

May 25, 2010



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
*Faith • Academics • Service*

## Tuesday Newsletter

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School  
[www.stvincentelementary.org](http://www.stvincentelementary.org)

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank Mrs. Van Zandt for her dedication again this year to the Westside Relays. She prepared and encouraged the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in all of their events, and she helped to make the Westside Relays day very organized and enjoyable for the children, until the rain came. Thank you also to the parents who helped with the children in the stands and on the field that day.

Last Friday's Annual St. Vincent's Golf Tournament was a great success. A huge thank you to Fern Youngswick for her great organization and dedication to the tournament. Thank you to all the other committee members for the hard work and energy they gave to this event. Thank you to all golfers who participated in the tournament. The tournament was wonderful.

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, and on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 our annual induction ceremony was held in the chapel. To be considered for the National Junior Honor Society a student must maintain a cumulative scholastic average of 92%, show leadership and perform a minimum of eight hours of community service per trimester. The induction ceremony was conducted by Ursyla Baumgarten and Jenna Powell who are current members of the National Junior Honor Society. Newly appointed members are Austin Booth, William Crain, Grace Forsell, Alex Gambonini, Justin Sablik, Hannah Sarlatte, and Joey Wertz. Congratulations to all of the students who have worked so hard this past school year.

At the end of this school year two people in the St. Vincent School community are leaving us. Mr. Levintow has been the seventh grade teacher for the last two years and is leaving to pursue another path. Thank you, Mr. Levintow for being a part of St. Vincent's. Mrs. Kimble has been the fifth and sixth grade aide and the person who has kept the gardens at St. Vincent's so beautiful. Mrs. Kimble is also leaving to pursue a new path. Mrs. Kimble, thank you for all you have done for St. Vincent's. We wish the best of luck to both of them.

Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Craft Day at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School. The students may wear play clothes including shorts and **appropriate** T-shirts. There will be **no lunch time** on this day, so please send a snack with your child. **DISMISSAL ON CRAFT DAY WILL BE AT 12:30P.M.**

Our last day of school mass is scheduled for Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. Dismissal will be from church at 11:00a.m. We invite all parents to join us for this mass.

Please note – The Uniform/Dress code, the Class Supply Lists, and the Yearly Calendar are now on line. Our web-site is [www.stvincente elementary.org](http://www.stvincente elementary.org). If you have any questions regarding any of these, please refer to our web-site.

At the end of eighth grade, Mrs. DeVost asks the children to share their reflections about what they have learned during their years at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School. I thought it important to share a few reflections from the students on how they have benefited from being a student at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School. In their own words - - - - -

## *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduate Reflections*

### *Being a Person of Faith*

- ❖ Because of St. Vincent's, I have grown in my faith. Here, I have learned what it means to be a child of God. I have also learned more about the church and church teachings.
- ❖ St. Vincent's Elementary has taught me how to have a relationship with God. I know I must be active in my relationship with Him.
- ❖ Awareness assignments and reflections truly make the students assess the situations they may face in the future, and help them think about how a respectful person would respond.
- ❖ Charity, service and faith are three important aspects of life that St. Vincent's has taught me.
- ❖ St. Vincent's teaches the students religion so that every student can learn about the Church and grow in their faith.
- ❖ I have learned that true power lies in friendship and teamwork, and that faith and love are the strongest forces in the world.
- ❖ I have learned to be a more active person in my community so I can be a better person.
- ❖ I have learned to be aware of events in the world and to do my best to help.
- ❖ I have become more religious by receiving my sacraments. I have also learned more about my faith in religion class. Mr. Forsell has prepared my classmates and me very well for high school.
- ❖ Service hours in junior high helped me be more of a self-aware individual. I was taught how to serve those in need and to use my spare time to help others.
- ❖ In junior high especially, we were encouraged to assist our community and our school.

### *Being a Capable Student*

- ❖ St. Vincent's has taught me discipline. The teachers have challenged me to always do my best and nothing less.
- ❖ St. Vincent's pushed me to reach my full potential in grade school. Through challenging academics, I was able to push myself and expand my knowledge.
- ❖ St. Vincent's prepared me for high school.
- ❖ St. Vincent's has broadened my view of the world and other cultures. History and current events class and discussions have helped me understand and respect other cultures.
- ❖ St. Vincent's has helped me develop good study habits and organizational skills.
- ❖ I have learned that a challenge is not always a bad thing but a great opportunity.
- ❖ A benefit has been having good teachers who I can trust and who do not want me to fail.
- ❖ In attending St. Vincent's I was encouraged to reach another level in academics. I was challenged to always do better and persevere through times of struggle.
- ❖ While the science curriculum may be challenging, I now appreciate that it will be beneficial to the classes I take in the future.
- ❖ The teachers are always supportive and a student can receive additional help during free time, recess or lunch. They take time from themselves to focus on the students.

- ❖ Not many schools require as much expository writing as St. Vincent's, but because of it, we will have a head start on the assignments we will be given in high school and beyond.
- ❖ The curriculum at St. Vincent's includes public speaking. This has allowed us to be more comfortable speaking in front of others and sharing our experiences.
- ❖ P.E. classes challenge a person both physically and mentally.
- ❖ I have had the greatest teachers ever. They have taught me to use my time wisely.
- ❖ I am grateful for all of the time I have spent on homework, and I know I am now ready for high school.
- ❖ I now have a greater respect for the arts. Going to the symphony and taking Art Enrichment elective classes have really educated me about the arts.
- ❖ I know the overall education I got at St. Vincent's is one that will assist me all through my life.

