

Saint Vincent de Paul School

Bi-monthly Newsletter



October 9, 2014

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

It is our goal to be prepared for any and all emergencies that might occur on the St. Vincent de Paul School campus. We conduct drills every year to keep everyone in practice and to refine and improve our preparations. These preparations are not reserved for the professionals at SVDP. You and your student have important roles to play. We want to inform you of our expectations for you and your student here at SVDP if and when an emergency event occurs.

Expectation #1 Emergency Procedures

We prepare and train for shelter-in-place emergencies (which include severe weather events, off-site hazardous material releases, and criminal activities) and for classroom evacuations (which include earthquakes, explosions, or on-site hazardous material releases). These responses are coordinated with the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Fire District and other professional emergency responders. In the event that any of these emergencies actually do occur, we ask that you NOT attempt to come to the St. Vincent de Paul School campus. This would only impede the work of the first responders. In the unlikely event that evacuation of the campus becomes necessary, we will attempt to contact you via email, text, and/or phone call with specific instructions. If the emergency does not extend beyond normal school hours, students will be released as usual at the end of the school day.

Expectation #2 Student Security

After a major earthquake, it is possible that families may be separated. If this were to occur, your student may need to stay at St. Vincent de Paul School until released to you or your designee.

Expectation #3 Student Release

We have a legal responsibility for the safety and care of your student during an emergency. Therefore, we need to control and document the release of students to parents or designees. This is the process we will use and ask you to adhere to:

- Student Pick Up: Release will ONLY be through staff at the Student Release Table, either near the front entrance to St. Vincent de Paul School (gate nearest the gym) or the side entrance of the gym. The location of student release would be communicated via email, text, and/or phone call. In either circumstance, please park OFF CAMPUS and WALK to the release table, as the road may be crowded with neighboring cars and access for emergency vehicles is a top priority.
- If the school community has evacuated to Alta Plaza Park, the Student Release Table will be situated where Pierce and Jackson meet. The location of student release would be communicated via email, text, and/or phone call. Please park near the park and WALK to the release table, as the road may be crowded with neighboring cars and access for emergency vehicles is a top priority.

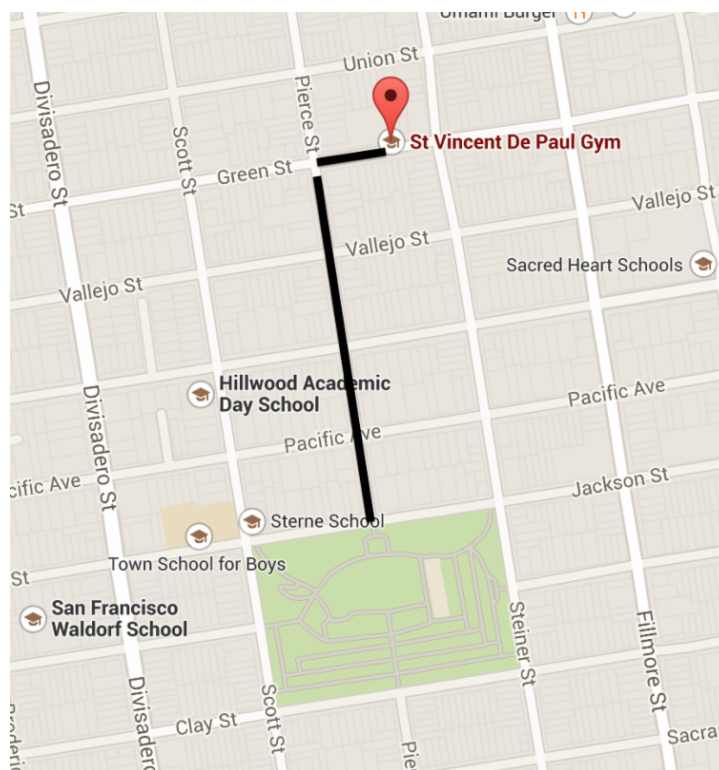
In all situations, the principals may make other decisions depending on actual events. During any community-wide emergency, please listen to traditional media (TV and Radio) and pay attention to social media (Twitter or school text messaging) for pertinent information.

We thank you for complying with these requests. If you have questions, please contact: mbarnes@svdpsf.com or sdellacella@svdpsf.com

Blessings,

Nancy Barrett
Co-Principal

Marguerite Pini
Co-Principal



Keep in your prayers...

- Those in the SVDP community who are ill or hospitalized
- Those who are currently fighting Breast Cancer and those who are survivors

Thank you to...

- High School representatives for visiting with our 7th and 8th grade students and parents
 - All the members of our school boards that dedicate their time and energy to our school
 - Parent Guild for hosting our junior high morning meeting and our high school fair
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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.



Dear Parents,

You have probably heard on the news that Enterovirus-D68 has been diagnosed in the Bay Area. Here are some facts about Enterovirus D-68:

- Enterovirus-D68 (EV-D68) is a virus that causes respiratory illness.
- The San Francisco Department of Public Health is working with local hospitals to identify and conduct testing on children hospitalized with serious respiratory infections.
- Enterovirus-D68 causes symptoms that are similar to the symptoms of a cold or flu, such as cough, sneezing, runny nose, body aches, and fever.
- Most Enterovirus D-68 infections are very mild. However, a small number of people may have more severe symptoms like wheezing or difficulty breathing. If your child has wheezing or difficulty breathing, seek medical care promptly.
- Enterovirus-D68 is thought to spread from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Enteroviruses in general can also be spread in the stool.
- The same measures such as frequent hand washing and staying home when ill that we usually use to protect from colds and flu also work for enteroviruses.
- Hand washing with soap and water is preferred. Soap and water work better against enterovirus than hand sanitizer.

In addition, as we enter cold and flu season, we want to remind you that the single most important prevention strategy for colds, Enterovirus D-68, and flu is frequent hand washing. And don't forget to get a flu shot for yourselves and your children!!

[EnterovirusFactSheet](#)



Common Sense Media is a great resource for families and educators. Visit the website by clicking the provided link and check out the posted tip-sheets for families.

<https://www.common sense media.org/educators/educate-families/tip-sheets>

Family Envelope

Flyers you will find inside:

Community Letter
Fall Festival information
Police Chief's Corner: Student Letters
Photo Retake: Oct 16

CoffeeTALK
with the principals

8:30-9:30
Parish Hall

October 14th

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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