



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

September 19, 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

I hope to see many of our families at the Oktoberfest this Saturday, September 23rd which will be held in the Church parking lot this year. (Please don't blame the chickens for moving from the lower parking lot; they didn't ask for special treatment!) The games look new and exciting, and it is always good to gather as a community. Following are items of interest for you and your families:

In the near future, the regular Crusader will be going away. Principal letters and items that are typically found on the first page of the Crusader will be found in a blog space on the new website. These items will not require parent response, but may be of interest to the school community.



Meet Sister Mary Celeste has replaced Sister Marie Dominique in one of our second grade classrooms. Sister has a wealth of experience in and out of the classroom and has served in many roles in our Congregation from teaching primary through high school levels, cooking for the community, and she recently spent a year abroad at our convent in Bracciano, Italy. Sister Mary Celeste's creative side easily finds expression in the second grade classroom. Please take a moment to welcome Sr. Mary Celeste to Denver and to St. Vincent de Paul School

Meet Mrs. Sally Jane Michaud (mee-show) who assists Mrs. Salazar in the new Montessori preschool classroom. Very much like Mrs. Salazar, Mrs. Michaud has around 20 years of teaching experience with early childhood students, serving as the lead teacher in both the Montessori environment as well as the traditional classroom. She is pleased to be part of the SVdP Family this year, able to work in a Catholic environment doing something she is passionate about, while still raising her family. She has two high school children, one at Mullen and one at Kent Denver, where her husband teaches. Together Mrs. Michaud and Mrs. Salazar have developed a great partnership in opening our new preschool classroom. Mrs. Michaud works part time hours from 8:00-12:30 most days, so you likely will not see her at drop off or pick up. However, hopefully, you will have a chance to introduce yourself and welcome her to SVdP School.



Meet Miss Sarah Miller, teaching in our Kindergarten classroom. Miss Miller recently graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio and has relocated to Denver after spending most of her summer in Africa on mission. Miss Miller is a natural teacher and her students have quickly gotten into routine and are enjoying the Kindergarten experience. Please welcome Miss Miller to Denver and to St. Vincent's when you see her at a community event or at dismissal.

The following items are of particular interest to the operation of the school and the students experience at school. These kinds of announcements are being uploaded onto Option C one to two times weekly. To stay abreast of this kind of school communication, check into Option C about twice a week. To stay abreast of teacher communication, you may wish to check in more often.

Friday, September 22: Free Dress Day

In celebration of the SVdP Parish & School Oktoberfest this Saturday, the students and staff are invited to enjoy a free dress day on Friday, September 22nd. Our Student Council suggested the theme for attire as follows:

- *Harvest Attire* such as overalls, plaid, and flannel shirts, jeans, boots and bandanas. We want to emphasize to you and to the students that no purchases need to be made to participate in the theme. Simply selecting a fall foliage color such as red, orange, or yellow, also counts for theme participation. (Not everyone has a pair of overalls in the closet, although surprisingly, some do!)
- The Student Council will visit the classrooms on Friday morning and calculate the percentage of students participating in the theme. Winning classroom/s will enjoy a special prize (to be announced with the winner on Friday afternoon announcements)
 - No face paint or accessories that are distracting or inappropriate for school.
 - Please note out of uniform guidelines in the parent-student handbook. The girls have more to contend with in selecting free dress attire than the boys do, and need to avoid: leggings which are not covered by a knee-length skirt, short shorts or skirts, skinny jeans, thin shoulder straps, sheer or backless design, as well as open-toe or open-back shoes. Please refer to the parent-student handbook for full reading of guidelines.

Tuesday October 3 from 7:00-8:00pm Parent Night Discussion: “How to Talk to Your Middle Schooler”

Come and hear a presentation designed for parents who have, or soon will have, middle school aged children at home. Drink in the wisdom of experience as Brian and Donna Luebbers share on a variety of topics: building strong relationships with middle school aged children, keeping the communication lines open, and talking through difficult topics including marriage and sexuality. Q&A to follow the presentation. RSVP Sr. Marie Therese at srmtherese@svdpk8.com.

Monday, October 2: Basketball Tryouts

Please use the form below to register.

3:15-4:30 5th and 6th grade boys
4:30-5:30 5th and 6th grade girls
5:30-6:45 7th and 8th grade girls
6:45-8:00 7th and 8th grade boys



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SVDP Serves Needs YOU to continue our mission!

