



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

November 8, 2016

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends of SVdP School,

The Fall of the Roman Empire – today, a mere page of narrative in student history texts – was for those who experienced it, the end of the world as they knew it. In far shorter than a single generation the great Empire – source and sustenance of civilization, literacy and culture – fell in the sack led by Visigoth King Alaric and the northern invaders, who offered no adequate government or cultural heritage in exchange. Saint Augustine was heavily criticized for taking this as the moment to pen his manuscript *City of God*. To all appearances, civilization and culture, let alone literacy and the intellectual life, would never survive the sack. Wasn't he a fool for using these final days of the Empire's existence to write lofty thoughts that nobody would read?!

What had become clear to Saint Augustine (great scholar! great sinner!! great saint!!!) was that regardless of who ruled the land – polished emperor or vulgar “barbarian” – there is only one King whose rule is everlasting, and citizenship in *that* kingdom – *that* city – is the Christian's primary citizenship. But beware – citizenship in the city of God is not for the faint of heart! It is not a social club or an add-on in a conversation to impress the philanthropic; it is a scandal to those whose primary allegiance does not lie there. Jesus Christ, King of kings, is scandalous to the earthly-minded. He whose almighty hand created the universe and holds the sun, moon, stars, and oceans in their places, chose to come to earth as a helpless baby – a poor one born of poor parents. He who could so totally have dominated the entire human race into submission and ruled over us with a heavy hand, instead chose to manifest his kingship in utter humility with hands stretched on the wood of the cross. If “as the king goes, so goes the people,” who wants to follow such a king?

Jesus said to Pilate, “my kingdom is not of this world.” In fact, His kingdom is not a display of human power over the human race, for there is no competition between God and man. His kingdom, born in the hearts of men and women, is one that frees the person to govern himself in a rightly ordered way. Instead of imposing laws from the outside, Christ the King empowers minds and hearts from within, to bring about a transformation *first* within ourselves, and thus enabling us to live in harmony with God, with others, and with all of creation. And His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.

While this week, most of us have done our duties as earthly citizens by voting in our new leaders, let us also be mindful of our duties as heavenly citizens. Who has gotten the vote this week to lead your heart and your mind? Let's not relinquish our right to vote in either *city*, our right to have a say in who our leader will be. And let us pray for one another and for our country.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Sister Dominic, O.P.*

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Principal

**Shop with SVdP Scrip:** The holiday season is here! Shop with scrip for all of your holiday needs and earn rebates for our school. The Front Office will be stocked with gift cards in various denominations to many popular retailers starting November 14<sup>th</sup>. It is very easy. Bring cash or check to the Front Office, choose your gift cards and then start shopping. SVdP will earn an instate rebate from every gift card purchase. If we do not have a specific retailer on hand you can place an order directly on [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). You MUST enter our SVdP Enrollment Code: CA11E6FF19153. If you have questions or need help placing an order please contact Stefanie Liley at [svdpscrip@yahoo.com](mailto:svdpscrip@yahoo.com). Happy Scrip Shopping!

**Jamba Juice (new order deadline: November 16<sup>th</sup>)** – Please check your calendar closely for any days your child will not be at school for lunch on Jamba Juice days. We are not set up to credit your account for missed days. (Alert to parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade – field trip potentially planned for December 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Thanksgiving Food Collection (deadline: November 17<sup>th</sup>)** – Thank you for contributing to this school-wide food collection. Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will package the meals and deliver them on November 21<sup>st</sup> to the Community Ministry and to families in need through our own Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach. Students are invited to bring in non-perishable items as indicated below:

preK – instant potatoes	5A – can of pumpkin
KA – jello	5B – box of pie crust (non refrigerated)
KB – mini marshmallows	6A/B – can of fruit
1A/B – box of cereal	7A – pkg of pasta
2A/B – can of corn, beans or peas	7B – large can pasta sauce
3A/B – can of condensed or evaporated milk	8A – large can beef stew or chili
4A/B – box or bag of stuffing	8B – box of mac & cheese

