

**Sept.
2009**

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A Newsletter for the Parents, Students, Teachers, and Parishioners of Saint Vincent's

Calendar Reminders:

- † Sept. 2 - 8th Grade Retreat
- † Sept. 7 - Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- † Sept. 8 @ 6:30-8:30 – Beg. Band Clinic
- † Sept. 9 – Picture Day (Full Dress Required)
- † Sept. 9 @ 6:30 – School Board Mtg.
- † Sept. 10 @ 6:30 -8:30– Beg. Band Clinic
- † Sept. 15 - Beg. Band Starts
- † Sept. 16 – Middle School Grades Due
- † Sept. 17 – Middle School Progress Reports Sent Home
- † Sept. 18 @ 9:00 – Student Council Induction @ Mass
- † Sept. 18 @ 6:30-9:00 – 7th-8th Grade Dance @ Cosgriff
- † Sept. 22 – HSA Mtg.
- † Sept. 23 – 8th Grade Mass with Bishop Wester @ Cathedral
- † Sept. 23 @ 6:00 Staff Dinner w/ School Board & HSA @ Eardley Residence
- † Sept. 25 @ 9:00 – All School Mass – Feast of St. Vincent – Bishop Wester Celebrating
- † Sept. 27 @ 1:00 – 8th Grade Student/Parent Confirmation Mtg.
- † Sept. 28-Oct. 2 – SAT Testing

Principal's Message by Mark Longe

Dear Saint Vincent de Paul School Families,
Welcome back to another school year. The staff and I are excited to see your wonderful smiling faces in the hallway once again. We hope you had a restful summer.

I welcome all of the new families and the new staff members to our

school as well. I am sure you will find the Saint Vincent community warm and welcoming. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me. This year's school theme is:

**Catholic Schools --
Dividends for Life**

Throughout the year students will be reminded of our theme in a variety of ways. I ask that you make a special effort at home to discuss and talk about our theme this year.

Yours in Christ,
Mark Longe, Principal

----- Parking & Drop Off -----

Enclosed is sheet outlining our parking-lot procedures. Thank you again for keeping our children safe in the parking lot. Please also remember that **students should not be dropped off prior to 8:10** in the morning as there is no supervision in the parking lot prior to this time. They also need to be picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal. If not, they will be taken to our extended day care center in the lower level of the Holy Family Hall. The first occasion will be free. After that you will be billed for any additional drop-in day care charges.

-- H1N1 Flu Virus Precautions --

You will soon be receiving information regarding precautions that the school is taking against the H1N1 Flu Virus. This Information will be sent home via e-mail and a hard copy and will be posted on the web site. Also, the school is setting up a notification system called "Notify Now" that will alert you in case of school closures, emergencies, etc....The system is capable of sending e-mail and text messages and it will also auto dial phones. The entire Diocese will be using this system. We are currently receiving training and in the coming weeks we will be testing the system.

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Prayer Corner

Please include the following in your prayers:

- † The Henkels Family for the loss of their Grandma, Helen Navarra;
- † The Petersen Family for the

loss of their Grandma, Ann Hanger;
† The Wahl Family.

If you would like to add your prayer to the Prayer Corner, please contact us at 277-6702 Ext. "O" or send an e-mail with "Prayer Request" in the Subject Line and send to: office@stvincents-school.org.



*"We pray to the Lord. . .
Lord hear our prayer."*

The Wahl family was in a serious roll-over accident on I-15 on June 27th. Tom, Vanya, and Katya were injured, but not seriously. (Katya is in our 6th grade this year.)

Prayers for The Wahl Family by Gary Green

Unfortunately, Merrilee had to be transported from the scene via life-flight due to internal injuries and head trauma. To read about Merrilee's current status as she continues to

recover at Intermountain Medical Center or to leave a comment or prayer, you can check Merrilee's blog at www.caringbridge.org. Type "Merrilee" into the name box. Please keep Merrilee and her family in your daily prayers.

