



HOME & SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter

Important Dates

January

2nd – Catholic Schools Night with Colorado Avalanche
 6th – Family Sunday at SVdP
 8th – Jamba Juice Distribution
 9th – Confirmation Meeting
 12th – Confirmation Optional Service Project
 13th – Catholic Schools Night with the Denver Nuggets
 14th & 15th – Pre-school coffee
 15th – Jamba Juice Distribution
 16th – Saving Our Sons Book Study
 18th – No School – Teacher Inservice
 18th – Alive Middle School Youth Ministry
 21st – No School - MLK Jr. Day
 22nd – Jamba Juice Distribution
 23rd – Saving Our Sons Book Study
 23rd – Teacher Luncheon Hosted by 1st Grade
 23rd – Confirmation Meeting
 *Parents Required
 25th – Spirit Wear Day
 28th – Catholic Schools Week
 29th – Open House
 29th – Jamba Juice Distribution
 30th – NET Retreat 7th/8th Grades

February

1st – Noon Dismissal
 3rd – Family Sundays at SVdP
 5th – Jamba Juice Distribution
 6th – Saving Our Sons Book Study
 6th – Confirmation Meeting
 12th – Jamba Juice Distribution
 14th – Valentine's Parties K-4
 15th – No School – Teacher Inservice
 19th – Jamba Juice Distribution
 18th – No School – President's Day
 20th – Confirmation Meeting
 22nd – Spirit Wear Day
 22nd – Alive Middle School Youth Ministry
 23rd – First Reconciliation
 24th – Catholic Families night with the Denver Nuggets
 26th – Jamba Juice Distribution
 27th – Teachers Luncheon Hosted by 3rd Grade
 27th – 7th Grade Musical
 28th – Catholic Families Night with the Denver Nuggets

Catholic Schools Week

January 27-February 2

Get ready to celebrate what makes SVDP, and Catholic education in general, so unique and worthwhile. Here are some highlights, and be sure to tune in to upcoming Friday Forecasts for important details.

Saturday and Sunday January 26 & 27: Masses

- Sign up to read, greet, or bring up the gifts at Masses. Sign-up Genius coming in January!
- Wear your uniform to Mass and receive a free dress pass!
- Join us for donuts and fellowship following each Mass

Monday, January 28: Parent Appreciation Day/Red & White Dress Down Day

Join your children for lunch and feel free to surprise them with something special to eat - an SVDP tradition! Lunch times by grade:

Grades 3/4 - 11:15 - 11:35
 Grades 1/2 - 11:40 - 12:00
 Kindergarten - 11:55 - 12:15
 Grade 5/6 - 12:25 - 12:48
 Grade 7/8 - 12:48 - 1:15 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 29: Clergy Appreciation Day

Open House for Prospective Families, 9am: Tell your friends and neighbors!

Wednesday, January 30: Teacher Appreciation Day/Tropical Dress "On Vacation Vibe!"

Check faculty and staff "likes" sheets and consider a small note or treat

Thursday, Jan. 31: Parish Appreciation Day

Friday, Feb. 1: Student Appreciation Day/Free Dress

Teachers v. Student Volleyball Game, An SVDP Tradition!

Saving Our Sons Bookclub

We hope you can join us for the first book club meeting on January 16th at 9am for Saving Our Sons by Michael Gurian. As many of you know, Dr. Gurian came and spoke to the school in September and SVdP has been working to incorporate his teachings into the classroom and the parent community through efforts such as this book club.

Mrs. Cohen will lead the book club which will meet three times, starting on January 16th. The first meeting will review part one of the book and the discussion will focus on the first four chapters. Mrs. Cohen explains, "The goal of the book study is to involve our parent community in a common discussion of an issue that impacts our work with their children. We all want our boys to become healthy, independent, moral men and this book lends itself to our reflection on how we are approaching that goal."

Missed his visit? Check out <https://youtu.be/23gEcTPYFIc> to learn more! Also look for a blog post soon from Sister Dominic on this topic.

Calendar Winners

Congratulations to Nancy Harry, Stephanie Karr, Olivia Kosky, and Jeanne Desautels for finding the Christmas song titles on the Events & Volunteer Calendar. Each of our lucky winners took home a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card. Look for info in our February newsletter as Cupid may hide some additional prizes for all of us to find.