**Presentation on Social Media, Sexting, Social Trends: November 18<sup>th</sup> 1:40 school gym**

All parents are invited to attend a presentation which is designed for our 7/8 grade students, but which will benefit families with children of all ages. Lindsay Richardson and Lara Baker of the law firm Foster, Graham, Milstein, and Calisher, LLP are a team of lawyers who have addressed student assemblies on the legal landscape involving criminal offenses committed by young people. The goal of the assembly is to open up a conversation that can equip the students and you, the parents, with the knowledge needed to navigate through these dangers. Our presenters will speak on the following topics:

- Criminal offenses committed by young people (specifically related to the use of drugs/alcohol) and the consequences of those offenses;
- Perils of social media;
- What is “sexting” and consequences for the same;
- Middle school version of unlawful sexual behavior (limited to uninvited touch by peers rather than explicit sexual activity)

**School Wide Service Day November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Volunteers Needed**

Please consider volunteering and serving along with our faculty/student body on November 23<sup>rd</sup> which has been set aside as a school-wide service day. SVdP Serves Committee is organizing four major projects for that day and is in need of four volunteers that morning. We are hoping to collect trial size/hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soaps to make blessing bags for distribution at the Cathedral. Please contact Lara O’Shaughnessy on Fast Direct if you can volunteer.

### **Update: Counseling Program and Targeting Conflict/Bullying**

We continue to move toward improvements in handling of the social issues which have more frequently arisen in recent years including hurtful teasing, navigating conflict, and handling bullying. A teacher committee is working along with Sister Dominic to develop and implement a process for forming children in the midst of conflict as well as some standard ways to address these issues. Following is a brief summary of collected data.

<b>Survey Item</b>	<b>2nd - 5th</b>	<b>6th- 8th**</b>	<b>Parents***</b>	<b>Teachers</b>
Do your children always or mostly always feel safe?	75%	90%	55%	100%
Has your child been affected (directly or witness) to bully in last 12 months	80%	95%	80%	68%
Where: Occurs Recess	50%	55%	75%	80%
Deliberately Excluded	45%	35%	45%	60%
Belittled	35%	70%	40%	56%
Ganged up on	35%	10%	35%	40%
Reported to adult	65%	38%	60%	65%
Bullying Stopped after reporting	83%	50%	25%	45%

\* Third Grade not able to complete

\*\* 2/3 of MS participated

\*\*\* 11% of parents - not statistically significant

### **From the business office: Tuition Contracts and FACTS Payment Agreements**

The Archdiocese requires us to send you copies of your current Tuition Contract once it has been signed by all parties. Additionally, if you are newly enrolled in the FACTS Tuition Management Plan, we will be sending you a copy of your Payment Agreement. The agreement continues from year to year unless it is terminated due to student withdrawal or graduation. Please look for an envelope coming home with your child on November 8th. If you have any questions, please contact the parish business office at (303) 744-6119.

### **Christmas Shoppe: December 8-9**

No sooner has Halloween passed us by and now it's time to start thinking about Christmas! The Christmas Shoppe will be open on December 8th and 9th this year. We'll have lots of new items including a selection of gift cards for the older students to purchase. As always, we will need plenty of volunteer elves to help our little shoppers pick just the right gift for their loved one. More information will follow after Thanksgiving.

**Extended Care Position Job Description:** St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School is looking for an After School Care Program Assistant for the 2016-2017 school year. Must have program leader qualifications with verifiable experience. Responsibilities include: supervision of students, Kindergarten through 8th Grade; helping students with homework; planning and executing activities for children.

Assistants are needed from the hours of 2:30pm to 6:00pm, daily. Qualifications include supporting our mission of Catholic education, and an ability to work with children. Please submit resumes and letters of interest to [info@svdpk8.com](mailto:info@svdpk8.com)

**Athletic Insurance Form** – [Please click here for more information](#)

**Noteworthy Dates:**

November 1 <sup>st</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection – all grade levels
November 10 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Mother Ann Marie and Sister Mary Agnes arrive for Visitation
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Day Assembly 1:30 reception with Veterans and 2:10 assembly Adoration for grades K-5 (parents are always welcome)
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Sound in a Sacred Space – presented by Mary Beth Church at SVdP
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jamba Juice Order Deadline
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation to 7/8 students and all parents are welcome (1:40-2:40) Adoration for grades 6-8 (parents welcome any time)
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday – students eat in classroom with sack lunch; there is NO HOT LUNCH service available today; milk will be available
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half Day (12:00 dismissal); School Wide Service Day; No Extended Care
November 24-25	No School – Happy Thanksgiving!