Home & School by Marylynn Ulibarri

The Home & School Association would like to welcome everyone to another exciting year. This year we are blessed to welcome 22 new families to our community. Our New Family Mentor Program is one way we can help develop the partnership between home and school. If you are interested in becoming a New Family Mentor, please contact Kim Snarr at (801) 266-3554.

H.S.A. supports a strong community and provides many opportunities for parents to get involved at the school. This year your H.S.A. officers are Amy Wong-Little, President; Stacey Bogenschutz, President-Elect; Lisa Maxfield, Treasurer and Marylynn Ulibarri, Secretary.

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions or suggestions. Fund raising is very important to the school and we need everyone's help to succeed. The following is a list of some of the ways you can help.

Auction:

The annual auction is the school's largest fund-raising event and offers many opportunities to volunteer and have a great time. Please contact Carol Barman, the school's development director, if you would like to help with the year's auction. The auction is always one of the highlights of the year, so don't miss it!

Scrip Program:

Scrip is probably the easiest and potentially one of the largest fund raisers at Saint Vincent's. Gift cards to local stores and

restaurants are sold in front of the office or (weather permitting) under the pavilion every Monday, Wednesday and Friday before and after school. The scrip program is an all-school participation program. Each family is required to purchase \$225 per month in scrip over 10 months or \$2,250 during the school year (this is cumulative). The value of scrip is that it pays a percentage back to the school. So, dollar for dollar, Saint Vincent's sees financial benefits. Thanks to Kat Mitchell, Shannon Garside, Cambria Valdez, Kim Snarr and Karen D'Antuono for doing such a great job with this program. If you have any questions, please stop by the table and one of these amazing ladies will help you.

Albertson's Scrip:

Albertson's is temporarily not selling scrip. If you have any Albertson's scrip use it as soon as possible.

Smith's Earn & Learn Program:

This program is very simple, just use your Fresh Values Card and the school automatically gets credit for each Fresh Values purchase. Your information needs to be updated yearly, so don't forget to designate Saint Vincent's as your recipient.

Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels & Cream-O-Weber Milk Caps
These items are collected year round and can generate around \$2,000 in funds. We have contests throughout the year for the students. Save all year and don't forget to ask family and friends to collect too.

Policy Reminders: Birthdays by Gary Green

In accordance with the wellness policy of the Catholic Schools Office, **treats may not be distributed in conjunction with a student's birthday on the school grounds;** however, healthy snacks may be distributed. Approved snacks include:
Vegetables: Carrots, Spinach, Lettuce, Cucumbers, Radishes, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Celery, Squash, Zucchini, Asparagus, Green Beans, Brussel Sprouts, Eggplant, Artichoke, Peas & Snow Peas, Edamame (soy beans); Fruits: Watermelon, Melon, Honeydew, Blueberries, Blackberries, Strawberries, Pineapple, Grapes, Bananas, Pears, Mangos, Nectarines, Plums, Oranges (Mandarin & Navel also), Peaches,

Apricots, Apples, Raspberries, Tomatoes; Cheeses: Cheddar, Mozzarella, Parmesan, Monterey Jack, Colby Jack; Deli Meats: Turkey, Beef, Chicken, Ham; Breads: White, Whole Wheat, Multi-Grain, Rye, Potato, English Muffins, Tortillas (flour and corn), Bagels (plain and wheat), Pita Bread (plain); Crackers: Saltine, Triscuits (original or reduced fat), Melba Toast (wheat or plain), Whole Grain Cracker Bread, Multi-Grain Crisp Bread, Table Water Crackers, Graham Crackers (honey only); Drinks: Water and White Milk

The itemized list above is for fresh foods only. These items are not to be altered in any way

such as in baking, frying, or adding dipping sauces. Dried fruits or vegetables are not permitted. Items such as chocolate-dipped strawberries, caramel apples, chocolate-covered graham crackers, etc. are not permitted. Periodically, teachers may distribute treats for a class lesson or a special occasion, but moderation will be observed. A child may bring in something such as stickers or pencils for classmates on her/his birthday as long as the cost does not exceed 50¢ per student. **No** invitations to private birthday parties may be distributed at school unless they will be distributed to the entire class, or to all of the boys or all of the girls in the class.

