

February 13, 2014

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

The recent rain has refreshed our spirits, cleansed our air and nurtured our plants. Let us continue to pray for rain to replenish our water supply. Let us pray that we be refreshed by the many blessings that we experience here at St. Vincent de Paul.

It is thrilling to note the large number of families who expressed interest in St. Vincent de Paul School as evidenced by the kindergarten applications. Our K, 1, 2 instructors screened potential students and visits to the preschools of the applicants provided additional information about each child. Yesterday letters were mailed to all applicant families. We accepted a full class of kindergarten Vikings and have a sizable waiting list if openings occur. We are particularly grateful to Marie Ferdon who coordinated admissions and Susan Sherman who played an enormous role in the process.

Imagine spending a week surrounded by 215 acres of redwood forests, meadows, creeks and a beautiful lake. That's exactly what our sixth grade class is experiencing this week. Deepening their connection with the environment and valuing each other form the essence of the Caritas Outdoor Education Program. The benefits of this program are numerous as the sixth grade class will gladly tell you when they arrive home tomorrow afternoon. Thank you to Ms. McCabe-Isom who so graciously accompanied the twenty-six students.

This week a special guest speaker introduced fifth grade students to the wonders of the *Balclutha*, a three-masted, steel-hulled, square-rigged ship built in 1886 to carry a variety of cargo all over the world. As you may know, the *Balclutha* is berthed at the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park. In early March, fifth graders will spend the night on the *Balclutha* assuming the roles of typical 19<sup>th</sup> century sailors. It is no wonder that in preparation they needed to gather their mates, form small crews, learn to tie knots and even sing a shanty tune or two.


Fathers and Daughters, mark your calendar for the social event of the year. Saturday night, February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the traditional Father-Daughter Dinner and Dance in the style of the roaring 20s. All of you flappers grab your dapper dads and prepare for a spectacular evening.

Each year the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection mandates that every school in the diocese provide a safe environment student education program. In the next weeks, "A Personal Safety Curriculum: Talking About Touching" will be taught at every grade level. This curriculum is developmentally and age appropriate, covering a variety of topics. The K, 1, 2 and 3 curriculum will be taught by the classroom teachers. Fourth through eighth grades complete an online curriculum.

On Monday we met with Officer O'Rourke, our school liaison officer from Northern Station. At this meeting he informed us that the individual arrested last Wednesday has a prior record in another state and violated his parole by being present on campus. In spite of the recent incidents it is the officer's assessment that St. Vincent de Paul School provides a safe environment. He reminded us to keep all exterior doors closed and continue to be vigilant to strangers. Officer O'Rourke assured us that the police are always available to us and will be conducting additional patrols around the school. You may have seen a patrol car circling campus at drop off. We have investigated gate options and are finding that more complex than initially thought, but continue to search for the best ways to create a closed and safe campus.

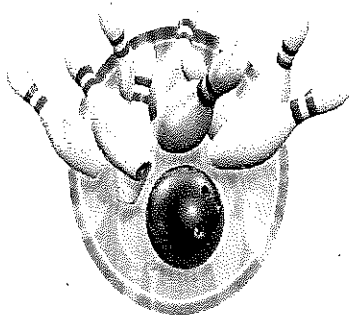
We are grateful to all of you who have worked with us during this time. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support.

Blessings,

  
Nancy Barrett  
Co-Principal

  
Marguerite Pini  
Co-Principal

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Mother/Son  
Bowling!  
Saturday,  
March 8, 2014

5:30pm-9:30pm

Presidio Bowling Center

Please indicate which time you would like to bowl and potential teammates for lane assignments (up to 6 people per lane)

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) Grades \_\_\_\_\_

Who's Bowling	Teammates
5:45-6:45	_____
	_____
7:00-8:00	_____
	_____
8:15-9:15	_____
	_____

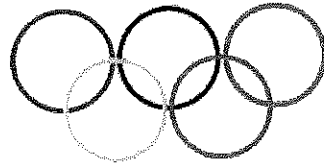
**\$25 per person** (includes pizza and bowling)

**\$15** Adult drink bands

Please complete form and send in to Julia Bolcerek by **MARCH 1st**. Checks made payable to **SVdP Parent Guild**.

RAISE *the* TORCH!  
S V D P

*Celebrates the Olympics*



Dear SVDP Parents,

The **SVDP Cellar and Wine Toss** is back by popular demand from last year's auction, but we need your help! We are asking all SVDP families to participate by donating a bottle of wine per student (or several, if you choose) to the *SVDP Cellar*.

Attached to this letter please find your **2014 SVDP Wine Cellar tag**. Please consider writing your family's name and attaching this wine tag to any type of wine bottle: white, red, champagne, or dessert wines, even magnums. Some of you last year enjoyed sharing a quick anecdote on the tag about what this bottle of wine means to you. Not a must, but we loved that too!

