

HOME & SCHOOL

November Newsletter

Important Dates

November

- 5th - Screenagers Next Chapter Showing
- 5th - Gala All Hands Meeting
- 7th - All School Mass
- 8th - MS Adoration
Veterans Day Assembly
- 10th - THRIVE Youth Group
- 12th - End of Trimester 1
- 13th - Confirmation/First Communion
- 14th - All School Mass
- 15th - 4th Grade Service Project- Asbury
7th Grade Service Project -
Samaritan House
AR Point Exchange
- 16th - 8th Grade Trophy Speech Meet
- 18th - Junior Great Books Meeting
- 19th - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon-
6th Grade
- 20th - Spirit Wear Day
Noon Dismissal
- 21st - All School Mass
- 24th - THRIVE Youth Group
- 26th - All School Mass
All School Service Projects
- 27th-29th - Thanksgiving No School

December

- 1st - Family Sundays at SvDp
- 3rd - Gala All Hands Meeting
- 5th - All School Mass
- 6th - K-5th Adoration
- 8th - THRIVE Youth Group
- 9th - All School Mass- *Feast of Immaculate Conception*
Noon Dismissal
- 10th - Nutcracker Ballet
- 11th-13th - Christmas Shoppe
- 11th - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- 5th
Grade
Confirmation/First Communion
- 13th - 6-8th Adoration
- 18th - 1st- 3rd Grade Christmas Program
- 19th - All School Mass
- 20th - Christmas Class Parties
Spirit Wear Day
Noon Dismissal
- 20th-Jan 5th - Christmas Break

Check out the Volunteer Calendar on the Parent Portal for more information on events and to find links to sign up.

Grateful for Sister Dominic and all the Dominican Sisters!

This Thanksgiving month, our SvDp community is so thankful for Sr. Dominic and her leadership. Most of us know that Sister is the youngest of six kids from Maryland and loves animals - especially those chickens. What some of us may not know is how deeply she embodies what it means to be a Dominican Sister. The Dominicans take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. By their consecrated life they teach the way to holiness and joy. Their charism is defined by contemplative focus, active apostolate (including the love of study and a strong preparation for the apostolate of teaching) and strong community life. The Dominicans' identity as religious women is rooted in love of church and look to Mary as their model - seeking to imitate her humility and recognizing in her what is meant by true womanhood.



Sister Dominic has led our school holding tight to all these aspects. She has shown us by her example how to be joyful, holy, and contemplative. Here are just a few words of thanks from those at SvDp:

"I once read an essay about the importance of witnessing virtue to your children. The essay went on to say that if you are not with your child such as during a school day, do your best to surround your child with people who will witness virtue to them in your absence. I appreciate the many ways Sister Dominic witnesses virtue to my children. In particular, I have found that Sister Dominic exercises virtue in decision making. Her decisions focus on bettering the people involved and not just on enforcing a rule or action itself. Thank you, Sister Dominic!" - Carrie Schmitt

"Sister leads with a quiet confidence, gentle wit and beautiful gift of communication."
-Darby Barfield

"I like that she lets us have parties." - Avery, 3rd grade

"Sister demonstrates a profound quiet strength in so many aspects of her leadership. It is a testimony of her faith and complete trust in Jesus. Thank you Sister for your witness!" -Jenae Neiman

"I think she is kind, understanding, and loving just like Jesus." - Sophia, 3rd grade

"I like when Sister talks to us at the end of Mass. She asks questions and it makes me feel included." - Elizabeth, 5th grade

"I just had the chance to learn an amazing quote: "be strategically principled and tactically flexible"; to me this is the very essence of Sister Dominic. She has never wavered from her principles, she is incredibly strategic, and she has been amazingly flexible to deliver the outcome we as a community needed. It is so difficult to be patient, especially once the full picture emerged and Sister Dominic has had such amazing and contagious faith in God; reminding us all of the need to surrender to HIS plan and timing. Sister Dominic is truly a gift from God for our Saint Vincent de Paul family!" - Kathleen Osher

"It is hard to know what to say about Sister Dominic. She is the epitome of grace, boldness, strength, wisdom and kindness. Her leadership has been unparalleled and I am not sure where our school would be without her. Not simply due to the difficult events, but God has blessed all she has touched since she arrived and I believe this is due to her character and dedication to her calling and creator. God Bless you Sister Dominic. Thank you for all you do for all of us." - Kelly McFadden

Although the sisters would never ask for a thing, here are a few other ways that you can show your gratitude to them if you wish:

Prayer: Any prayers will do! One special prayer is the Novena to St. Cecilia to be prayed from November 13-21 and can be found at: nashvilledominican.org

Food: Home and School created a Meal Train sign up that you can do as a family or even join with other families to bring meals to the convent: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A8AB22A31-dinners> - (also found on the Volunteer Calendar)

Favorite Things:

Sr. Maria Sophia
Feast Day: Dec 8
Likes: Chipotle, Amazon, Barnes & Noble
Could use: Bible Replacements

Sr. Mary Celeste
Feast Day: Aug 15
Likes: Chick-fil-A, Ace, Trader Joe's
Could use: Fleece and watercolor paper

Sr. Dominic
Feast Day: Aug 8
Likes: India Express, Sam's, Sprouts

8th Grade Excitement at SVdP

The fall was full of exciting events for the Class of 2020 at St. Vincent de Paul. Our 8th graders were busy with academic, social, and spiritual activities.

