

# St Vincent de Paul Catholic School News

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## Upcoming Events

- 1/11 Faculty Meeting
- ◆ 1/12 60% Day Report Card Conferences
- ◆ 1/13-1/16 No School
- ◆ 1/15- 1st Reconciliation Practice at 9:45 am
- ◆ 1/17 Student Council 2:45 -3:45
- ◆ 1/19 Science Fair (Projects due on 1/18)
- ◆ 1/19 PTO Meets 6:30 PM
- ◆ 1/21 Holy Family First Reconciliation 9:45 AM
- ◆ 1/26 Spelling Bee
- ◆ 1/28 St. Thomas First Reconciliation 9 AM
- ◆ 1/29 thru 2/3 Catholic School Week
- ◆ 1/29 7:30 and 9:00 School Mass @ St. Thomas Parish. Please wear uniforms to Mass.
- ◆ 1/31 Student Council Mtg
- ◆ 2/4 Open House

## From the Principal

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I trust all of you had a restful and beautiful Christmas with family. I want to thank everyone for the thoughtful Christmas gifts. Your kindness is much appreciated. Also, on behalf of the faculty and staff thank you for the most generous gift card. It was definitely a treat! My prayer is that all of you have a blessed 2012 with a focus on family.

## Dear Parents

**Catholic Schools Week** is January 29–February 5th. The theme this year is “Catholic Schools... Faith-Academics- Service”. We have many activities planned in celebration and recognition of Catholic Schools.

This is also a time we begin our pre-enrollment process for next school year. Already we have received many calls from prospective parents regarding school tours. We will have a formal Open House during Catholic Schools Week.

Letters of intent for next school year will be sent home at the beginning of Catholic Schools week to all current students. We ask that you complete this letter of intent indicating as to whether or not your child will return for next school year. If you are not certain please make note on the intent form. The actual pre-registration and registration fee for next school year will begin in March.

**Sunday, January 29**, we begin Catholic Schools Week with Students leading masses at St. Thomas Church.

Parent conferences addressing your child’s progress will be held Thursday of this week for all parents. You should receive a conference time soon if you have not already. Please don’t hesitate to contact me regarding concerns.

To accommodate the conferences we will dismiss preschool at 11:30 and K-6th at 12:00. We will not have aftercare on this 60% day.

**Monday, January 30th**, At Prayer and Pledge Assembly, Student Council will introduce an Essay Contest.

**Tuesday, January 31st**, St. Stanislaus Band will perform at SVS Gym at 2:00 pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

**Wednesday, February 1st**, We invite parents to join us for a Luncheon in the school cafeteria. Please send a total adult count in with your February menu if you plan to attend.

**Friday, February 3rd**, fourth grade will lead Mass. The annual SVS Talent Show will be held in the school gym beginning at 1:00pm. Permission slips for the talent show will be available Wednesday, January 18th.

**Saturday, February 4th**, SVS will host an Open House from 9:00 to 11:00 am for prospective families.

**Sunday, February 5th**, students will lead masses at Holy Family

Faith. Academics. Service.  
**Catholic Schools**



### December Knight

#### Winners:

12/5 Haley Broom  
12/12 Tracey Owen



### Sanctuary Light

#### December

12/4-12/10 In memory of  
M.J. and Viola Dauro

12/11 -12/17 In memory of  
Vondie and Albert Lizana  
and in Honor of Stacey  
Jordan

1/1- 1/7 In Honor of Leslie  
Daley & In Memory of Susan  
Madigan

## Scrip

### December Sales

64 Families

Participated

\$37,065.50

### Papa John's -

1/18/2012

Order from Papa John's  
in Long Beach. Just tell  
them you are a St. Vin-  
cent supporter no need  
to save or send in a  
ticket!!

## NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY

Reminder: It is extremely important all students attend school regularly, and arrive on time each day.

It is understood sometimes circumstances may occur preventing attendance or timely arrival, however this should be the exception rather than the norm. Students arriving late:

- ◆ miss part of the academics of the class
- ◆ require special attention and take time that could be used otherwise
- ◆ Develop behavior patterns that are undesirable in school and later in work
- ◆ May receive social pressure by peers that can lower self esteem

Research has shown:

## St. Vincent de Paul "ART NEWS"

St. Vincent 4th grade art students just learned about the American glass artist, *Dale Chihuly*. The students created "glass" bowls in his soft, flowing, free-form style, and then added color with glass paint. The bowls are on display in the glass cases near the school dining hall.

