

Saint Vincent de Paul School

Bi-monthly Newsletter



April 23, 2015

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

March 21st found a crowd of parents gathered in the Parish Hall enjoying a spirited evening with good friends. A huge thanks to Jeff Landry, Kristine Landry, Marie Murphy, Bob O'Brien and Joe Pacula for spearheading this Spring Fundraiser. We are thrilled to be the recipient of the proceeds which amounted to **\$60,000**. This money will assist us in creating a new library/media center to support 21st century learning. Our gratitude to the fundraiser committee and to each of you for generous donations. The evening's festivities were capped off by the drawing for a year's free tuition. Those families who donated a \$1,000 or more to the Annual Campaign were eligible for this drawing. **Congratulations to the Walter family whose name was drawn!**

We are excited to inform you that our first iPad cart is ready for classroom use. Over Easter break the iPads were configured and then provisioned with the applications requested by teachers. At this time, teachers in the lower grades may sign up to use the iPads with their students to support their curriculum and extend learning opportunities. We all look forward to seeing what our youngest students can do with the technology.

Food is always a topic at SVdP! In an effort to offer the freshest and healthiest food in our lunch program, we are investigating a variety of lunch programs. Choicelunch is a company that serves many of our local Catholic schools and has received positive reviews from those schools. Choicelunch offers more than 70 entrees, with 16 entrees offered each day, which always include at least two vegetarian options. Prices are comparable to current lunch prices. Online ordering

is similar to what you experience now. Yesterday a group of students, parents, and faculty members had the opportunity to do a tasting of Choicelunch foods and were favorably impressed. The school will continue to research and investigate lunch program options and keep you informed throughout the process.

You are invited to join us at the Spring Concert and Dance Recital that will take place next **Wednesday, April 30 at 6:00pm.** In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Sound of Music, students in Kindergarten through fifth grade will share their vocal talents by singing selections from that musical. Our dancers representing the after-school dance program are thrilled to share three dance routines with you. Hope to see many of you there.

As this letter is being written, we look forward to the return of our fifth graders from their overnight Balclutha adventure and the return of the sixth graders from their Chinatown tour. The month of May is filled with field trips, school activities and homework, tests, and projects. Remind your children that the latter is just as important as the former. Hold on to your hat for May madness is almost upon us!

Blessings,

Nancy Barrett
Co-Principal

Marguerite Pini
Co-Principal

Calendar reminders:

April 27	Minimum Day - 12:30 dismissal
April 29	Spring Concert and Dance Recital 6pm
May 1	Progress Reports Distributed
May 3	First Communion Mass
May 6	ALL School Mass at 9:15am

TECHnology Testing Crew



SVDP Spring Music and Dance Concert



Celebrate the 50th anniversary of

The Sound of Music

Our kindergarten through 5th grade students will be performing musical numbers from this movie and theatre classic.

Intermixed with dance pieces from the Dana Wayne Dance Studio and an ART Show exhibit of student work.

Come celebrate *SPRING* with us!

When: April 29th
Where: SVDP gym
Time: 6:00 p.m.

SVDP Summer Learning Academy 2015

June 15-19: Morning Sessions 9:00-12:00pm

 <p>ARTS AND CRAFTS</p>	 <p>Play-Well: Pre-ENGINEERING USING LEGOS</p>
<p>Sessions are for students who just completed grades K-2.</p> <p>Students will explore arts and crafts in this session. Art is a fundamental activity and will be used to assist students in sharpening their critical thinking, shaping their creativity, and building confidence. By allowing creative expression through art, the students discover that they have the ability to see beyond what is taught. At other times, we will read and/or tell stories. Some of these stories may reflect problems/situations children encounter. Storytelling allows the introduction of viable solutions.</p>	<p>Sessions are for students who just completed grades K-2.</p> <p>Let your imagination run wild with tons of thousands of LEGOS! Build engineer-designed projects such as boats, bridges, mazes and motorized cars, and use special pieces to create your own unique design! Explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor.</p>
 <p>Chef of the City</p>	 <p>Dance and Movement</p>
<p>Chef of the City Sessions are for students who just completed grades 3 and up. ALL DAY CAMP – 9:30-3:30pm.</p> <p>Future chefs will explore different neighborhoods throughout San Francisco that relate to the cooking lesson of that day. They will learn kitchen safety, unique recipes, how to shop for ingredients, and of course, cook the recipe as a group. Healthy alternatives, along with the science behind the ingredients and recipes will be integrated into the cooking camp.</p>	<p>Dance and Movement Sessions are for students who just completed grades 3-6.</p> <p>During this class students will participate in several dance forms: ballet, jazz, modern, and hip hop. Students will watch dance videos and compare and contrast different genres. Students will learn choreography and have time to choreograph their own dances, as well. It will be a week filled with technique, rhythm, creativity, expression, choreography, dance history and most of all FUN!</p>