### *Being a Person of Integrity*

- ❖ St. Vincent's has taught me to always be respectful, even if it is difficult, and to be mindful of others' thoughts and feelings.
- ❖ St. Vincent's has taught me to be a leader. It has encouraged me to always include everyone and to take action.
- ❖ St. Vincent's made me responsible because if I am not, I know there are consequences.
- ❖ Going to St. Vincent's has helped me develop self-respect as well as develop positive values that help me respect others.
- ❖ St. Vincent's has shown me how to be a respectful, self-aware and self-confident person through the years. I know these are qualities I need to have to be a person of good character.
- ❖ I have learned to gossip less and compliment more. I have learned to be less judgmental.
- ❖ I have learned to act on my morals and values and to recognize right from wrong.
- ❖ Because of St. Vincent's I have begun to think before I act and make the right choices.
- ❖ I have learned to know my conscience and fight for what is right and stop what is wrong.
- ❖ I have learned what it means to be a true friend.

### *Misc.*

- ❖ I have benefitted from St. Vincent's safe environment. Students here are very accepting of everyone.
- ❖ I have discovered my strengths and weaknesses. In doing this, I know what to focus on to improve myself.
- ❖ The rules of St. Vincent's make everyone equal and everyone safe.
- ❖ I am grateful for the experience of being a PEAK Pal since first grade.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Roffmann  
Principal

**REMINDER:** Sweatshirt and Spirit t-shirt orders are due into the school office by Friday, June 4, 2010. Thank you.

## ***SUMMER OFFICE HOURS***

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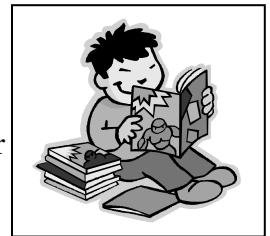
**June: Monday through Thursday  
9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.**

**July: Office Closed**

**August: August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>  
August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Office Open-9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.  
August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
Office Open-9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.**

## **SUMMER READING LIST NEWS**

If you are looking for grade appropriate books for your child/children to read over the summer, please visit the St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School web site, [www.stvincentelementary.org](http://www.stvincentelementary.org), for a list of books. Books on these lists are a compilation of several different recommended reading lists. Please use your discretion when choosing appropriate reading material for your child/children.



## **CELL PHONE/INK JET CARTRIDGE RECYCLE REMINDER**

Thank you to all who have donated your old cell phones over the past school year. We are still collecting them, and they can be turned into the school.

Also, through the same company we are able to send empty ink jet cartridges. You can turn them in at school as well.

Not only is this an easy fund raiser for our school, but at the same time you can help save the environment. So, if you have any old cell phones or empty ink jet cartridges just lying around the house, feel free to send them to school.

Thank you,  
The Office Staff

P.S.

If you come across used cell phones or ink jet cartridges over the summer, please save them until school begins in August, at which time you may send them to school with your children.

## **ST. VINCENT/ST. JAMES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00A.M.-12:30P.M. AT ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL**

For children age 4 years through having completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade. \$50.00/child, \$65.00/family. Space is limited, so please sign up soon at either church rectory office. **Deadline to register is June 7<sup>th</sup>** (waiting list will be formed after that). Adult and high school volunteers are needed! All adult volunteers must follow procedures in compliance with the Diocese of Santa Rosa (screening and fingerprinting) for the safety of all children. (The more screened adult volunteers we have, the more children we can enroll.) Paperwork for this is also available in each rectory. If you would like to volunteer for a few or all five days or have any other questions, please contact Roberta Guerra at 769-4773 ([Roberta@stjamespetaluma.org](mailto:Roberta@stjamespetaluma.org)) or Stacy Rawson at 769-1146 ([stacyrawson@hotmail.com](mailto:stacyrawson@hotmail.com)). Come and enjoy the week with us!

## DELTA V NEWS

### **ROCKETS AWAY!**

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, BLASTOFF! On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> the Delta V Rocket Club launched their rockets high into the sky. An amazing day was had by all. Thank you to Mr. Herman and his helpers for making it all possible. A "BIG" thank you to the Pozzi family for the use of their beautiful property as well as their keen retrieval skills.

## UNIFORM EXCHANGE/STORE

If you have any uniforms to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School's "USED UNIFORM STORE", please turn them in any time. There is no deadline for these uniforms. However, the sooner we get them in the better for families who wish to use this service.

If you wish to make an exchange or donation at the uniform store after June 5<sup>th</sup>, the summer hours are as follows:

**Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.**  
**Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.**  
**Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.**

The following is a copy of the rules for exchange and the price list. Please remember that the exchangeable items must be **clean and in good condition – no holes, stains, etc.** as well as folded neatly or on hangers. If you have any questions, call the school at 762-6426.

1. Exchange an item for a **like item**
2. Donate an item
3. Shop at used uniform store (nothing to exchange)

<b>JUMPERS</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	!	<b>SHORTS</b>	
<b>SKIRTS</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	!	<b>Walking</b>	
<b>SWEATERS</b>		!	(Dennis Brand	
<b>Pullovers</b>	<b>\$ 8.00</b>	!	Only/Black)	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Cardigans</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	!	<b>PE (Dennis Brand Only/</b>	
<b>SWEAT SHIRTS</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	!	Black mesh and	
		!	jersey knit)	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
		!	<b>PANTS</b>	
		!	(Dennis Brand Only/	
		!	Black)	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

## DENNIS UNIFORM SALE REMINDER

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall  
35 Liberty Street  
Petaluma  
Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 12:00 (noon)-5:00p.m.