We Need You! by Deacon John Kranz



Saint Vincent De Paul Church, School and surrounding community is in need of one person to act as the PARA Volleyball Coordinator. This volunteer position will assist in recruiting coaches, scheduling games and practice times for gym usage, and ensuring that we fulfill all safe environment obligations for the diocese. If you are willing to give of your time, please contact **Deacon John Kranz** at: **801-272-9216** for additional information.

Schoolwide Learning Expectations

Students at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic School are:
Active Christians who are able to: ♦
serve others in their daily life. ♦
show respect for God, Church, others, self, and property. ♦
demonstrate basic knowledge of the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church

DEVELOPMENT NEWS by Carol Barman

Welcome back to the 2009/2010 school year! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Carol Barman. This will be my 9th year as the Advancement/ Development Director here at Saint Vincent's School. My job entails writing grants for the school, generating funds for our endowments, alumni relations, marketing and public relations, special events, working with the finance and development

committee and supporting the auction chairs and co-chairs throughout the school year. Jodie Palmer is our development assistant and will also be working this year to assist me with various tasks and special projects.

I look forward to another great school year. Saint Vincent's has always had such an active parent involvement program (PIP hours) and I highly encourage you to get involved and volunteer. One reason Saint Vincent's is so GREAT is because of our active parents. In the upcoming months you will learn about ways you can help the school.

If you are a working parent and want to do your PIP hours from home, please call me at 527-2043, and I will put you on my at-home list. I always have envelopes that need to be addressed or stuffed and the auction committee has many tasks that can be done from home. So please call and volunteer

today.

I encourage you to use our school website not only for power school (grades) but also to know about all of our current events. Go to: www.stvincents-school.org.

This year to help better communicate and cut down on paper costs we will be periodically sending blast e-mails to our parents. They will say Saint Vincent School and in the subject line "parent express communication". If you have not received one this school year, we are missing your e-mail address. If you would like to receive these e-mail notices please send in your name and e-mail address to Mr. Ferree at aferree@stvincents-school.org.

PAPER NEEDED: Does your work have old letterhead or paper it no longer uses. We recycle and print on the back side. So, if you have some, please

donate it to the school.

FREE WAYS TO HELP OUR SCHOOL NOW!!!
*Sign up for a Smiths or Albertsons preferred card and earmark our school as the recipient. They donate 1% back to our school based on the amount of groceries purchased. * Save Box Tops on General food products and save Campbell soup label (make sure to include the UPC code with the Campbell guy). *In addition, we recycle old cell phones, so please bring those in to the office.

PLEASE NOTE: Bishop Wester will join us for a special Mass celebrating The Feast of Saint Vincent on September 25 at 9:00 a.m.

I look forward to meeting you all this school year!!!! My office is across from Mr. Longe, our School Principal.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.stvincents-school.org

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic School provides quality spiritual and academic experiences

Home & School Board Meetings by Amy Wong-Little

HSA board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:30am in Holy Family Hall. Please know all are welcome to join us and keep informed of what is happening here at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic School.

School Board **by Stacy Allen-Meister**

Welcome back to another exciting year of school at Saint Vincent's. We also want to welcome all of the new families. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the members of the board and announce our committee goals for the upcoming year.

The board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. You are welcome to attend. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions you would like us to consider. We value your input.