In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, SVdP Serves offers opportunities for students to be stewards of the faith through education and awareness of the needs of others while creating partnerships within our community.

Please consider volunteering to be a **Service Parent Coordinator** for your child's grade. Coordinators will work in concert with the teacher to facilitate **two** service projects. The partnership between grade and organization will remain constant for the year. Each grades' projects are already established, therefore the coordinator responsibilities are limited to:

1. Coordinating details of the service project with the grade's teachers and the agency representative.
2. Procure any supplies required for the projects. Funding provided.
3. Organize parent drivers or arrange transportation, if applicable, to and from the site.
4. Help facilitate presentation about the service organization to educate the students on September 27th the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, which will serve as our commissioning day.

Please consider joining our SVDP Serves Steering Committee!

The SVDP Serves steering committee is recruiting members for the **2017/2018 school year**. This is a great opportunity to get involved in our school's service learning program. **Our students completed 2,135 hours of service last school year**. Without your help in planning and executing this program, we will not be able to continue this valuable service to our community.

The steering committee is responsible for planning 1) two service projects per grade, 2) two all-school service days and 3) the annual school drives. Steering committee members are the liaisons to the agency representatives of participating community organizations, SVDP administration and the SVDP Serves Parent Coordinator. There is a two year commitment for the SVDP Serves Steering Committee.

Questions? Please call/email Lara O'Shaughnessy. 773.255.0485 or lara_osh1@yahoo.com day.

SVdP Communication: on a learning curve

- The Option C Training Team will be at the school on Wednesday to provide support to staff and to complete the training for teachers. After this training, the communications committee will be able to refine the entire communications process. More to come.
- Our new website is scheduled to go live in late September. The website will carry items of community interest for our current families; however the primary communication tool for current families is Option C. The app for Option C is still scheduled to launch this fall.

Volunteer Sign Ups

As Sign Up Geniuses are prepared and posted for the year they will be housed on the website under volunteer opportunities. We are creating these for each event which offers volunteer participation.

Scholastic Book Fair: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4af23a5fc1-svdp4>

Thank you to Mrs. Stephanie Donez, parent volunteer, for chairing the Book Fair.

Sign up for the Virgin Mary Pilgrim Statue here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094dafa72ba57-pilgrim>

Thank you

Thank you to Mrs. Gina Sawyer for her *many* hours organizing the raffle ticket sales, and thank you to all of our families for your generous responses. Before the last check-in we were cresting the \$20,000 mark, but nearly 30 more families have turned in tickets since that time. Thank you to Gina and to all of our families who made efforts to sell the tickets. We look forward to announcing the raffle winner at Oktoberfest this weekend!

Outdoor Ecology Lab Update

This project has been an amazing gift to the school. The number of people in the community who have connected to the school through this project has been exciting and surprising. Many professionals, those related to the school and those who know the school through a family here, have given their time and expertise to this project, giving their creativity and thoughtful consult, as well as giving deep discounts or at-cost or donated labor and supplies to make it as successful and grandiose as it is. Every time you see or hear about the Outdoor Lab at SVdP, please pray that God will bless all who contributed to it; this is our best way of saying “thanks.” Just today, one of our dads stopped by the coop and said that he could bring bales of hay from a family farm in Kansas from time to time to help keep us supplied. I have personally felt blessed in many ways through the support and kindness of our community. I am deeply grateful.

The vast majority of the Outdoor Lab is completed, but as with many construction projects, there are a few lingering items. We will have a roof on the shed this week, and will need some interior shelving and supports to hang tools and supplies. We are working on getting live power this week as well. Power will affect the automatic timer on the sprinkler system as well as the evening lighting, and greenhouse heat. We will be preparing for the greenhouse before the ground freezes and installing it in preparation for the early planting season in February.

The chickens will likely make an appearance this week for a few days. The site is not quite prepared to keep them here full time, but they could stay a few days at a time. Please stop by and observe, or be entertained! They are truly enjoyable to watch.