June 15-19: Afternoon Sessions 12:30-3:30pm

<p>Play-Well: FUNDamentals using Legos</p>
<p>Sessions are for students who just completed grades 3-6.</p> <p>Power up your engineering skills with Play-Well TECHNOLOGIES and tons of thousands of LEGOS! Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects such as arch bridges, eye-specters, motorized cars, and the Battlebot! Design and build as never before, and explore your greatest ideas in a supportive environment. An experienced instructor will challenge new and returning students to engineer at the next level.</p>

June 22-26: Morning Sessions 9:00-12:00pm

 <p>Dance and Movement</p>	 <p>PLAY-Well: NINJAengineering using LEGO®</p>
<p>Sessions are for students who just completed grades K-2.</p> <p>During this class students will participate in several dance forms: ballet, jazz, modern, and hip hop. Students will watch dance videos and compare and contrast different genres. Students will learn choreography and have time to choreograph their own dances, as well. It will be a week filled with technique, rhythm, creativity, expression, choreography, dance history and most of all FUN!</p>	<p>Sessions are for students who just completed Kindergarten-3rd grade 9:00-12:00pm</p> <p>Enter the world of Ninjago and become an awesome Ninja-warrior! Learn the way of Ninjago, build the Fire Temple, race Spinjitzu, and discover the mighty Dragon! Imagine and build unique and fun projects with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor while exploring the fantasy world of Ninjago.</p>

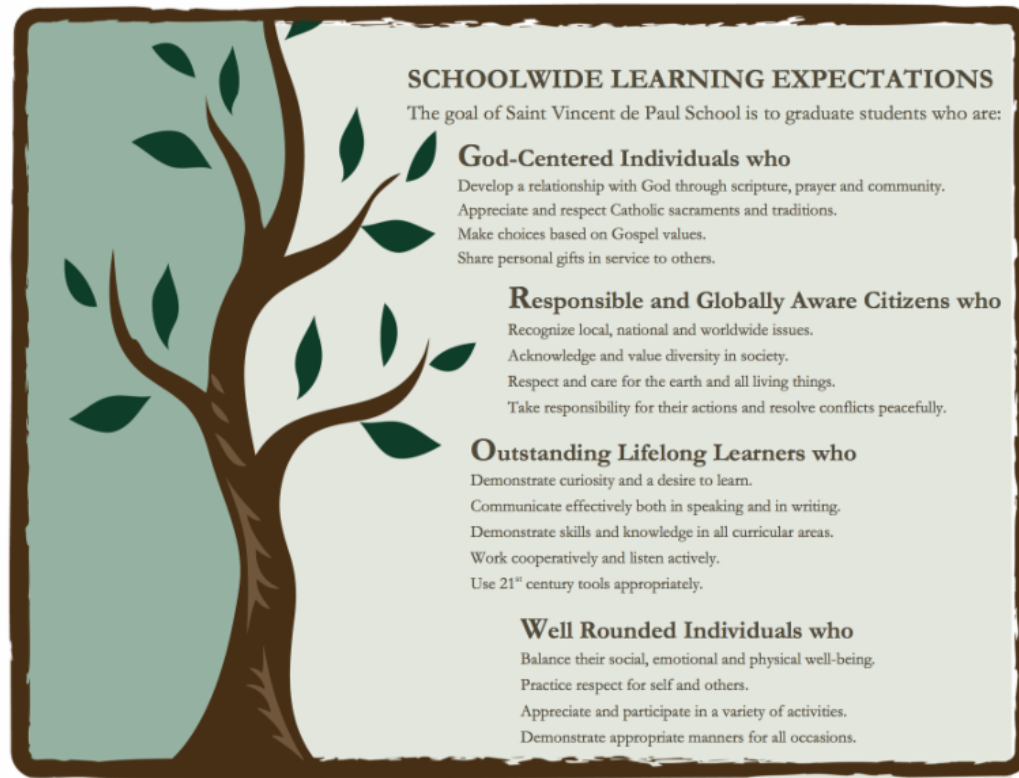
The sessions listed above still have some spaces available. Click on the link below to register today.

[Summer Learning Academy brochure](#)

Come join the learning!

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.



Keep in your prayers:

- All community members who are ill and in need of our prayers

Electronic Family Envelope

Flyers:

Take note of calendar changes-September 14th
Minimum Day



Minimum Day

April 27th

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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