Board Mission Statement

The Saint Vincent School Board exists as an advisory body to Mr. Longe and Monsignor Mannion, providing input but no direct decision-making authority. The board works on projects to benefit the school through the following committees:

Executive Committee

Mark Longe, Principal
Graham Ferree, Board Chair
Adam Mitchell, Board Vice-Chair
Renee Yarrish, Secretary

Finance

Renee Justice, Chair
Patrick Sanchez
Ashley Rasmussen
Liana Wise

Strategic Planning

Tim Soran, Chair
Susan Pratts
Ed Junkins

Technology/Golf Tournament Planning

Scott McTaggart, Chair
Skip Francone
Brooke Gatzambide

Emergency Planning

Amy Norseth, Chair
Yvonne Zody

Marketing & Communications

Stacy Allen-Meister, Chair
Karen Eardley
Stephanie Garlinghouse
Jodi Neely

Our goals for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

Technology Committee

1. Review the school's technology plan and provide input for possible improvements.
2. Determine the technology needs of the faculty.
3. Review school website with increased emphasis on the teacher web pages.
4. Research SMART board technology for classrooms.

Golf Tournament Planning Committee

Organize and stage the Annual Saint Vincent de Paul Golf Tournament scheduled for Sunday, May 16, 2010.

Finance Committee

1. Publish the Annual Financial Report to the school community. The report will be sent to parents during the fall.
2. Assist in the planning and production of Grandparents' Day (May 7, 2010).
3. Implement plans to increase the school's endowment funds.
 - a. Organize a dinner/overnight event to sell at the annual benefit auction.
 - b. Assist in the planning of a special event sponsored for The Presentation Sisters Endowment.

Emergency Planning Committee

1. Review and revise the school's current emergency response plans. Present and implement updated strategy to the school community.
2. Develop an allergy awareness program for faculty and staff. This program should provide education on the danger and impact of childhood allergies

Strategic Planning Committee

1. Implement the school's newly revised Healthy Snacks Program.
2. Address the current school lunch program. Consider surveying students and parents.
3. Review the 2008 Parent Survey results with school administration. Identify issues relevant to school board and recommend board response.
4. Review the Report of the Visiting Committee (accreditation draft results) and present findings to the school board. Identify areas for board action.

Marketing and Communication Committee

1. Increase the visibility of the school board among the school community.
2. Improve school-parish communications.
3. Assist in the marketing and development of the Nano Nagle Childcare Center.
4. Provide input and assistance to Carol Barman for the school's marketing plan.

Reading Corner by Giselle Airriess



A BIG Thank You to all of you who have returned the Library Permission slips so your children will be able to check out books this week!

Reading is essential to success at school. Find quiet time for 20 minutes (30 for 3rd grade and up) before homework time. Finish the quiet time with a prayer. You will find the tone in your home will change — and homework will get done faster because the child is more focused.

Music News by Scott Larrabee



Beginning Band will be starting on September 15th. This band is offered to all fourth grade students and is held during the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:05. Those taking band, would do so in place of attending their regular music class with Mr. Radu. The 4th grade music curriculum requirements can be met through band instruction.

Honor Band will be held during the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:05-4:00 starting Tuesday, August

25th. This band is offered to all students in the 5-8th grade students. Even if you child has never been in band before, they may enroll in this exciting class.

Both bands perform at numerous school- and outside-events throughout the year, including assemblies, Masses, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Children's Choir will also be starting soon and is open for all students, grades 3-8. The choir meets after school each Wednesday from 3:20-

4:15 in the band room (downstairs of Holy Family Hall) starting on Wednesday, August 26th. The choir will provide music for the several school Masses, a few weekend parish Masses, and a few concerts throughout the school year.

For more information on these three groups, including how to get a registration form, please visit the school website or contact Mr. Larrabee at 277-6702, Ext. 2082 or slarrabee@stvincents-school.org

Not Only Can Scrip Be Used to Buy Gas and Groceries, but it Can Be Used to Buy Prescriptions by Shannon Larrabee & Nat Minton

Not only can Scrip be used to buy gas and groceries, but it can be used to buy prescriptions. Stop by the Scrip Table for more details.