

Saint Vincent de Paul School

Bi-monthly Newsletter



October 29, 2015

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

In the Catholic Church these fall days remind us of those who have gone before us. We recognize people who have touched our lives through their goodness and kindness and are counted among the saints. As we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day, let us remember with love and gratitude family members, friends and historical figures who, by their actions, exemplified Gospel values.

Today at assembly we expressed gratitude to our students who practice Gospel values in their treatment of others and through their generous spirits. The names of two children who received JOY cards were drawn this morning. Sam Bessette in grade 4 spread JOY by bringing in a pheasant tail feather for Ms. Spinale and then sharing it with his classmates. According to Ms. Spinale, Sam always tries to share and be kind. Eighth grader Adrian Vasquez helped tutor a fellow student who needed help in Spanish. He gave up after school time to do this. Congratulations to Sam and Adrian who each received a gift certificate to Susie Cakes. Congratulation to all students who spread JOY each and every day!

Earlier this week first and second graders tapped into their Halloween spirit and decorated cookies and cupcakes for the Riley House. They also made cards. As you can imagine the decorated goodies and cards will brighten the lives of the children who live at Riley House. A representative from Riley House thanked our SVDP students for their generosity.

Speaking of Halloween, we are ready for tomorrow's costumes, parties and activities. Are you? This is the final day of our Red Ribbon Spirit Week. Each day students have made announcements about staying healthy and saying no to drugs. The morning messages reflected the theme for that day. Thank you Ms. Franceschi and Ms. Mattson for your leadership in designing the week's activities.

While the students enjoyed an afternoon off, our faculty and staff spent Monday afternoon participating in a First Aid/CPR class. The safety and well being of our children is our priority. While we hope to never use the skills learned, we feel better prepared in the event

of a first aid emergency.

As hard as it is to imagine, one quarter of the school year is completed. Congratulate your children for a job well done and invite them to continue working diligently. Parent-Teacher Conferences begin on Tuesday of next week. This is an excellent opportunity to talk with teachers about your children's successes and areas for improvement.

Don't forget that next week is the Book Fair. The first floor hallway will be transformed into a book store with some great potential reads for children of all ages. See you there!

Blessings,

Nancy Barrett
Co-Principal

Marguerite Pini
Co-Principal

JOY Card winners

Sam Bessette
4th grade

Adrian Vasquez
8th grade

Community Outreach Program

Thanks to all who devoted their time with this Halloween community service event!

This week **The Riley Center** came and spoke to the 1st and 2nd graders and thanked them for helping kids just like them, enjoy the season. They picked up a very full Halloween costume bin, treats ,and cards to be enjoyed by the Riley Center children!





Annual Giving -- Donate TODAY!

You can donate NOW through Square or schedule a one time donation through your FACTs account.

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Annual Giving Campaign

"A Message from Adam Taisch, Annual Giving Chair" found on SchoolSpeak

As always the primary goal of the campaign is to achieve **100% participation** from our school families.



Tuition Raffle:

For every \$1,000 donated by January 31, 2016 members will be entered for a chance to win a year free tuition for one student.

Through your generosity, the Annual Giving Campaign allows us to create a learning environment that keeps pace with the expanding needs of the school, by supporting enrichment programs that enhance our students' education, by providing state-of-the-art equipment, and by making improvements to our facilities.

Since 100% Participation is our number one objective, we ask each family to consider making your tax-deductible donation at a level that is appropriate for you. On behalf of the SVDP Community, thank you in advance for your participation.

What we support...

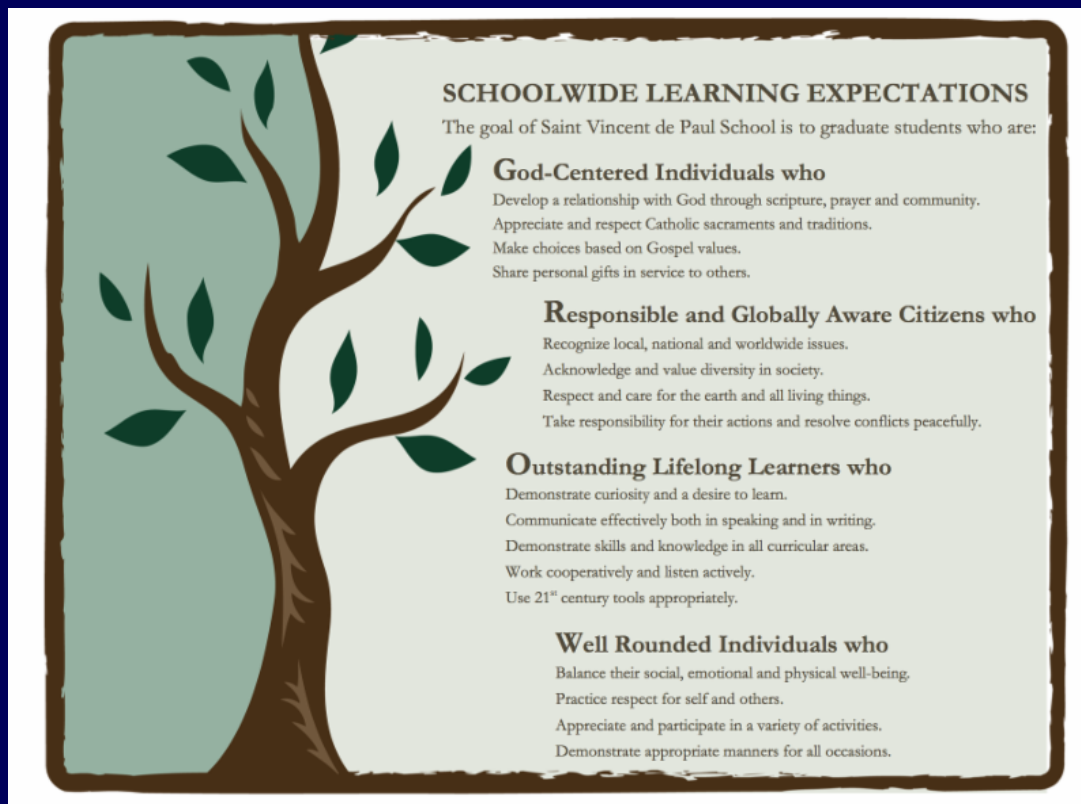
- Drama program
- Homework Café
- Field trips
- School Garden
- Technology upgrades
- Facility Improvements



Join the Annual Giving
Campaign...get on the BUS!

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.



Electronic Family Envelope

Flyers:

[Year at a Glance 2015-16 updated](#)
[Yearly Calendar of Events 2015-16 Updated](#)

November 3,4,5
Minimum Day

12:30 dismissal

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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