On October 12, our 8th Grade Speech Team competed at their first meet at Mullen High School. The team all had excellent ranks in the impromptu portion, where they have to speak for three 45 seconds using several words and phrases they learn just before they perform. Each participant also performed an original speech each had written. The team did really well, earning 3 blue ribbons (highest level) and 1 red ribbon (second highest), and they are now preparing for the Trophy Meet on November 16.

The highlight of the fall was the 8th Grade Retreat. The class spent two nights and three days in the beautiful Colorado mountains, appreciating God's glory, strengthening their friendships and faith, and having fun. On their way to Annunciation Heights camp near Allenspark, the class made a stop at Chautauqua Park in Boulder for a lunchtime hike. At Annunciation Heights they played games, hiked (even at night), attended Mass and Adoration, and strengthened their bonds while having a great time. On their way home the next day they stopped at Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel on the Rock at Camp St. Malo, where St. John Paul II prayed when he visited Colorado for World Youth Day in 1993.

The fall wrapped up with the annual fun run with the 7th graders in Wash Park on November 1. Watch for more from our 8th graders as they begin their fall service project – the Thanksgiving food drive – which you'll hear about throughout November.

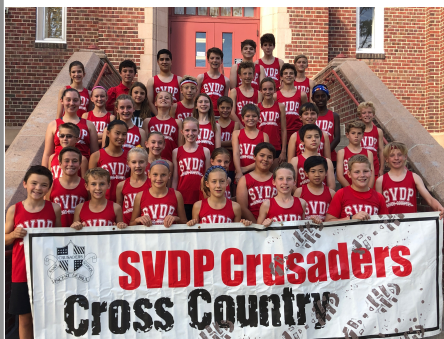
Thank you to volunteer parent Elizabeth Staton for contributing this article.



Athena Whittington (L) and Anna Staton enjoy the 8th grade retreat.

Cruisin' Crusaders

Many miles, many trophies, many laughs, a few lost shoes, and more personal bests than we can list...Congratulations to the Crusader Cross Country team on a very successful season! Thanks to the inspiration and guidance from Coach Orr, Coach



McCloskey, and Coach Muller, SVdP now has quite a large collection of XC trophies...look for them on display near the front office. Stand out performances from the season's final meet on October 19th at the Colorado Middle School State Cross Country

Championship include Ethan Muller's 10th Place in the Boy's Varsity race, Boy's Varsity Team placed 4th out of 36 teams (#1 Catholic school in the state) and Girl's Varsity placed 15th out of 28 teams. WAY TO GO CRUISIN' CRUSADERS!!

Congratulations Mrs. Boian!

Ms. Hazell / Mrs. Boian, 2nd grade teacher extraordinaire!

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Boian on her exciting fall full of sacraments! In early September, Ms. Hazell received four Sacraments: Baptism, Confession, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. "It was a very calm, peaceful, and emotional evening." On September 28th, through the Sacrament of Marriage, Ms. Hazell became Mrs. Boian (phonetically pronounced Boy-en, although she will answer to either name!). Nestled in the mountains that surround the Vail Chapel, the "incredibly special" ceremony was celebrated by Father John Fitzgibbons, the President of Regis University. "We passed the sign of peace to everyone in the assembly and also wrote vows not only to each other but to each other's children as well... there wasn't a dry eye after the vows were read!"



SVdP is blessed to be in the presence of Mrs. Boian as she continues on her journey of faith.

Gala News

Please consider a year-end gift to the gala! Many companies offer a matching program for charitable contributions which is a phenomenal way to maximize your donation and give to the school in 2019.

If you submit a match, please let us know so that we can designate it properly. Questions on sponsorship, donations, matching, or anything gala related, please reach out to chairs Kate Crisham (mcgreevy@gmail.com) or Jackie Wilson (jrkwilson@gmail.com). We appreciate your generosity!

Robotics Club

The 6th-8th grade participated in the first year of the Rocky Mountain BEST Robotics. This program is based on STEM education and involves the students in engineering, science, technology, and mathematics through a sports-like contest. Over a six week period our team brainstormed, designed and built a functioning remote controlled robot to compete in tasks against other Colorado teams. This past Saturday, the SVdP team placed 17th out of 29 teams, and as the Robotics season comes to a close we look back at all the valuable experiences and fun we had creating our robot! Thank you to 4th grade teacher Ms. McGillicuddy for leading our new Robotics Club!!



Miss McGillicuddy, Ryan Hughes, Noah Naimen, Sophie Guy, Jackie Sevilla, Jacqueline Magolske, Mr. Osher
Second row: Caleb Belcher, Colin Osher, Ian Ngantung, Rainey Watson, Sophia Simoes, Damian Desiderio
Front row: Gavin Basra, Tucker Corrizari, Rhimas Bradac, Lucas Carreira, and Lawson Resch (not pictured John Paul Thomason)

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