**Notice of Student Non-Discrimination Policy:**

The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Denver, under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L. and at the direction of the Superintendent, state that all of their Catholic schools admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. Furthermore, Archdiocesan schools admit handicapped students in accord with the policy on Admissions, 4.2.1. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, handicap, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of their educational policies, employment practices, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic or other school-administered programs.

*Deadline for Crusader Connection: Monday at 6:00am of the week it is to be published.*

# Get ready for the Holidays while earning money for our school



The Front Office is stocked with gift cards for  
35 of your favorite Black Friday and Holiday Retailers.  
SVdP will earn rebates with every gift card purchase.  
(cash or check accepted)

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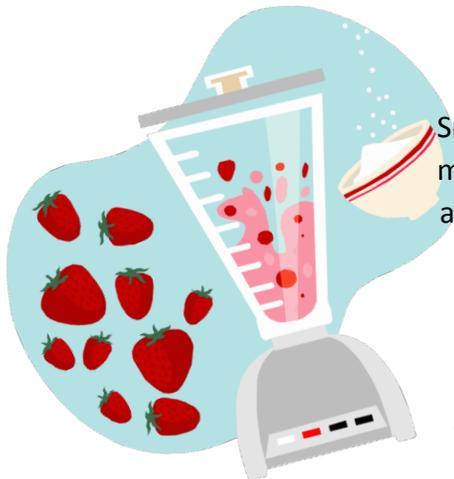
**NORDSTROM**

★ **American Girl**

  
**ATHLETA**

The Front Office doesn't have the retailer you want?  
Place a Scrip order today with Stefanie Liley  
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SVdP code: CA11E6FF19153

# Jamba Juice Tuesdays



100% fruit and juices, no dairy or other fillers!

Smoothies are offered every Tuesday. If you purchase for your child, please make checks payable to **SVdP** and return to your child's homeroom teacher along with your detached order form in an envelope marked "**Smoothies.**"

**All orders are due by November 16 !**

**\*\* Please note: We are unable to accept late orders!**

Smoothies offered as follows, at \$3.75 for each 8oz drink:

1. December 6th      Razzmatazz Raspberry
2. December 13th    Strawberry Surf
3. December 20th    Caribbean Passion
4. January 10th      Razzmatazz Raspberry
5. January 17th      Strawberry Surf
6. January 24th      Mango a Go-Go
7. January 31st      Razzmatazz Raspberry

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN ORDER FORM BELOW TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER:**

Name of Child _____	Grade _____	Teacher _____
<u>Circle</u> which smoothie dates	1      2 3 4 5 6 7	Total ___ X \$3.75 = _____
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<u>Circle</u> which smoothie dates	1      2 3 4 5 6 7	Total ___ X \$3.75 = _____
<b>TOTAL: \$ _____</b>		<b>Check # _____</b>

\*Please note there are no refunds for missed smoothie days. All unclaimed smoothies will be donated to the SVdP staff. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Garofalo at jimgden@me.com. **Thank you for participating in this fun community-builder!**



## Gala Updates

In celebration of our school's 90<sup>th</sup> year (est. 1927), we would like to announce this year's Gala theme **"The Roaring 20's!"**

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**The Westin Downtown**

This year's Gala chairs are Sharon Alton and Marissa Ogden. Sharon and her husband Todd have a Kindergartener named Kylie. Marissa and her husband Jeff have three children: Avery (K), Garrett (P3) and a future Crusader named Finley. These two hard working women, along with a dedicated volunteer committee will bring you St Vincent's primary fundraising and community building event of the year!

There are many ways to become involved with the Gala! Anyone interested in helping during the event should contact Sharon and Marissa via FastDirect. Each class Gala representative will be organizing a Gala Donation Party, and many of these are already underway! We encourage you to attend these parties and contribute one of your many talents!

A Gala "Wish List" has been created and is on display at the school front entrance. These are fun Gala donation suggestions- both party ideas that can be sold and items for the silent and loud auctions. Please feel free to take down your favorite tag and fill out the yellow donation form located at the desk near the front office (also available at your donation party and coming home with the kiddos next week).