SVS third grade students are learning about the Swiss sculptor, *Alberto Giacometti*. The students began trying to imitate his style of long, thin human forms. When their sculptures are finished, they will be on display in the li-

brary. Look for them the week of January 23rd.

- ◆ problems
- ◆ Attendance problems are associated with lack of preparation to enter the work force

SVS Advisory Council has adopted a new policy regarding attendance, which has been posted on the school website. Please review the policy, and if this has been a problem, find a way to resolve it. (7:50AM tardy bell) Beginning in January the new policy will be in effect.

If you are having difficulties and want suggestions/help in resolving an attendance issue please call the office.

All other grades are working on a foil tooling project. The students work in repousse, which means in reverse.

Grades 2, 5, and 6 are creating bas-relief sculptures of Catholic Saints. First grade is creating bas-relief (or low relief) sculptures of Christian symbols. These will be completed at the end of January in time for Catholic Schools Week. Look for our halls to be lined with saints and Christian symbols. (3 & 4th will begin this project soon)

## Diocesan Reading Fair Winners



SVS Reading Fair winners advanced to the Diocesan Reading Fair, and were able to compete with other schools in the region at St. Patrick High School on December 7, 2011.

Congratulation to our three students having been selected for Projects of Honorable Mention;

Thomas Crowe (The Red Badge of Courage), Hannah D'Aunoy (The Ersatz Elevator), & Payton Dedeaux (Soul Surfer).



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### Morning Prayer & Pledge

All families are invited to attend Morning Prayer & Pledge in the gym daily, beginning at 7:50 AM, excluding Mass days.

Each week a grade is assigned to lead Morning Prayer & Pledge.

January Grade Leaders are:

*1/4 Faculty*

*1/9 First Grade*

*1/17 Second Grade*

*1/23 Third Grade*

*1/30 Fifth Grade*

**Thursday 1/12/12  
60% Day Report Card  
Conferences**

**Dismissal Times:**

**Pre K—11:30**

**K - 6 12:00**



## Carnival News

### St. Paul Carnival Association

St. Paul Carnival Association directly supports St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. Please make every effort to attend/support the upcoming events listed below.

#### SPCA 2012 Calendar of Events:

January 7- Kids Mardi Gras Mambo

January 7- Fais Do Do Dinner Dance

January 13- Gourmet to Go

January 28- A Day at the Races/NOLA

January 29- Jazz Brunch

February 4- 10,000 Draw Down

Thank you Queen Christiana, Alyce Keel and King Christian LXXXII, Courtenay Hanson for your continued efforts to support the school.

### Long Beach Carnival Association

The Carnival season is in high gear and we are hoping to see you at some of our final events. Friday, Jan. 27th bring the family for Pasta Dinner and Duck Race in "Bear Bayou" at St. Thomas Community Center. Watch for your order form to buy your "DUCK" so you can enter the race. Sign the family up for the Second annual Long Beach Carnival Classic Half Marathon or 5K on Jan 28th forms and full details are on the school website. Buy a ticket to win \$5000 ,enjoy

great food and bid on some unbelievable silent auction items at the Drawdown on Jan 14, tickets and details are available at the school office. The team is in need of volunteers as well as donations of food and other items to make these events a huge success for your school. Please get involved and help make this a successful carnival season for St. Vincent de Paul School and many other non-profit groups CALB donates funds to each year.

### ENTERING/EXITING TRAFFIC

Our neighbors and Father have asked that we remind everyone not to enter or exit the property via Menge Ave. Please note, exiting and entering the property should be via Espy Avenue.

### Parent-Teacher Organization

Please join us for the PTO meeting January 18, at 6:30 pm. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the PTO donation to the faculty and staff. With your generous donations we were able to provide each faculty and staff member with a SCRIP gift card.

### Holy Family First Reconciliation

Holy Family will hold a First Reconciliation Practice on January 15th at 9:45 am. First Reconciliation is January 21st at 1:00 p.m. The children should meet in the Youth Building no later than 12:30 p.m. for First Reconciliation.

### Science Fair

Please be reminded the *SVS SCIENCE FAIR* is scheduled for 1/19/12. All projects are due on 1/18/12. Mandatory participation for grades 4-6. All other grades are invited. Please see the school website for more info.