



HOME & SCHOOL

January Newsletter

Important Dates

January

- 8th- Confirmation/First Communion
- 9th- All School Mass
Mid Trimester 2
- 10th- 6-8th Adoration
- 10th- 12th- THRIVE High School Retreat
- 11th- Intermediate Spelling Bee
- 13th- Junior Great Books
- 15th- Noon Dismissal
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- 16th- All School Mass
- 20th- No School- MLK
- 22nd- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- 1st grade
First Reconciliation Class
- 23rd- All School Mass
- 24th- Spirit Wear Day
- 25th- Catholic Schools Week Reception/ Mass
- 26th- Catholic Schools Week Mass
THRIVE Youth Group
- 27^h- Junior Great Books
- 27th- 30th Catholic Schools Week
- 28^h- School Open House
- 29th- Confirmation/ First Communion
- 30th- All School Mass
- 31st- No School- Staff Day

February

- 2nd- Family Sundays at SVdP
- 4th- Gala All Hands Meeting
- 5th- First Reconciliation
- 6th- All School Mass
- 7th- K-5th Adoration
- 9th- THRIVE Youth Group
- 10th- Junior Great Books
- 13th- Valentine's Parties
All School Mass
- 14th- 17th- No School
- 15th- THIRVE MTN Madness
- 19th- Confirmation/ First Communion
- 20th- All School Mass
7th Grade Musical
- 21st- 22nd- THRIVE Middle School Retreat
First Reconciliation Class
- 22nd- 7th Grade Speech
- 23rd- THRIVE Youth Group
- 24th- Junior Great Books
Trimester 2 Ends
- 26th- Noon Dismissal
All School Mass (Ash Wednesday)
- 28^h- Spirit Wear Day

Happy New Year!

Welcome back from Home & School! We hope you had a wonderful break and Christmas with your family! We enjoyed the Christmas celebrations at SVdP before break- thank you to all of the teachers and volunteers who helped make the end of school special!!!



Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world. Plus, it is just really fun! At SVdP the week is full of special activities that include the entire community. Here is a list of just some of the action planned. Make sure and mark your calendar!

Saturday and Sunday Jan. 25 & 26 Parish Appreciation Day

- Student readers and greeters at all weekend masses. Look at Friday Forecast to sign up your crew.
- Wear your uniform to Mass and receive a free dress pass!
- Join us for donuts and fellowship in cafeteria following each Mass.

Monday, Jan. 27: Parent Appreciation Day/Red & White Dress Down Day

Join your children for lunch in the cafeteria and feel free to surprise them with something special to eat - an SVdP tradition! Here are lunches 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. 28: Clergy/Religious Appreciation Day/Uniform Dress

- Open House for Prospective Families, 9am: Tell your friends and neighbors!
- Send a note to our priests and sisters or see their "Favorite Things" lists in the Friday Forecast for other ideas to show your appreciation.

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Student Appreciation Day/Casual Dress Down Day

- Students get an extra recess and free dress to celebrate.

Thursday, Jan. 30: Teacher Appreciation Day/Uniform Dress

- Check faculty and staff "likes" sheets on FF and consider a small note or treat to bring in.
- 2pm: 8th grade v. Teacher Volleyball game - An SVdP Tradition!

Friday, Jan. 31: Sleep in! No School

Questions? Please reach out to our F&F chairs, margaretmaureen@hotmail.com or jyogajohnson@outlook.com.

Crusader Corner- Meet Miss Brown

Did you know we have a teacher who can escape from Escape Rooms in record time, while cradling a lacrosse ball and eating Nutella on toast? Okay, maybe not all those at the same time, but for those who know our 6th grade Social Studies and 7th grade English and Literature teacher, none of this is surprising. Miss Marianna Brown, who came to SVdP last year, loves many activities in addition to her love of the English language.

Miss Brown graduated from Benedictine College in 2017 (where she played lacrosse) and began working on a Masters of Education at Regis University. When she applied for the middle school position at our school, she knew that this was exactly where God wanted her. It all came down to last year's school verse: "In all circumstances give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This verse happened to be printed all over the journaling notebook she carried everywhere. "I took this as a sign that St. Vincent's was exactly where God wanted me, and my past two years here have been filled with plenty of graces," she says.

Miss Brown, who also coached volleyball last year, says she loves everything about SVdP. "I love the building, the area, the administration, the students, the parents, the work, the faith. This place has beauty tucked into every corner and stored within every person I work with."

Miss Brown's work at our school is a continuation of her long experience with Catholic education. She attended parochial grade school and a public high school. She learned from terrific teachers she loved (and ones she loved a bit less). All of them, though, inspired her – either to emulate their style or to improve upon it. "I have always found a great joy in learning, and think teaching is the perfect way for me to help others discover that same joy." We think so, too. Thank you, Miss Brown, for all you do for SVdP! Oh, and wondering about the Nutella? According to Miss Brown, "Nutella is its own food group."

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



Community Events & Fundraising Update

Thank you for supporting our Home & School events and fundraisers in the first half to the year! As you can see, we have raised over **\$15,000** to date which is half of our annual goal. The goal of most of our fundraising events are two-fold- certainly to raise money for the school, but also to build community and school spirit! There are many events and while they may seem small, each effort adds up to become an important source of funding to the school budget; and ultimately contributing to the financial health of our school. A special thank you to those who volunteered to help make these events a success!

2019-2020 School Fundraising To-Date	
Event	Profit
King Soopers Rebates (Apr-Sept)	\$4,076.18
Edukit	\$1,402.00
Uniform Sale (August)	\$2,240.00
Spirit Wear (1 & 2)	\$1,150.19
Scholastic Book Fair	TBD
Dine Outs (Wahoos, Mod Market)	\$796.37
Jamba Juice	\$1,912.00
Crusader Cards (Nov, Dec)	\$713.64
Christmas Shoppe	\$2,850.00
Fundraising To Date:	\$15,140.38

2020 Gala News

It's donation season, families! Forms for donations and parties are available in the main office. We welcome all donations. Items that sell well include: tickets to sporting events, overnights in the mountains, rounds of golf, gift cards to local restaurants, spas, and shops. We need everyone's help to make our 2020 gala a super success. Thank you to our hard working acquisitions team for their monster efforts this year!



Welcome Father Hilton!

SVdP welcomes our new pastor, Father John Hilton, this January! Father comes to us from Saint Mary's parish in Aspen and has been a priest for over 35 years. His greatest joys include celebrating the Holy Mass and teaching the Catholic Faith.

Father Hilton is also an adventurer and is passionate about long-distance road cycling! In 2015, Father Hilton was coined the "Pedaling Priest" embarking on a 4,000-mile biking journey—literally dipping his rear wheel of his bike in the Pacific Ocean at Anacortes, Washington and seven weeks later dipping the front in the Atlantic at Bar Harbor, Maine. SVdP is excited to experience our own future adventures with Father Hilton!