Crusader Corner- Meet Mrs. Thomason

The art portfolios and students' smiles have been overflowing since Mrs. Thomason returned to be SVdP's art teacher again this year. Mrs. Thomason's passion and love for art truly reflects in her enthusiasm in the classroom. We had a chance to interview Mrs. Thomason and this is what she shared with us.

"I have been teaching for 15 years. I always say I have the best job in the school! I have taught elementary, middle school, and high school art in Minnesota, Iowa, and now Denver. I have always loved drawing as a child and soon discovered, by the encouragement of excellent art teachers and my father, that I would love a career in the arts. In high school, you could find me in the ceramics classroom throwing on the wheel. My parents are both retired teachers, so teaching came naturally to me. Over years of study and life experiences I discovered students needed to know and explain how and why art is good, true, and beautiful. I believe strongly that, "If art is good, then it is true, and if it is true then it is beautiful. If art is good, true, and beautiful, then who does it reflect? GOD! How do we know? The elements and principles of art are our measure!



I was blessed to earn a master's degree in theology and completed this degree while living in Rome. During this time, I was able to see many of the great master's artwork from around the world and through all of history. I always found my heart returning to my heritage as an artist. When Matthias was one year old, we bought a conversion van with our tax refund, and set out on a pilgrimage throughout the United States for ten weeks over the summer. We lived out of our van, taught at churches on faith and family, and displayed artwork at venues. Our hope was to share the beauty of art and the transforming truth of the Gospel. It was truly one of the greatest adventures of my life!

I spend my time as a mom of five boys, researching and cooking new recipes, caring for our 7 chickens, gardening, going for a run, doing DIY home improvements, and as a professional artist. My husband and I are both artists; we display our art at pop up art shows in and around Denver, as well as manage our website at thomasonarts.com. I currently have work displayed monthly at 40 West Gallery in Lakewood. I am currently working on a Marian, saint, and scripture watercolor series. The series is directly influenced by my Scandinavian heritage, folk art designs, love of stained glass windows, and retablos. I am also obsessed with drawing birds."

Crusader Basketball in Full Swing

Stop by the gym any day after school, and you will hear the screams and laughter of Crusader Basketball. Basketball is the most popular CSAL sport at St. Vincent's, fielding a total of 18 teams across Widgets (3rd and 4th graders), JV (5th and 6th graders) and Varsity (7th and 8th graders). The season began in November and will continue through January with final tournaments held on the week of January 24th. Students practice 1-2x a week and get to play against the other Catholic schools around the Denver area. As of print day, SVDP has one undefeated team—congratulations to Paul Mahoney's Girls 7th and 8th grade Varsity team! **Be sure to mark your calendars to cheer on the players for 8th grade appreciation nights on January 10th and 11th with games starting at 5pm- 7:30pm.**

Crusader basketball wouldn't happen without the involvement of our 20+ parent volunteer coaches. We are extremely appreciative of the number of hours these parents take from their day not only to teach the skills of the sport, but also build virtue and character in our children.

For those that are less familiar, CSAL stands for the "Catholic Schools Athletic League". It's mission, in partnership with parents, coaches, and volunteers, is to offer elementary school students the opportunity to grow in virtue, develop their full potential and become a more committed disciple of Jesus Christ. CSAL offers sporting opportunities in cross country, flag football, baseball, volleyball, basketball, futsal and golf, for 3rd-8th graders. CSAL also arranges events such as the Spelling Bee and Catholic Schools night at the AVs and Nuggets. **In order receive information on upcoming events, we encourage all parents to visit <http://csalden.org/> ; you can view the events calendar, or sign up to receive emails or subscribe to the CSAL calendar.**

Registration for Spring CSAL opportunities, such as Volleyball for girls and Baseball for boys, begins January 13th and closes February 15th. Be on the lookout for information in the Friday Forecast from our Athletic Director, David Strawbridge, on more details.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who purchased gift cards through our Crusader Cards program during the months of November and December. We sold \$21,885 dollars worth of gift cards and received a rebate of \$1,563.86. We really appreciate everyone who utilized this easy fundraising program to do their holiday shopping!

H&S Thank You

Thank you all for a wonderful start to our school year. We believe we have really hit the ground running and look forward to continuing our service full swing in 2019. We are so grateful for all of our amazing parents, students, volunteers, teachers, and staff. We truly have an unbelievable community at SVdP! Home & School would love to hear how we could continue to make improvements and bring useful items and events to our community. If you have suggestions, comments, ideas, or would like to get involved please reach out to our Chair, Stefanie Liley at sdliley@yahoo.com or by phone at 303-641-3784.