**Next Tuesday (2/25), Wednesday (2/26), and Thursday (2/27)**, we will be outside the school gym during morning drop-off looking for your wine donations to help create these two popular auction items that will be sure to fill your wine cellar and wine glass for a long time! If it is more convenient, please drop bottles off before Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> directly to the school office.

All of the donated bottles will be collected, catalogued, and then either placed to be won in the Wine Toss or as part of the *SVDP Cellar* at the auction. One very lucky recipient/highest bidder will be taking home the entire *SVDP Cellar* of wine compiled by our SVDP community. Some of you with a good arm and generous heart will be taking home a bottle from the Wine Toss!

Please contact one of us should you have any questions.

Your SVDP Wine Cellar committee,

Melissa Brilliant  
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(Jack/1<sup>st</sup>)

Lindsay Hanover  
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Mary Noonan  
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(Danny/1<sup>st</sup>)

We are hoping for 100% participation to make this a fabulous cellar for one of you to take home. Your wine donation to the *SVDP Cellar* is greatly appreciated! Cheers!

# A Personal Safety Curriculum

## Talking About Touching

Kindergarten -3<sup>rd</sup> grade

In the coming weeks the SVDP teaching staff will be implementing **A Personal safety Curriculum: Talking About Touching** mandated by the San Francisco Archdiocese. The curriculum emphasizes the importance of following safety rules, what to do when they are lost, what to do if someone wants them to go somewhere, and touching safety. We encourage you to review and reinforce these lessons in your home:

- **The Always Ask First Rule:** Always ask your parents or the person in charge first if someone wants you to go somewhere or someone wants to give you something.
- **The Safety Rules:** (1) Say words that mean "No"; (2) Get away (run and use your voice); and (3) Tell a grown-up.
- **The Touching Rule:** A bigger person should not touch your private body parts except to keep you clean and healthy (safety and health reasons only).
- In addition, we will be talking about **Car safety** (always wear seatbelt and sit in booster seat until big enough), **Bike safety** (always wear a helmet), **Gun safety** (never play with guns), **Fire safety** (never play with matches or fire), **Phone safety** (never give out personal information), **Walking safety** (look in every direction before crossing a street).

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## Kid Safety

Help Kids Stay Safe

4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Students in grades 4-8 will take Kid Safety, an engaging and entertaining online course.

Kid safety alerts kids to different kinds of harm: adults harming kids (child abuse); kid on kid harm (bullying); and self-harm (peer pressure and harmful choices).

4<sup>th</sup> grade: Safety Smarts for Kids

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Block the Bully

6<sup>th</sup> grade: Be Safe, Stay Safe

7<sup>th</sup> grade: Bullying, Not Cool

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Digital Citizenship

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More information will be shared with you through your classroom teachers when they begin implementation.



February 11, 2014

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are past the half-way point of this school year! It seems like just last week we were dancing and having fun at the Back to School Dinner Dance. As many of you are aware, this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year as Co-Presidents of the Parent Guild. We have truly loved being involved with the school, the students and the parent community, but it is time for us to step aside and let others bring forward enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Please see the following nominating form and description of Parent Guild Executive Board positions and do not hesitate contact us if you have any questions about any of the positions. Thank you so much for all of your wonderful support these past three years!

Sincerely,

Lesli Asiello and Julia Bolcerek

Co-Presidents SVDP Parent Guild



# **Saint Vincent De Paul Parent Guild**

## **Nomination for Candidacy for Executive Board Positions and Room Parents for School Year 2014-2015**

Please submit to SVDP school office  
Attention: Julia Bolcerek or Lesli Asiello or email  
[Julia.Bolcerek1@gmail.com](mailto:Julia.Bolcerek1@gmail.com) or [lesli.asiello@gmail.com](mailto:lesli.asiello@gmail.com)

Due Date: Monday, March 3rd

Current Members of the Parent Guild Executive Board are:

**Co-President-** Julia Bolcerek (Term Expires June 2014)  
**Co-President-** Lesli Asiello (Term Expires June 2014)  
**Treasurer-** Cathy Pedroncelli (Term Expires June 2014)  
**Secretary-** Kathleen Havlin (Term Expires June 2014)

**Head Room Parent for K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Jennifer Mahoney (Term Expires June 2014)  
**Head Room Parent for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Kristine Delagnes (Term Expires June 2014)  
**Sunshine Coordinator-** Kristi Estes (Term Expires June 2014)  
**School Spirit Fundraising-** Kendra Stitt-Robins (Term Expires June 2014)  
**Gently Used Uniform Sales-** Heidi Engelbrechten (Term Expires June 2014)