A few notes on the Outdoor Lab space:

- The lab will be treated like a classroom, with students entering under the supervision or direction of a teacher, walking (not running), using materials and tools appropriately, not using any athletic or play equipment in the space, etc.
- We will continue to work on the curriculum this year, so it has not yet been decided which grade level/s will assume responsibility for particular aspects of the Lab.
- However, all classes will be invited into the Lab for an initial orientation and can come as a class any time under a teacher's direction to observe, study, sketch, and pray.
- The landscape architect will speak to our middle school students at some point this year to explain why they have planted particular bushes and plants and how they interact with the environment. We would love for our 7th and 8th grade students to be able to give knowledgeable tours of the lab to prospective families, parishioners, and donors.
- We are aware that some families are hesitant about student interaction with chickens while others are eager for their children to have opportunities to collect eggs. At this point, we will proceed with realistic caution, asking parent permission for any activity which involves entering the coop to change water, rake, or look for eggs. Chickens are susceptible to human diseases and vice versa, so careful planning is important for keeping us all healthy. Once the greenhouse is installed there will be a fully functioning sink with hot/cold water for hand washing.
- We would like to invite parents / families to visit and care for the chickens on the weekends (once this becomes permanent) and on school breaks when needed. A full orientation will be provided for those who are interested in helping in this way. There will be locks on the coop, but the combinations can be set for families to access the coop when they are caring for chickens on a weekend or a break.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
PRIVATE NIGHT
HAS BEEN
RESCHEDULED**

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**FRIDAY
SEPT. 22
5PM-10PM**

EXCLUSIVE OFFER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

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\$25⁹⁹
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303.595.4386 X 162**

Oktoberfest



SEPTEMBER 23RD - 4PM TO 9PM
IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FALL FESTIVAL
BUT WAIT THIS YEAR IT'S CHANGED!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR OKTOBERFEST!

*The date this year will be Saturday, September 23rd from
4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.*

*The Oktoberfest will be held in the main parking lot next to
the church. This will allow us not to close the streets adjacent
to the school playground this year!*

*Our Oktoberfest will include games, food, music and much
more. Hacker-Pschorr is providing a wonderful sampling of
German beer at it's finest!*

We invite you to come join the fun!

*If you have any questions please contact Lucas Stine at
303-656-5592.*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



Calling All Chili Chefs!! It's the 9th Annual SVdP Chili Cookoff!!

It's that time of year to get the competition sweating...from the spicy heat in your best chili recipe!

Top reasons you should enter **today!**

- Entries are limited to **10 total**, and we have turned potential competitors away in past years
- To change the commonly held, but patently false opinion that "men can only barbecue"
- Creating that "catchy, yet cryptic" name for your chili may take you longer than the actual cooking
- The "fun" in selecting the best wine/beer pairing for your chili (suitable to bribe the judges)
- How else will you possibly get an award suitable for framing from your kids' school?

If any of these features describe you, please enter your best chili in the Ninth Annual Chili Cook Off at the Octoberfest on September 23rd at our *SVdP Parish Parking Lot!*

Who: Individuals or teams may enter by making one LARGE crock pot of their best chili.

What: Chili entries will be judged by a panel of experts, and winner(s) will receive a prize.

When: Chili judging will occur at **5:30 pm** the day of the festival. Afterwards, chili will be sold to spectators with proceeds benefiting our school.

Where: At the Octoberfest!! Look for the signs or follow your nose!!

For entry and/or questions:

Please send the **information below** via email or text to enter. We will then forward you the official rules for the cook-off.

NAME/TEAM _____ CHILI NAME _____
CONTACT PHONE & EMAIL _____

Michael Burnham 303-809-1550 m-burnham@comcast

****Deadline for entry is September 18, 2017****



**Attention all Pie Lovers
(Bakers and Tasters)**

Our SVdP Oktoberfest is sponsoring a pie eating contest. If you would like to enter a pie or be a pie tasting judge, please indicate your interest below. The contest will be limited to 8 pie entries and 6 judges for each contest.

To win, you must have a homemade crust.

Adult:

Pie Baker

Pie Judge

Child:

Pie Baker (all grades can participate)

Pie Judge (5th – 8th grades)

Name & Grade: _____

Phone # _____

8th graders have preference as child judges. Turn in your pie at the Pie Contest Table by 3:30. Show up to judge by 3:45. Judging starts at 4:00pm. Please put your name on the bottom of your pie pan.

Prizes for first place pies!

Questions: Lee Ann Rodgers 303-757-2320

McKAILA J. STEFFES



PROUDLY PRESENTS

NINTH ANNUAL
McKaila Ball
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017



Come join us to play kickball—
one of McKaila's favorite outdoor
games! It's just a fun time to
play ball and remember McKaila!

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Location: South High School Athletic Fields -

*Due to the construction work on the parking lot, park in
the north parking lot by South High School or on Franklin
Street. Look for the green balloons at the softball field.*

**Help us raise money to aid pediatric oncology
patients and their families at local hospitals.**

A donation will get you a t-shirt, food, raffle ticket & a great time!

