

January 30, 2014

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Community,

Happy 100th day of the school year! Kindergartners celebrated the day with enthusiasm and energy as they enjoyed the 100 balloons that decorated their classroom. The number "100" took a prominent place in the lessons presented in many grades. For example, one of the writing prompts today asked the students to consider how they would give away \$100. The 100th day came in the middle of our Catholic School Week activities that included blue and gold day, family lunch, family bingo and special prayers at morning assembly.


Our SVDP instructors continue to hone their teaching skills. On Monday all math teachers met with their colleagues from other schools to discuss lessons and strategies. These inservices have assisted teachers in the implementation of Common Core Math. On Friday, February 7th all of us will attend the Archdiocese of San Francisco Annual Education Conference that includes sessions entitled Educational Tools and Resources on the Evolving Internet, English Language Arts Connection in Learning, and Next Generation Mathematics Workshop.

Many students demonstrated their spelling expertise at our annual spelling bee. Younger students capably pitted their skills against older students. In the end, the "spelling gene" was awarded to two of the Veit brothers. Luke Veit was pronounced the winner of the spelling bee for third through fifth grades. At the end of the 40th round, Cooper Veit took first place in the junior high division, giving him the opportunity to represent SVDP in the KPIX-TV & KCBS Radio AM & FM Spelling Bee. Best of luck, Cooper. Thank you to all of our teachers for their assistance, and thanks especially to Sue Della Cella, our librarian, who organized the spelling bee.

It's finally here! The polo shirt you requested for PE is designed and available. A sample of the shirt hangs in the main office and an order form is included in this envelope. If you order by February 6, the shirt will be delivered to school. After that you will need to visit the Classic Designs store to purchase a shirt. This is an optional clothing item that may be worn only on PE days - Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As many of you are aware, we have recently found strangers present on or near campus. We are extremely grateful to parents who have helped identify these individuals and taken appropriate action. Please help us be vigilant. If you notice someone who does not belong, notify one of the principals, take a photo of the person and try to gently move the person along. If the situation warrants it, contact the police. Peter Walsh, one of our parents who is in law enforcement, has provided the school with several ways to keep our students safe. On his recommendation, we have contacted Northern Station and will meet with the School Resource Officer to enlist the help of the police department. Working as a community to be active observers will help maintain the safety and sanctity of our campus.

While we have our challenges, we are blessed in many ways. Our school community is supportive and generous and each of you is a significant part of the community. Thank you for all you do to keep us safe, to volunteer, to share in the excitement of our very special school.

Blessings,

Nancy Barrett
Co-Principal

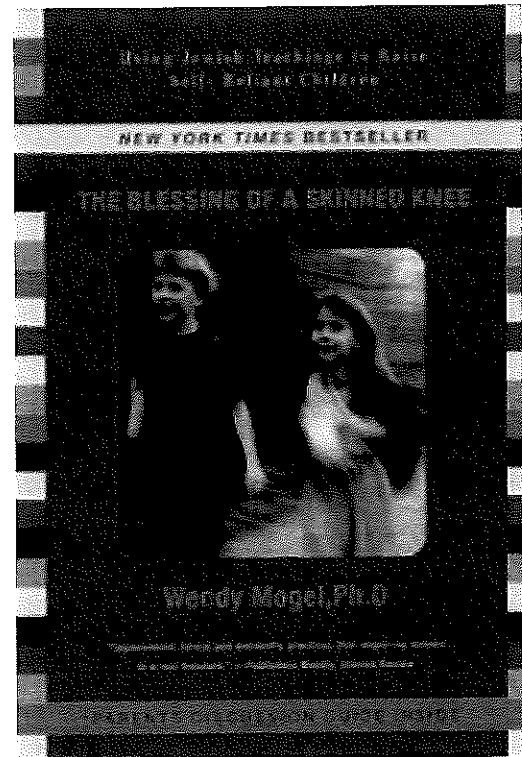
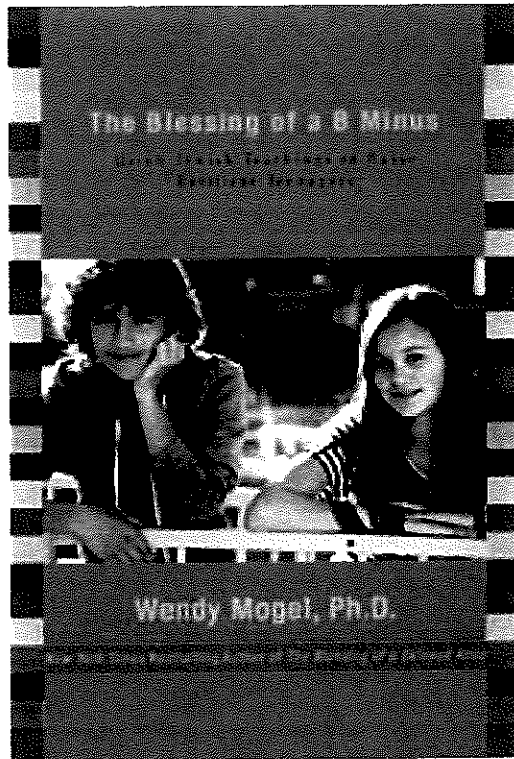

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SVDP Parent Guild

Book Club selection for 2013-2014

March 11th @ 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall



Join us in March as we read and discuss Dr. Wendy Mogel's books *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* and *The Blessing of a B Minus*. "The bestselling phenomenon among parents and educators, these books are essential guides that offer an inspiring new roadmap for raising children."

