



December 12, 2013

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

By now many of you have responded to the communication survey sent out on Monday. If you have not yet completed it, please take a moment. Tomorrow is the last day to submit your survey. Your opinion is important as we hope to continue to improve our communication with all of you. Results of the survey will be available in January.

Last weekend our inveterate math teacher Jenifer Spinale spent three days in Monterey at the Asilomar California State Math Conference. According to Ms. Spinale she attended excellent sessions on geometric modeling, gamefication of math, growth mindset and math and the arts. A few weeks earlier Marguerite Pini attended a conference for principals sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association. Topics included technology, strategic planning, development of effective advisory boards, and effective teacher observation. Both Ms. Spinale and Ms. Pini are already putting into practice some of what they learned at their conferences.

Congratulations to all of our community for helping to raise \$8,872 in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon. We surpassed our \$5,000 goal by leaps and bounds! In addition, students from Kindergarten to eighth grade honed their math skills as they worked in family groups to solve hundreds of math problems. Way to go, Vikings!

The last week brought cold temperatures, frost on the ground and ice on the cars. As we turn up the heat in our cars, homes and school we are reminded of our brothers and sisters who have no protection from these icy conditions. Please help by bringing gently used coats and jackets to fill our St. Vincent de Paul Society bins. The last day for donations is Thursday, December 19.

During this season San Francisco provides a number of traditional events for our holiday enjoyment. Our fifth grade and kindergarten classes were able to participate in two of these. Last Thursday the fifth grade students enjoyed ACT's rendition of *A Christmas Carol*. While they probably would have enjoyed the production under any circumstances, they were treated to seeing our very own fifth grade student Nina Toracca playing the role of Sally Cratchit. On the same day in another venue, kindergartners sat spellbound during ODC productions of *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

Each year Davies Symphony Hall is transformed into a Christmas wonderland. Christmas trees adorn the rotunda, each of them decorated by a different organization. The St. Vincent de Paul tree shimmers with decorations of tin boats and fishes, following an America's Cup theme. Our art students, under the tutelage of Ms. Vicki Bamsey, created the ornaments. Thank you to both students and teacher!

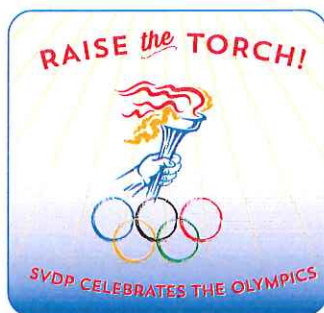
Don't forget the lovely Christmas program to be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30pm in the Church. This event allows our entire school community to pray together and enjoy the beautiful voices of our children as they sing their Christmas music.

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. We purchase presents, plan our Christmas celebrations and patiently wait for December 25. More importantly, here at St. Vincent de Paul we also patiently wait and prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. During these longest nights of the year we are reminded by the reading from Isaiah that "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: Upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shown. For a child is born to us!" In this spirit, we wish the most joyous of Christmas seasons to all of you!


Nancy Barrett
Co-Principal


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Greetings SVDP Families and Friends,

The Auxiliary to the De Paul Youth Club has been hard at work to prepare for the "Raise the Torch" Gala Auction on Saturday, March 22 at St. Mary's Cathedral. We are all really looking forward to what should be a fantastic evening of fun and fundraising in true SVDP style. But we still need help! Your participation is key to making this vital effort a success and there are a number of ways you can become involved.

How you can get involved:

Become an Underwriter: As an event underwriter you will be recognized as a leading supporter of this important fundraiser by way of signage and collateral. Event underwriters will sit at a premier table and will receive recognition on our event website and in the event programs. Please see the page titled "Underwriting Opportunities" for further information.

Donate auction items: Donate a gift that's near and dear to you, or ask your favorite businesses to donate special getaways, gift certificates, sporting event tickets, wine country getaways, spa services – the sky's the limit.

Volunteer your time: This event would not be possible without the time and dedication from so many of our community members. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with auction item procurement, class art projects, decorations for the ballroom, front desk services, auction spotting, and raffle ticket sales. If you are interested in volunteering please email Jeff Landry at jefflandrysf@gmail.com.

Please review the attached forms and additional information so that you can determine how to best "Raise Your Torch" and support the annual Gala Auction. If you have any questions please contact us at jefflandrysf@gmail.com or roberteobrien@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to celebrating SVDP and the Olympic Spirit with you on March 22!

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Gala Auction Co-Chair
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Underwriting Opportunities

Many companies will match donations made for underwriting purposes. If you would like to apply for matching donations please contact Bob O'Brien at robertobrien@gmail.com.