If you are able and interested supporting your school on a larger financial level, please consider becoming a Gala Sponsor. As mentioned, this is not only the largest, but one of the only fundraising events that directly supports our 90-year school tradition. All proceeds from the Gala support your children's education-everything from school supplies and tuition assistance to things like technology improvement and building security. This replaces the need for additional fundraising such as popcorn sales. The proceeds are also used to teach our children to be Christian Stewards themselves (10% is given by the school children to their annual Children's Charity).

Please find attached the Sponsor information and call or FastDirect any questions regarding financial donations to Mary Kovalak or Mila Glodava. We also welcome corporate sponsors (with free advertising reaching over 500 parents/parishioners) if your company would like to participate!

We are very excited about our upcoming Gala and hope to see everyone there!!



## St Vincent de Paul Gala Sponsorships

### **GOLD SPONSOR: \$10,000**

- Official designation as a Gold Sponsor in the Gala Catalog, reaching distribution of more than 500 parishioners and parents
- Advertising space on all welcome package envelopes
- Company logo on welcome sign at entrance
- Official designation as a Gold Sponsor with company logo on all projection screens the night of the Gala
- Recognition and click through on Gala web page
- 10 complimentary tickets to the Gala (one table)
- Mention in any other media outlets where the Gala is advertised

### **SILVER SPONSOR: \$5,000**

- Official designation as a Silver Sponsor in the Gala Catalog, reaching distribution of more than 500 parishioners and parents
- Company logo on welcome sign at entrance
- Official designation as a Silver Sponsor with company logo on all projection screens the night of the Gala
- Recognition and click through on Gala web page
- 8 complimentary tickets to the Gala
- Mention in any other media outlets where our Gala is advertised

### **BRONZE SPONSOR: \$2,500**

- Official designation as a Bronze Sponsor in the Gala Catalog, reaching distribution of more than 500 parishioners and parents
- Company logo on welcome sign at entrance
- Official designation as a Bronze Sponsor with company logo on all projection screens the night of the Gala
- Recognition and click through on Gala web page
- 6 complimentary tickets to the Gala
- Mention in any other media outlets where our Gala is advertised

### **GENERAL SPONSOR: \$1,000-2,400**

- Official designation as a General Sponsor in the Gala Catalog, reaching distribution of more than 500 parishioners and parents
- 5 Table Top signs placed on reception tables designating your company as a General Sponsor
- Official designation as a General Sponsor with company logo on all projection screens the night of the Gala
- Recognition and click through on Gala web page



Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila welcomes you to  
**CATHOLIC FAMILIES GROUP NIGHT**



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**Sunday, November 20th • 7:00pm • Pepsi Center**

### TICKETS

Lower/Club Level: \$47 (regularly up to \$108)

Upper Level: \$15 (regularly up to \$34)

As a special incentive, a portion of every ticket purchased will benefit the St. Sebastian Project ([saintsebastiandenver.org](http://saintsebastiandenver.org))

**Order tickets online at:**

[www.nuggetstix.com/1617catholicfamilies](http://www.nuggetstix.com/1617catholicfamilies)

### SPECIAL GUEST

Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila will join us for the game!

### FAN EXPERIENCES

Catholic youth will be selected for:

- VIP Experience
- High-Five Fan Tunnel
- Flag Presentation
- And more!

### COURT TIME

1-1:30 - Apex Ministries speakers Brad and Joia Farmer

1:40-2:30 - Youth Basketball clinic for 4-8th grade boys and girls

2:35-3:25 - Game (1) 8th grade

3:30-4:20 - Game (2) 8th grade

**\*\* must purchase a ticket through the provided link to participate in all events\*\***

For Court Time/Clinic signup and information please contact:  
Mark Strawbridge [Mark.Strawbridge@goodshepherddenver.org](mailto:Mark.Strawbridge@goodshepherddenver.org)

For Nuggets ticket information, contact Lyndsay Marchbanks at 303.405.7635 or email [Lyndsay.Marchbanks@teamKSE.com](mailto:Lyndsay.Marchbanks@teamKSE.com)

- There are NO taxes or fees.
- Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis and are subject to availability.
- All sales are final- no refunds or exchanges permitted.