



November 7, 2013

Dear Parents,

What a busy week it has been! The book fair has brought many parents and children into the main hallway to browse the collection of books available for purchase. Students have eagerly made wish lists, parents have bought books and the school has benefited by receiving new books and funds for our library. Thank you to all who supported the book fair through your purchases. We offer huge thanks and gratitude to our parent volunteers and to Ms. Della Cella, organizer of the event.

This week you and your child's teacher have had the opportunity to meet. These conferences are an important way for us to work collaboratively to support each child's academic and personal growth. The teachers appreciate your presence at these meetings and the insights you bring regarding your child's development. We are certain that you, too, learn from the teacher's observations. Together we wish to develop academically successful students who exhibit personal care and respect for others.

We are very concerned about the traffic at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Carefully read the attached SVDP Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures. We need the cooperation of **every** parent in order to keep **ALL** of our children safe.


Have you ever considered a career in writing? Fifth grader Luke Veit may be contemplating just that. Luke was recently notified that he won the *Storyworks* "Meteor" Contest. In the congratulatory letter, the magazine editor stated, "You (Luke) wrote a fantastic speech explaining why the Sentinel satellite could be helpful to people on Earth, and we loved how you included convincing examples from the article." As a prize, Luke received a copy of the book *Every Soul a Star* by Wendy Mass, an author whose books he has enjoyed in the past.

Upcoming field trips include a first grade trip to the California Academy of Sciences next Thursday, followed on Friday by a second grade walk to Crissy Field. The second graders will learn about wetlands and ecosystems as they explore that beautiful area. On Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the sixth grade class will travel across town to the Mission District. As a culmination of their unit on Día de los Muertos, the students will visit murals, altars and practice their Spanish at a local bakery and taqueria. Of course, sampling the food is built into the experience!

Please join with our faculty and staff in praying for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will spend the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> at Caritas Creek. Part outdoor experience and part retreat, this week will prepare the students for their Confirmation which will be held on Sunday, November 24. Our thirty students and their teacher will appreciate in your thoughts these next weeks.

We look forward to the up coming three day weekend and ask God to bless you with pleasant days spent with those you love.

Sincerely,

  
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## **SVDP Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures**

**To keep our children safe** please practice the following guidelines during morning drop off and afternoon pick up:

Drive west on Green Street and pull up to the curb in front of the SVDP property. The drop off/pick up line begins at the corner of Green and Pierce. Do not stop directly in front of the gym. Please drive as far up Green towards Pierce as possible. This will make room for more vehicles behind you.

**It is important that ALL vehicles in line turn right on Pierce to keep traffic moving.**

All children should exit the car using the passenger side doors. As soon as the vehicle has stopped, students may exit the vehicle. They need not wait for an adult to open the door for them. This will assist in keeping our drop off moving quickly. As long as you are lined up along the school side of the street between the Parish Rectory and Pierce, your student may exit the vehicle.

Do not drop your student off on the south side of the street in the middle of the block. **We do not want any students, or parents, jaywalking.** This can create a potentially dangerous situation where drivers pulling away from the curb may not be expecting an individual to be walking across the street.

**When walking to school always use the cross walk.**

**No parking on the school side of the street** is permitted. The white zone must be kept clear to keep the traffic flowing without obstruction.

Please be considerate of our neighbors and do not block or park in their driveways.

Thank you for following the above guidelines. They are vital to the health and safe of our student population.

## November Class Syllabus

### Leadership/Patience

1. Wash Hands.
2. Review last month and check to see how much information is retained.
3. Go over History of Thanksgiving and how it works.
4. Go over the Thanksgiving customs in other cultures
5. Talk about the History of Thanksgiving.
6. Talk about Thanksgiving Day specifically.
7. Explain how turkeys came into play for Thanksgiving
8. Talk about Thanksgiving traditions.
9. Start cooking project. We will need to pre-make recipe to finish on time or use the prior class pies for the following class. It is important that we keep an eye out on the ingredients the students are putting in the recipes. This way we can make sure that the pies turn out for each class. Break up into groups to teach lessons in Leadership and Patience.
10. While food is cooking the students will be quizzed on the Thanksgiving material.
11. End of class, clean and wrap up by asking the kids what they learned today.

## **Pie Crust**

### **Ingredients:**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shortening
- ½ cup water

### **Directions:**

1. In a large bowl, combine flour and salt. Then with clean hands cut in shortening until mixture coarse crumbs. Stir in water until mixture forms a ball. Divide dough in half, and shape into balls.
2. Roll out dough on a floured counter. Don't over work it. Roll out the dough really thin and cut into circles to slide into a cupcake pan. Add pie filling and then cover the top of pie with strips of laced dough.
3. Some people brush the laced dough with egg whites this is optional.
4. Cook at 425 degrees for about 20 minutes.

## **Apple Pie Filling**

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 cup water
- 1 Tablespoon lemon Juice
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ ground clove
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla
- 6 cups apples, cored, peeled and chopped

### **Directions:**

1. In a large saucepan, combine water, lemon juice, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, cornstarch and apples. Stir over medium heat until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.
2. Cool and put into pie crust.





# 2013 Bella Notte Family Dinner

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
*Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Hall*  
6:00pm – Drinks | 6:30 – Dinner  
\$30/adults – \$10/children over 5

***Hosted by the Auxiliary to the de Paul Youth Club***  
***Benefitting the de Paul Youth Club & Sports Program***

Menu: Antipasto, focaccia, mixed green salad, tortellini al pesto, pasta Bolognese,  
pasta with butter & cheese, sausages, various desserts.

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**Please join us! Purchase your tickets early:**

**Adults \$30 | Children \$10 (under 5 free) Drink Tickets: Wine/Beer \$3 | Soda \$1**  
**Raffle Tickets \$5/each or 5 for \$20**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Adult Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ # Children Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$1 Drink Tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
\$3 Drink Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ # Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return this slip with check payable to "Auxiliary to the de Paul Youth Club" to the  
school office **or**

mail to: St. Vincent de Paul Church, 2320 Green St San Francisco, CA 94123  
**by November 12**

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# Academic Chess

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or

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

Please make check payable to  
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Registration is due by the  
first day of class.

When: Wednesday

Time: 2:00 to 3:00

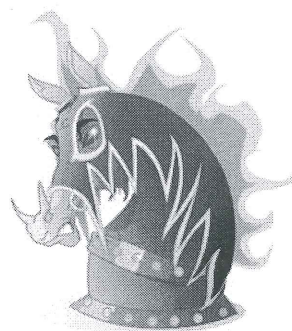
Dates: 11/20, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18  
01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29

Skip Dates: 11/27, 12/25, 01/01

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.

NO CLASS on 11/27 due to early dismissal.



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2. Concentration
3. Logical Reasoning
4. Critical Thinking
5. Memory
6. Problem Solving
7. Planning Ahead
8. Complex Decision Making
9. Pattern Recognition
10. Intellectual Maturity



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*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: 11/20 - 01/29 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 ☐ \_\_\_\_\_