Name(s) of Nominee(s):

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Board Position:

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Room Parent:

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please indicate if you want to be Head Room Parent for your Grade

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## **Descriptions of open positions:**

### **President and Vice President or Two Co-Presidents:**

President/and Vice President or Two Co-Presidents shall:

- Sit on the Advisory Board through the term of President of the Parent Guild
- Preside at **all** meetings and events sponsored by the SVDP Parent Guild
- Share signatory powers on all financial accounts.
- Maintain fiscal control over the entire Parent Guild budget for all events, meetings, and efforts.
- Oversee all **32PG** activities, meetings, and events.
- Appoint Committee Heads of the Special Committees.
- Provide direction and management to insure that the SVDP Parent Guild achieves its goals and objectives.
- Responsible for planning the Speaker Meetings; a total of four (4), two (2) per semester and planning all AM morning meetings.
- Serve as ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- Officers may not hold office more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms.

### **Treasurer:**

- Responsible for making deposits
- Processing expense reports
- Reconciling bank statements
- Creating financial reports
- Counting the cash box for major events.
- Some knowledge of QuickBooks necessary.
- Budget analysis and forecasting.

### **Secretary:**

- Attend PG Meetings.
- Take minutes at all PG Meetings.
- Create sign in sheet for meetings.
- Maintain the PG Bulletin Boards.
- Develop and make copies of correspondence through Thursday envelope.
- Maintain the Parent Guild web link on the SVDP web site.

## Head Room Parent for K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

- Oversees all PG class organized events.
- Initiates planning of events with the Head RP's.
- Ensures budget for class events is maintained.
- Oversees the RP handbooks and protocol.
- Maintains communication leadership with all RP's of events, meetings, efforts, and any new policies.
- Managing 30-38 Room Parents.

## Sunshine Coordinator:

- Welcome new families with children NEW to SVDP K-8 by phone and/or written note.
- Coordinate buddy family for NEW family w/respective room parents and Head of all RP's.
- Attend Welcome Picnic (usually Sunday before school starts) and New Family Cocktail Party (usually 1 week before school starts),
- Manage Guild Table 1st Day of School.
- Throughout the year organize and present all Staff with birthday cards and gift cards.
- Once a month, host a lunch for staff (preferably on the 1st Wednesday to conjunct with Staff meeting).
- Post thank you notes from teachers and families regarding school events and staff gifts on Parent Guild bulletin board.
- Send get well cards, small gifts for births, sympathy for deaths and hospitalizations.
- Send thank you notes to Parent Guild meeting presenters.
- Write all staff Bonus Christmas cards and Faculty Appreciation Bonus Cards, then pass to the Parent Guild Treasurer.

## School Spirit Fundraising:

- To design, produce and sell SVDP "branded" items that foster school pride and raise funds for key Parent Guild initiatives such as school dances, 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion receptions, and teacher appreciation gifts.
- Product examples include the SVDP T-shirts, car magnet, picnic/stadium blanket and notepad.
- Fulfill spirit sales orders throughout the year

## Parent Guild Closet Coordinator:

- To maintain the Parent Guild Closets making sure that they are kept neat, everything is labeled and managing proper inventory of all items stored in the closets



## **Room Parents:**

### **For Younger Grades K & 1st:**

Organize 2 or 3 Summer Play dates (K)  
Organize Parent Reading Opportunity Organize Parent Lunch Duty

### **For All Grades K - 8th:**

Email Monthly Class Update/Newsletter  
Extend Welcome phone call, note, or email to new students and family  
Help Set up and Host 1st Day of School Class Table  
Help Recruit Recess Duty Volunteers for Recess Committee  
Organize Class Parties  
Organize Class Field Trips  
Organize Class Birthday Acknowledgment for Teacher(s)  
Organize Class Art Project for Auxiliary Dinner Auction  
Help Organize Class Coverage for Teacher Appreciation Day  
Help Organize Class Coverage during 8th Grade Graduation Luncheon  
Organize Class to host 1 Parent Guild Meeting per year  
Organize End of Year Get Together with Families - this is optional (i.e. beach picnic)  
Organize Parent's Night Out - this is optional

### **Specific Class Assignments:**

Welcome New Family and Parish Picnic (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)  
Back to School Dinner Dance (2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
1st Reconciliation Reception (1st Grade)  
1st Holy Communion Reception (3rd Grade)  
Father /Daughter Dance (K and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Confirmation Reception (K)  
Mother/Son Event (3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
8th Grade Graduation Reception (6th Grade)  
8th Grade Graduation Luncheon (7th Grade)  
8th Grade HS Information Day (8th Grade)  
8th Grade Graduation Picnic (8th Grade)  
8th Grade Graduation Dinner Dance (8th Grade)  
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)