiness: "I am happiest when I am on the shores of Lake Michigan."



Mary Powelson

Drama Teacher

Ms. Powelson is a native of San Francisco.

FUN FACTS:

Hidden Talent: baking

Can not live without: a good laugh

First Job: Safeway cart pusher and bagger

Pets: two cats named Stella and Marilyn

About Happiness: "I am happiest when I am in the theater."



Kersta Bailey

3rd Grade Teacher

Always a teacher, Mrs. Bailey's first job was a lifeguard and swim instructor.

FUN FACTS:

Best Vacation Ever: Last summer, she traveled to Japan and Australia.

Retirement Plan: To travel and have an amazing garden.

Favorite Place to Shop: Anthropologie and Madewell, especially the sale racks.

Something about yourself, you wish to improve:
"I could do a better job doing the dishes."



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 3 - Minimum Day with 12:30 dismissal
October 6 - Spring Fundraiser Information Coffee in the Parish Hall @ 8:15AM
October 7 - First Friday Mass led by the 7th Grade
October 10 - School Holiday
October 11 - CoffeeTALK with the Principals
October 13 - 14 - SVDP Open House 8:30 and 9:15 | Reservations Required
October 26 - Drama Performance by the 6th Grade @ 6:30PM
October 28 - 29 - Fall Festival in the Gym
October 31 - Halloween Parade + Minimum Day with 12:30 dismissal



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

[SafeUnsubscribe™ {recipient's email}](#)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by vikingvoicesf@svdpsf.com in collaboration with



Try it free today