RETURNING THIS YEAR: McKaila's Rainbow

McKaila's Rainbow allows you to honor a family member/friend or
perhaps just write a note to McKaila. Purchase a colored kickball at the
registration area. Any donation would be appreciated! Write your
personal note on your kickball and we'll display it on a banner to create
the rainbow. Help us complete McKaila's Rainbow at this year's event!

Visit

www.mckaila.org

or call

720-353-9573

Can't attend but would like
to help? You can make
a donation online at
mckaila.org

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the 2017-2018 school year! The mandatory Parent Meeting for Basketball will be held on Monday Sept 18th. The times have been separated between Widgets (3rd-4th) and JV & Varsity (5th-8th). Times for the meetings as well as times for tryout dates and times are listed below:

Monday September 18th – MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

**** (1 parent MUST attend in order for your child to play):**

Widget (3rd-4th) 6:00pm-7:00pm

JV and Varsity (5th-8th) 7:00pm-8:30pm

Monday October 2nd - BASKETBALL TRYOUTS / BOYS division:

5th and 6th grade boys 3:15pm-4:30pm

5th and 6th grade girls 4:30pm-5:30pm

7th and 8th grade girls 5:30pm-6:45pm

7th and 8th grade boys 6:45pm-8:00pm

The basketball fees will be \$70.00 and can be dropped off at the meeting on September 18th with the attached registration form. Baseball and Volleyball signups will be in January 2018; more information to follow. A reminder, the office is not collecting checks for Athletics. Students must be registered and paid prior to tryouts this year in order for them to participate. If your child is placed on a team and they decide not to play there will be no refunds. I look forward to another great year and I look forward to continuing getting to know each of you.

Coach's

If you are planning on coaching this year before you start practice the following items must be completed.

1. Background check (forms available in the school office)
2. Play like a champion coach's class (sign up on www.csalden.org)
3. Safety environment class through the Archdiocese. (sign up on the archdiocese website)
4. Concussion Certificate (need to be done each year. Online course can be found at www.csalden.org)

These are requirements from the Archdiocese and must be done in order to coach in the league. These forms must be turned into me and will be placed in a file in the office so in the future if you have coached a team all you will need to complete each year will be the concussion class.

God Bless

Dave Strawbridge

SVDP Athletic Director

SVDP - WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION

Welcome Parents to the 2017-2018 sports season. This form will be used by all CSAL and Widget participants playing sports for SVdP this year. Below we are asking that you fill out your children's name(s) and grade(s) who wish to play Basketball. Parents who are registering more than one student may use one form and write one check for all students participating. At least one parent for those playing in 5th-7th grade must attend a *Play like a Champion* class if you never have, or your child will be ineligible to play. If you are a new coach for JV or Varsity you must also attend the PLAC coach's class.

5th-8th grade Athletes must also sign up through the CSAL web site www.csalden.org in order to play by Oct 12th.

Registration form and payment must be turned in prior to tryouts. There will be no refunds granted if your child elects not to play after they have been placed on a team. Forms can be dropped off at the parent meeting on Monday September 18th or will be accepted at the school office Tuesday September 19th through Friday September 22nd.

*Please contact Mr. Strawbridge if finances are prohibiting your children from participating in the sports program at St. Vincent de Paul School, as we wish for all children to have the opportunity to play.

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE _____ AMOUNT _____ **\$70.00**

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PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION (For Parents to please complete with children in the 5th - 7th grades):

Please complete the following information regarding the CSAL mandate of one parent in each household attending a PLAC session to ensure our records are up to date:

_____ I / We have already attended an Archdiocesan *Play Like a Champion* course.

_____ I / We have still need to attend an Archdiocesan *Play Like a Champion* course prior to our child's sports season beginning.

PLAC one-time family fee: If you have attended a *Play Like a Champion* class in the past but did not yet pay the \$10.00 fee or if you will be attending an upcoming class, please include that in your overall Registration costs below.

PLAC Fee per family: AMOUNT _____ **\$10.00**

TOTAL PAID for FAMILY (please add above totals): \$ _____ [CHECK # _____ / CASH _____]

* PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Dave Strawbridge via Fast Direct.

All Ghouls, Goblins, Pumpkins and Princesses
are invited to...

Monster Mash

Halloween Costume Party
Friday the 13th!

October 13th
6:30-9:00pm



Father/Daughter Dance

\$50 per family

sharonalton99@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Gym

