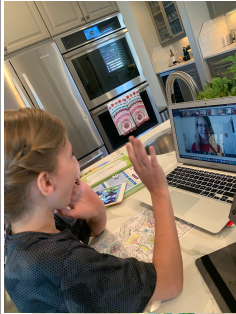


# HOME & SCHOOL

## April Newsletter

### SVdP Embraces eLearning

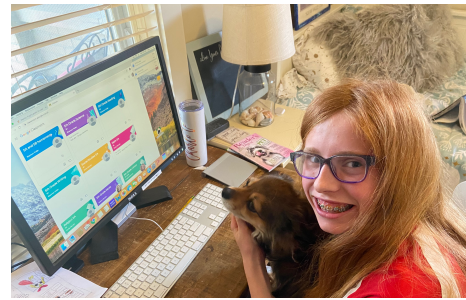
Within just a few short days of the school closure, SVdP teachers and students were up and running on eLearning. I know we speak on behalf of our entire community when we express how much gratitude we have for our teachers and staff for their hard work in making this new endeavor a success! As parents, we are so grateful that our children can take comfort in seeing and communicating with their teachers and classmates each day. It is wonderful to see the learning continue and the creative ways that classes are incorporating being at home into lessons. While we are distanced, our community feels just as strong!



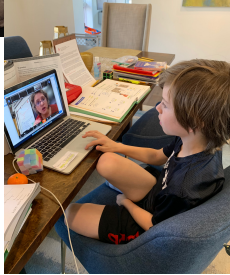
*"I am so glad I can still learn and stay connected with my friends in 3rd grade."  
Teagan Wright, 3rd grade*



*"I like that my dog can sit in my lap during class."  
Charlotte Barfield, 5th grade*



*"I like that you can type and that we still get to do specials even though we are not in school and you can do fun stuff even though you are not in a real classroom."  
Emily Bacon, 2nd grade*



*"They have been working around the clock in teaching online. Truly above and beyond. Their commitment to the students is unprecedented. In all honesty, I have seen a far greater commitment from SVdP teachers than I have ever seen. It is poetic."*

*Dr. Hope Kentor, parent and eLearning specialist*

### SVdP Church During Pandemic

Right now, we all have the time - and we definitely all have the need - for our wonderful church. The church is constantly changing and adapting to the changes of the moment.

- Fr. Hilton is live-streaming mass daily at 8am and 9:30 on Sundays.
- They just added a live-stream Bible Study.
- Eucharistic Adoration has to stop for shelter-in-place, but the church is still open from 6:30am-9:00pm.
- Confessions will be held in the vesting sacristy at the times listed on the website. Those confessing are encouraged to do so while standing to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Fr. Hilton is sending out video messages Wednesdays and Saturdays via Flocknote during the crisis.

All of the latest updates and a link to sign up for flock note are at [saintvincents.org](http://saintvincents.org). Scroll to the bottom of the page and add your information to the box that says "sign up here to receive emails/texts."

#### How you can help others:

Fr. Hilton is looking for volunteers to make calls to parishioners and check in on his behalf, see if they have needs, are receiving flock notes, and have prayer requests. If you are willing to make calls, please contact Margie Burns - [margaretmaureen@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretmaureen@hotmail.com)

#### Stay Connected!!

We are working hard to keep our community connected and continuing the SVdP spirit! Make sure you are following @svdpcatholic on Facebook and @svdpcdenver on Instagram and join your classes GroupMe chats (contact your Room Parent)!



## Crusader Corner - Mrs. McConaty



Scientist, mother and teacher... this month we are spotlighting our Middle School science teacher, Mrs. Beth McConaty, who has been involved within the SVdP community for over 15 years! Mrs. McConaty has been instrumental in the development of the Robotics and Outdoor lab curriculum and has served important advisor roles to the Student Council and Academic Decathlon teams.

Her love for science began as a small child—exploring the outdoors and nature and always curious about how things worked. Over time, this young curiosity matured into appreciating the intellectual challenges that science provided. After graduating from college with a double major in chemistry and biology, Mrs. McConaty became a chemist at a uranium facility in Wyoming and then later worked in public health as a communicable disease specialist. She later began teaching high school chemistry while living in Virginia.

Mrs. McConaty first came to SVdP as a parent, moving to Denver from out of state and searching for a Catholic education for her children. She, and her children, immediately felt welcomed to the community and participated in many parent volunteer roles. She began to substitute teach and then accepted the full-time science teaching position 13 years ago! Mrs. McConaty recalls the strong educational foundation her children received at SVdP and strives to provide the same for her students.

While some might find overwhelming, Mrs. McConaty is grateful for the experience of teaching three different grade levels and subjects: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Earth Science, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Science, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Science. It is a joy for her to get to know the students and their families over a three-year span. The recent additions (thanks to successful paddle raisers!) of the Robotics program and the Outdoor Lab have added additional stimulating learning experiences for her to teach the students. She also has served as student-council advisor and decathlon coach. Mrs. McConaty is honored to be part of an incredibly supportive and caring faculty, and most especially appreciates working in a school where God's presence and faithfulness are acknowledged and celebrated.

With two grown children, Mrs. McConaty now enjoys reading, gardening, hiking, cross-country skiing, and walking her dog Reilly in her free time. Her favorite place to visit is her father's ranch in the Black Hills of South Dakota where she helped her dad build his house!

## Academic Decathlon Update

Academic Decathlon is an academic competition- think Jeopardy!- against other Catholic Schools in Denver. There are two events: Logic Quiz and Super Quiz. Eight of the students on each team also compete in individual subject events including literature, science, social studies, religion, current events, math, fine arts and English.

This year, SVdP had 2 teams of 10 students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade which competed at the March 7<sup>th</sup> competition at St. Peter and Paul. Under the guidance of Mrs. McConaty, these students met weekly during and after school (in addition to extra homework) to study, learn and practice!

**Congratulations to following individual contest winners:**

**Caroline Watson: 1<sup>st</sup>- Literature**      **Henry Doyle: 2<sup>nd</sup>- Religion**  
**Claire Crowley: 1<sup>st</sup>- Current Events**    **Sophia Simoes: 3<sup>rd</sup> - English**  
**McKenna Ranson: 2<sup>nd</sup>- Science**



## Diaper Drive Update

On March 23rd, SVdP was able to deliver all 2000 diapers to Gabriel House at the All Saints location. They were very appreciative!! The demand for diapers is high right now in light of the world pandemic. Thank you to Dory Hoody and Nancy Belcher for their hard work to ensure the success of the diaper drive!



## 2020 Gala News

**NEW Gala Date: May 29!!!!**

- **Same time, same place.**
- Keep an eye out for ways to purchase **\$100 raffle tickets** for a stunning Chanel purse!

