

# ***Saint Vincent de Paul School***

## **Bi-monthly Newsletter**



**January 22, 2015**

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

Please join us for the 2015 kick-off of Catholic Schools Week. We will gather at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, followed by a bake sale and Open House. The Eco Committee is hosting the bake sale which will benefit future "green" projects. The Open House is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and see the exciting learning that occurs daily at SVDP. As an incentive, if your child comes in full uniform on Sunday he or she will receive a free dress pass from the teacher. To celebrate the week there are activities planned for each day, including a hot dog lunch, family bingo, buddy activities and culminating with Grandparents' Day. Check out the SchoolSpeak calendar for the specific events.

Speaking of calendars, at the end of this letter you will find the bare bones of the school calendar for 2015-2016. Please note, that the first day of school is Thursday, August 20th. For those of you who plan in advance, the holidays are noted on this calendar which should help as you plan for trips.

The eighth graders breathe a small sigh of relief as the high school admissions process draws to an end. Applications are filed and tests taken. Recommendations and transcripts are sent. We congratulate all of our eighth graders for successfully navigating this system. We know the waiting game has now begun, but we are confident that our students will receive acceptances at many schools. Thank you to Mr. Watters and Ms. Melchior for preparing students for the HSPT. An enormous thank you to Mr. Watters and Ms. Nejasnich for the many recommendations they wrote.

What do the Spelling Bee and Geography Bee have in common? Owen Veit! Yes, seventh grader Owen won both the Spelling Bee and Geography Bee. Congratulations, Owen. Both the spelling words and the geography questions were difficult. Perhaps Owen could share some of his skills and knowledge with the rest of us.

Last night's First Reconciliation was a prayerful and wonderful occasion. Third graders and their parents were active participants in this Sacrament. Parents brought their children to the

altar and introduced them to the priest. The children then shared with the priest some ways they have failed to be the best children of God and were provided forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we consider the power of this sacrament, perhaps we can examine our own consciences and identify a friend, family member, co-worker or neighbor who is deserving of our forgiveness.

Blessings,

Nancy Barrett  
Co-Principal

Marguerite Pini  
Co-Principal

### Calendar reminders:

January 25	School Mass at 10:00 followed by Open House
January 26	12:30 Minimum Day dismissal
January 29	Gym closed
January 30	Grandparents Day
	12:30 Minimum Day dismissal
	Gym closed

*Grandparents Day is around the corner!*



*We look forward to seeing you at St. Vincent de Paul School*  
*Grandparents and Grandfriends Day*

*St. Vincent de Paul School  
2350 Green Street*

*Friday, January 30, 2015  
10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

*10:45 Prayer Service at St. Vincent de Paul Church  
11:30 Refreshments and Performance at School Gymnasium – open seating  
12:00 Visit classrooms and spend time with your grandchild or grandfriend*

*Complimentary valet parking will be provided for our guests.*

*Please let your family know if you are able to attend so that they may RSVP on your behalf.*

Copy and paste the URL invitation into an email to share the link with  
grandparents/grandfriends: [Grandparents Day Invitation 2015](#)



**Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> with a School Mass at 10:00am followed by an Open House at our school. Everyone is invited to attend.**

**Come see our beautiful school! Visit classrooms! Check out student work!  
Sneak-a-Peek at next year's classroom!**

**Drop by the gym steps and support the Eco-Committee by purchasing some fine baked goods.**

**Students attending Mass in FULL dress uniform will receive a *Free Dress Pass* for Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Students pick up a Free Dress Pass when visiting with their homeroom teacher during Open House.**

**Hope to see you all there!**

**SVDP School  
2015-2016**

Month	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
August	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31				
September		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30		
October				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
November	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30				
December		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31	
January					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
February	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29				
March		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31	
April					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
May	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31			
June			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	

### KEY

Early Dismissal	2:15
Minimum Day	12:30
Holiday	
Vacation	
Work Days	(No School for Students)
End of Quarter	
K-2only MinDay	

School begins August 20, 2015

School ends June 3, 2016

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

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

Thanksgiving Vacation  
November 25-27

Christmas Vacation  
December 21-Jan 1

Easter Vacation  
March 25-April 1

\*The school calendar is subject to revision.

To download this document click the link provided:

[2015-2016 Year-at-a-Glance Calendar](#)

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Saint Vincent de Paul School is to educate our students in the Catholic tradition. We aspire to teach as Jesus did, with a focus on the gospel values. As facilitators of learning, we recognize parents as the primary educators of their children. We encourage our students to be responsible and sensitive to church, school, and neighboring communities. We challenge our students to build their moral intelligence and become self-motivated lifelong learners who will share their gifts with the world.



## Kindergarten Assessments

Assessments of incoming kindergarteners for the 2015-16 school year are scheduled for February 3, 5, and 7.

Minimum Days for K-2nd ONLY

*February 3rd and 5th*

If you have not registered your child, or know of a family interested in joining our learning community, please have them contact our Admissions Director at [mferdon@svdpsf.com](mailto:mferdon@svdpsf.com).

Noble Saint Vincent de Paul,  
beloved servant of the poor,  
may we follow your example and do good works  
among those whom society has abandoned,  
enslaved, or forgotten.  
Amen.

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