- Parents of 4th through 8th graders will enjoy Dr. Mogel's book *The Blessing of a B Minus*.
- Parents of Kindergarteners through 3rd graders will enjoy *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*.

ChildWATCH will be available, minimum age 4. Please RSVP to julia.bolcerek1@gmail.com by 3/8/2014.



NEW!!!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NAVY KNIT SHIRTS



- * Optional for kindergarten through 8th grade
- * May be worn only on PE days with uniform pants, skirts, or jumpers
- * Forms are due by **Thursday, February 6th**.
 Orders will be available for pick up at school after Tuesday, February 18th.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 NAVY KNIT SHIRT ORDER FORM**

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

	Quantity		Price
Youth x-small (5-6)		\$17.95 each	
Youth small (7-8)		\$17.95 each	
Youth medium (10-12)		\$17.95 each	
Youth large (14-16)		\$17.95 each	
Youth x-large (18-20)		\$17.95 each	
Adult small		\$21.95 each	
Adult medium		\$21.95 each	
Adult large		\$21.95 each	
Adult x-large		\$21.95 each	
Adult xx-large		\$23.95 each	
		Subtotal	
Please make checks payable to Classic Designs.		Tax 8.75%	
		Total Due	

Orders may be placed after February 6th by visiting Classic Designs or online at www.eclassicdesigns.com.

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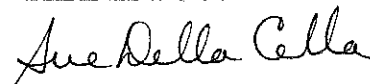
Thank you to all the students in grades three through eight who participated in the spelling competition this month. Congratulations to our finalists: Third grade – Rio Alvarez, Dominic Bankovitch, Jocelyn Branham, Riley Dickman, Isabella Ducey, Charlotte Hawthorn, Ryan Kovic, Brigette Mahoney, Lucy Mahoney, Callen Porter, Quincy Stone, Baylie Theiler, Katrina Von Behren, and Aidan Walsh; Fourth grade - Claire Alonso, Dresden Calabrese, Fiona Deasy, Makena Eugster, Marcello Frew, Colin Hagan, Lucas Havlin, Ella Mac Namara, Seamus Ryan, Veer Sahai, Jenna Serrano, Callahan Stewart, Grace Walsh, and Kate Walsh; Fifth grade – Christian Asiello, Sophie Branham, Blanca Collins, Tara Cumiskey, Dylan Delagnes, Corinne Dummel, Oscar Gonzalez-Moore, Julia Kiehn, Peter Mahoney, Andrea Raugh, Cole Robins, Tobias Scheiber, Kylie Slevin, Luke Veit, William Wade, and Jacob Williams; Sixth grade - Isabella Ballerini, Megan Engelbrechten, Lauren Havlin, Sophia Maneschi, Bronagh McAleese, Coco O'Brien, Mary Carol Phelan, Mallory Roberts, Kyra Slattery, Claire Srivastava, Dillon Srivastava, Adrian Vasquez, Owen Veit and Ryan Whisenant; Seventh grade – Emma Asiano, Julia Asiello, Maria Belardinelli, Isabella Bermejo, Thor Breece, Brennan Canapary, Delainy Delagnes, Allison Dummel, Amelia Estes, Felicia Freeman, Amy Galanty, Nico Hillison, Luci Lewin, Christopher Nolan, Samantha Raugh, and Danny Slevin; Eighth grade – Sabrina Bires, Joey Coxon, Isabela Fernandes, Eugenio Frew, Tripp Fuentes, Sally Lucchesi, Fiona Mahoney, Sean Manning, Christopher Melchior, Bianca Peirano, Luke Phelan, Andy Presher, Mahali Shimizu, and Cooper Veit. Everyone did a fantastic job. The middle school Spelling Bee went 19 rounds before **Luke Veit** was pronounced the winner. The junior high students were equally as successful spelling very difficult words. Eighth grader, **Cooper Veit**, outlasted all participants to take first place in the 40th round. Cooper will represent St. Vincent de Paul School on February 22 in the KPIX – TV & KCBS Radio AM & FM Spelling Bee. Good luck to you, Cooper

Thank you to our excellent judges: Rosanne Mattson, Steve Purtill and Micaella Colla. The Spelling Bee ran smoothly because of you.

