



September 26, 2013

Dear Parents,

Happy Feast of St. Vincent de Paul! We hope you will join us for our prayer service at tomorrow's morning assembly. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul's message "let all things be done with charity" we ask that each child bring a canned or dry good tomorrow to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Can you believe that we are completing the fifth week of school? By this time your child has learned new material, completed homework and perhaps taken a quiz or test. SchoolSpeak is one of the best ways to keep informed about your child's progress. October 4th marks the day that progress reports will be available on SchoolSpeak or, in the case of grades K-2 will be sent home. Examine your child's grades so that you may celebrate her/his achievements and support her/him in areas that need improvement. As always, our teachers partner with you to encourage student learning. Please contact your child's teacher(s) if you have any concerns.

It's the 21st century!! For St. Vincent de Paul School that is multi-faceted – completion of a new fire alarm system, the investigation of a new phone system, decisions about the development of a seamless network and wireless system. Of course, of critical importance is the integration of technology into the teaching/learning process. Last spring you generously donated \$27,000 to the school for the purchase of iPads and for the professional development needed to utilize this technology in the classroom. Over the summer teachers received iPads and a small iTunes gift card. They were instructed to "play around" with the device and purchase educational apps that would support their teaching. The first round of inservices occurs on October 15th when six teachers will attend a workshop at St. Hilary's, an Apple Distinguished School with a highly successful one-to-one program. At this workshop teachers will learn how the iPad can support innovation in teaching and learning. We have much to learn. This is the **beginning**, with other inservices to follow involving more teachers. Our research and personal experience indicate that successful launching of an iPad program requires teachers receiving ample time to familiarize themselves with the technology and the educational applications available. We are currently in this stage. When we are confident that our teachers are proficient we will begin rolling out iPads in the junior high classrooms, followed by the lower grade classrooms. We are so appreciative of your support in this endeavor, and are equally appreciative of your patience with the process. Thank you for your 21st century vision!

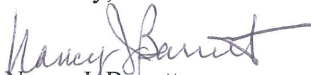
September 22nd marked the beginning of the fall season. If you wander through our classrooms and hallways you will see a touch of fall as school spaces are adorned with beautiful pumpkins straight from our garden. Thank you to our parent volunteers who made certain that we had enough pumpkins for all the classrooms in the school. Thanks also to the parents who spent Tuesday in the garden clearing the boxes and preparing for new plantings.

On Tuesday, October 1st, representatives from six of our Catholic high schools will speak to seventh and eighth grade students and parents. This is an opportunity to gain an overview of these schools and the high school application process. Join us in the parish hall at 8:30am.

Open House is October 8th and 10th for families considering SVDP. If you know of a family who is seeking an excellent school environment suggest that they attend Open House. There are two tours on each day, one at 8:30am and the other at 9:15am. Contact the school office to make a reservation.

As always, we thank God for the blessings that you are to our school community. Be assured of our continued prayers during this fall season.

Sincerely,


Nancy J. Barrett
Co-Principal


Marguerite Pini
Co-Principal

MINISTRY FAIR

**September 28th and September 29th
After all the Masses in the Parish Hall**

Please join us to learn about our various ministries and parish and school organizations. There will be representatives from the following groups:

Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Ushers
Altar Servers
Men's Club
Auxiliary to the De Paul Youth
St. Vincent de Paul Choir
Parents' Guild
De Paul Seniors
De Paul Youth Club
Italian Catholic Federation
Young Adult Group
St. Vincent de Paul Conference

This is your chance to meet members, get information, and find out if you would like to join their club.

Don't miss out!

*De Paul Youth Club
Mass and Bingo Night
Saturday, October 19th
5:15 to 9:00 p.m.*



All 3rd through 8th graders are invited to join together for the first De Paul Youth Club Mass of the 2013-2014 year. After Mass we will join together in the gym for dinner and bingo.

The cost for the evening is \$15 per person. Dinner, drinks, desserts, door prizes, and all bingo games are included in your \$15 admission price. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

Please purchase your ticket no later than October 17th.

Please join with us for Mass, Friends, Fun, and Food!

Save the date: De Paul Youth Club Mass and Jingle Mingle 12/14/13, 5:15-10:00 p.m.

De Paul Youth Club Mass and Bingo

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Amount paid at \$15 per person _____
Please make checks payable to the De Paul Youth Club.

I understand that I must pick my child/ children up by 9:00 p.m. following the De Paul Youth Club Mass and Bingo on October 19th.

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