- **Gold Medal Sponsor (\$10,000)**

- Title acknowledgement included on all print and electronic communications regarding the event
- Premier table for 10 at the Gala Auction
- Opportunity to share your premier table with Father Ken or the school principals
- Double page acknowledgement in the Auction Program
- Acknowledgement in the recurring slide show during the Gala Auction

- **Silver Medal Sponsor (\$5,000)**

- Premier table for 10 at the Gala Auction
- Opportunity to share your premier table with an SVDP faculty member
- Full page acknowledgement in the Auction Program
- Acknowledgement in the recurring slide show during the Gala Auction

- **Bronze Medal Sponsor (\$2,500)**

- Reserved Seating for 5 at the Gala Auction
- ½ page acknowledgement in the Auction Program
- Acknowledgement in the recurring slide show during the Gala Auction
- Fair mkt value \$600



St. Vincent de Paul School, San Francisco
Raise the Torch Gala Auction | March 22, 2014

Donation Deadline: February 1, 2014

Dear Underwriting Sponsor,

The Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) School, in partnership with the Auxiliary to the de Paul Youth Club, will be hosting its annual Gala Auction on March 22, 2014. The SVDP School, founded in 1924, has provided members of the San Francisco Bay Area with a quality education that addresses the whole child: academic, spiritual, social, emotional, and physical. We are a school of approximately 265 students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade. Our annual Gala Auction is paramount to fund critical SVDP School academic and athletic programs which create new opportunities for our children. It is through generous donations like yours that we can continue to meet SVDP's mission to provide a quality education.

We are excited to announce that the following underwriting opportunities are available for this year's Gala Auction:

Gold Medal Sponsor: \$10,000

- Title acknowledgement included on all print and electronic communications regarding the event
- Premier table for 10 at the Gala Auction
- Opportunity to share your premier table with SVDP administrators
- Double page acknowledgement in the Gala Auction Program
- Acknowledgement in the recurring slide show during the Gala Auction

Silver Medal Sponsor: \$5,000

- Premier table for 10 at the Gala Auction
- Opportunity to share your premier table with an SVDP faculty member
- Full page acknowledgement in the Auction Program
- Acknowledgement in the recurring slide show during the Gala Auction

Bronze Medal Sponsor \$2,500

- Reserved Seating for 5 at the Gala Auction
- ½ page acknowledgement in the Auction Program
- Acknowledgement in the recurring slide show during the Gala Auction

COMPANY INFORMATION (please print)

Name of Company (as you would like it to appear in Gala Auction marketing material)

UNDERWRITING SELECTION

☐ Gold Medal

☐ Silver Medal

☐ Bronze Medal

Other Donation: _____

COMPANY CONTACT INFORMATION			
First Name		Last Name	
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	Email
Phone ()		Company Website:	

SVDP MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION		
First Name		Last Name
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Fax	Email

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA). WCEA accredits Catholic elementary and secondary schools in nine western states (26 (arch) dioceses) and the U.S. Territory of Guam. WCEA co-accredits and is in partnership with the three Regional agencies (WASC, NAAS, NCA) and two private (CAIS and HAIS). WCEA began in 1957 in San Francisco and has a long and successful history of assisting school improvement through the accreditation process.

The mission of the Auxiliary to the De Paul Youth Club is to provide a Catholic sports and recreational environment for boys and girls which promotes personal development, fosters teamwork, and teaches important life-skills necessary for becoming a valued member of society.

Auxiliary to the de Paul Youth Club: IRC 501(c)(3) Organization / Federal Tax ID No: 94-1156801. Your donation may be tax deductible. Please consult a tax advisor.

Underwriting Sponsor Signature: _____ Date _____

<p>Questions about Underwriting Sponsorships: Bob O'Brien: Bob.Obrien@wedbush.com Jeff Landry: jefflandrysf@gmail.com</p> <p>SVDP Community Member Instruction To Submit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Email this form or picture of this form to Bob O'Brien or Jeff Landry 2.) Drop off at the school office 3.) Mail to the school office: St. Vincent de Paul School Raise the Torch Gala 2350 Green Street San Francisco, CA 94123
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Ideas for Auction Donation Items

See the Donation Form for additional details on making a donation. If you have any questions or ideas that you would like to discuss further please contact Marie Murphy at mariemurphy49@comcast.net. Thank you in advance for your support!

I. Sports

- a. Trip to Brazil to see the Olympic Games in 2016 or the World Cup in 2014.
- b. Tickets to sporting events - especially luxury suites, courtside seats, or other unique seats or venues
- c. Lunches, dinners, or other experiences with sporting celebrities
- d. Posters or other sports memorabilia
- e. Adventure trips – fly fishing, heli skiing, golf, mountaineering, hiking

II. Travel and Leisure

- a. Unique vacation homes and condos
- b. Travel packages (Hawaii, Tahoe, London, Mexico or anywhere special)
- c. Hotel or private club stays (Use your points!)
- d. Golf or Spa Packages
- e. Airline miles (Use your miles)

III. Culinary and Wine Packages

- a. Lunch or dinner at your favorite restaurants - Date Night!
- b. Bottles and or cases of wine – especially large format wines
- c. Private dining experiences at chef's tables or at the winner's homes
- d. Cooking classes
- e. Food & wine tours
- f. Wine or spirits tastings
- g. Food or wine club memberships – food of the month clubs