Thank you to the teachers who helped the students prepare for the test. Your help was appreciated.

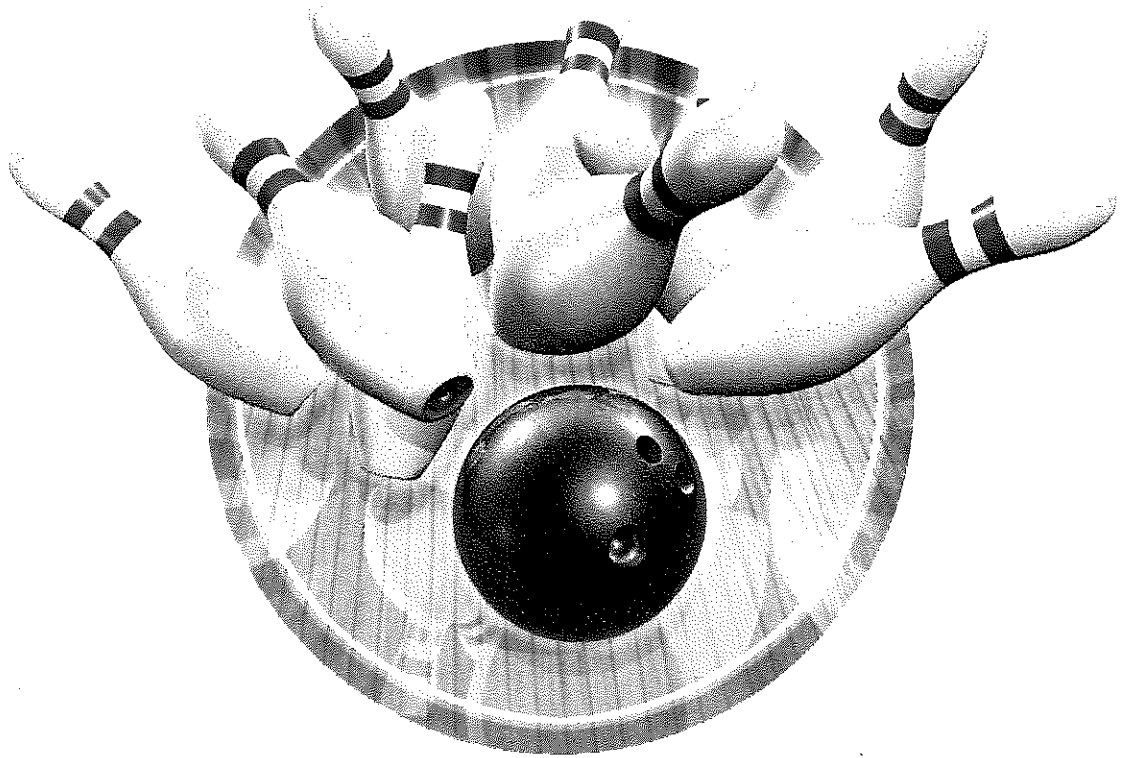
Thank you to the parents and faculty for taking the time to watch the Spelling Bee. Your support adds to our program.

THANK YOU!



Sue Della Cella
Spelling Bee Coordinator

Save the Date



Mother/Son Bowling Night

Saturday, March 8, 2014

5:30pm-9:30pm

Presidio Bowling Center

More details to follow



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Turn in completed registration form and payment to the school office.

Please make check payable to 'Academic Chess'

Registration is due by the first day of class.

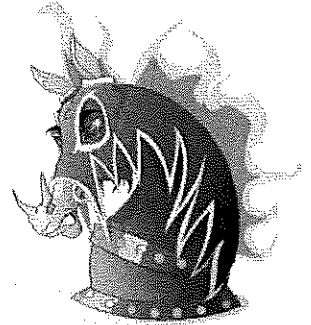
When: Wednesday

Time: 2:00 to 3:00

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 02/26
03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26

Skip Dates: None

Meeting Place: Library



We are devoted to promoting the merits of chess among children by using stories, dances, and catchy songs to make the game of chess exciting and easy to understand.

This wonderful learning experience not only teaches children to play chess, but also prepares them for life by enhancing their thought process.

Here is a short list of the many benefits of chess.



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3. Logical Reasoning
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5. Memory
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7. Planning Ahead
8. Complex Decision Making
9. Pattern Recognition
10. Intellectual Maturity



For more information call us at **415-412-4040**
Email us at sanfrancisco@academicchess.com
or check out our website at www.academicchess.com

*I give permission for my child to attend the after-school chess classes with Academic Chess.
I understand it is my responsibility to arrange adult supervision immediately after chess class.*

School: St Vincent De Paul Day: Wednesday Time: 2:00 to 3:00 Session: 02/05 - 03/26 Cost: \$88.00

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____
 Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Allergies: _____
 After Chess Class: Pick Up Day Care Yard Dismissal