- h. Gift certificates for specialty food shops

IV. Party Boards

- a. Progressive & cocktail parties
- b. Spring training / March Madness
- c. Poker Nights, Bowling Nights, Mardi Gras
- d. Family parties
- e. Camping trips

V. Professional Services

- a. Interior design
- b. Personal training
- c. Tutoring
- d. Cosmetic / dermatology
- e. Stylist services / makeovers
- f. Portrait sessions

VI. Entertainment

- a. Backstage access to entertainment events
- b. Tickets to concerts, events, or theatrical productions
- c. Museum packages

VII. Electronics

- a. iPads, laptops, cameras, game systems

VIII. Special Events

- a. Lunch / dinner / meetings with politicians
- b. Events that children can participate with their teachers or school staff
- c. Birthday parties or children's entertainment providers

Blessings + joy this holiday season!
Maugnet Dini

joy is yours
Mrs. Shanks

Happy Holidays!
Sydney Brunner

Merry Christmas
XOXO
Many Barnes

It's been a
WONDERFUL
LIFE!
Love
DeAnna Melchior

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!
Mr. Partill

Have a happy healthy
2014! Merry
Christmas
XOXO
Mrs. B. Smeeth

Wishing you a
blessed holiday!
Happiness to all!
~ Mo. McCarthy

Blessings for
Christmas
and New Year
Jesie Carmignone

Wishing you a blessed
year surrounded by
those you love
Nancy Piant

A Very Merry Christmas!

from the

St. Vincent de Paul School Community

Wishing everyone
a wonderful Christmas
season!
Mr. Walsh

Peace + Joy in 2014!
Mrs. McCaffrey

all the
best
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- Mr. Andrews

Merry Christmas!
Feliz Navidad!
Profesora
Shukie

Have a joyous
Christmas Season
Tara Watters

Merry Christmas
and have a healthy New
Year. Mrs. Della Cella

Merry Christmas
and the best to
you in 2014!
Linda DeBetto

Merry Christmas!
Mrs. Wirth

Wishing you all
a blessed holiday
season!
Mike McCallahan

Merry Christmas!
Kersta
Freiberg

Best wishes to all
for a wonderful
Christmas!
Micaila Cella

Merry Christmas
Marie Fardon

Merry Christmas!
Rosanne Mattson

I wish you
the happiest of
Holidays
Jennifer Pineda

Many wishes for a
Christmas season
filled with joy
and love.
Katie Nisamish

Happy Holidays
and Merry
Christmas.
Mrs. McManis

Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!
MS. Broderick

The perfect \$20 gift!



LIMITED EDITION SVDP CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

This Christmas, decorate your tree with stylish school spirit.

This beautiful, thick crystal ornament, etched with the initials SVDP, comes in lovely blue gift box. It is the perfect gift or stocking stuffer.

\$20

Ornaments are available for immediate delivery!

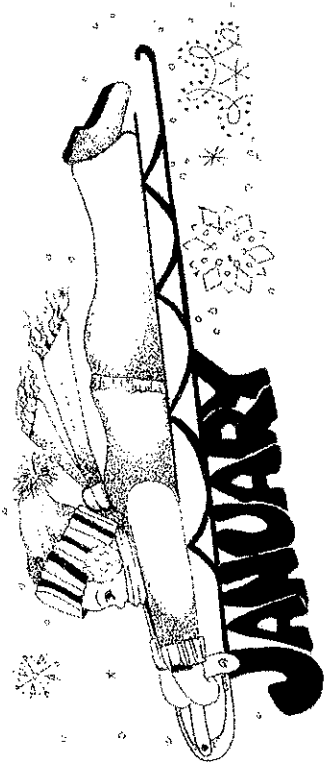
Questions? Kendra Robins – kendraSrobins@yahoo.com

Family name: _____

Number of ornaments requested: _____

Children in grades: _____

Total enclosed: _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	6 School Resumes	7
12 Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	13	14 Parent Guild Meeting 7pm Parish Hall Physicians Panel
19 Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm	20 Martin Luther King Day School Holiday	21 K-2 Only Minimum Day Dismissal Kindergarten Assessment 1-4pm GYM CLOSED
26 Masses at: 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 5:15 pm Catholic Schools Week	27 Minimum Day 12:30 Dismissal	28 CYO COOKING

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day Mary, Mother of God	2	3	4 Mass at 5:15pm
8 1:45pm dismissal	9	10 End of 2 nd quarter	11 Mass at 5:15pm
15 1:45pm dismissal	16 FAMILY ENVELOPE	17 Report Card distribution All school Mass 9:15am	18 Mass at 5:15pm
22 1:45pm dismissal First Reconciliation 5pm- Church 8 th grade Drama Performance@7pm GYM CLOSED	23 K-2 Only Minimum Day Dismissal Kindergarten Assessment 1-4pm	24	25 Kindergarten Assessment 9-11am Men's Club Cioppino Dinner



29 1:45pm dismissal	30 FAMILY ENVELOPE	31
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