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Greetings, SVDP families,

I am so happy that our weather has finally cooled off- the learners and teachers are certainly appreciative of this, too! Take some time to get out and enjoy this gorgeous weather this weekend. Have a great weekend!!!

Maria Meeker

MAP TESTING We will be MAP testing beginning the week of October 2 for grades K-8. MAP is a computer adaptive test created by NWEA that kids take two to three times per school year. The results provide teachers with information to help them deliver appropriate content for each student and determine each student's academic growth over time. This testing replaces IOWA testing.

ALTAR SERVERS Learners in grades 4-8 who would like to participate in our masses as an Altar Server are encouraged to sign up using the attached form. Altar Server training will be held next week from 2:30-3:00 p.m. Parents, please sign the attached form and have your child return it to the school office on Monday. Current Altar Servers do not need to attend these training sessions.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES for all grades will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017. Sign up information will be available next week. These conferences coincide with the mid-point of our first grading period. We encourage all parents to set up an appointment to meet their child's teacher.

NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL Exciting things are happening every day here at SVDP!

-New this year, through a partnership with St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, four of our 8th Grade students qualified to travel to the high school on a regular basis to study **Algebra**. These students receive credit for their math requirement here as well as have the opportunity to experience a high school level class.

-Check out our **Digital Literacy Lab!** Some of our learners have been working with Mr. Oravec to produce an informational slide show that is broadcast on a TV in the hallway outside the lab. They are learning the "behind the scenes" work of collecting information and being able to digitally transmit it to the whole school. One popular feature has been the surveys offered such as "What's your favorite lunch" - all of our learners can vote on their iPads and watch the results on the TV screen in real-time!

Engineering News: Have you seen our new expanded Lab? Mr. Milam has expanded the lab by taking over a storage room and making it the new "classroom" part of the Engineering Lab. This gave him the opportunity to spread out the work tables and tools and create an even more user-friendly space.

Our learners are already working hard on projects:

-**2nd Grade** is studying the science of sound and making homemade instruments.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE
SAT. 5:00 P.M.
SUN. 8:30 A.M.
SUN. 11:00 A.M.



**IMPORTANT
DATES:**

**INTERIM
CONFERENCES**
OCTOBER 12

NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 13

**SCHOOL
FAMILY
CARNIVAL**
OCTOBER 14

**PICTURE
RE-TAKE
DAY**
OCTOBER 26

News around the School, Engineering, continued:

-**3rd Grade** is building upon what they learned last year about simple machines by designing and building cardboard pinball machines.

-**4th Grade** is developing products to sell and learning about starting their own company.

-**5th Grade** is engrossed in LEGO Robotics.

-**6th Grade** is designing and building games for the up-coming Carnival.

-**7th Grade** is researching new inventions that can solve problems. The class will immerse themselves in every day problems and are assigned the task to come up with a solution! They will build prototypes, market the inventions, and produce a commercial for their product.

-**8th Grade** is taking part in the Future City Competition: Learners are Mayors of a virtual city. Using limited budgets and resources, they must make decisions about their city of the future as they build it from the ground up. An integral part of this project is learning that every decision impacts another part of the system - just like real life!

-This week we celebrated the **Feast day of St. Vincent de Paul**. All of our learners participated in a special Morning Gathering on Wednesday, and spent some extra time this week learning about St. Vincent. St. Vincent was a priest who dedicated his life to serving the poor and teaching the wealthy how to perform works of mercy. His Feast day is September 27, and he is the patron saint of charities and charitable workers.

-Mrs. Craine has already started planning our beloved **Christmas Music Program!** It's never too early to put it on your calendar - December 14th, 7:00 p.m. in our gym. All of our learners will participate as we enjoy the theme of "Celebration".

-Our **Fifth Grade** class will be venturing to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School to use their football field in a science simulation of our solar system. The learners are going to create models to various scales to help grasp the concept of the enormity of our solar system. This is part of an on-going study of the solar system.

-The hurricanes have passed, but the debris they've left behind is a real problem. Recently we had representatives from **Wastebits**, a company that spreads information on the best systems for disposal of debris to enlighten our middle school students. These learners are working on ways to raise awareness of the tools available to those devastated by these natural disasters.

CARNIVAL! Please join us on Saturday, October 14, for our Family Carnival! Food, Music, Fun Games, and Friends. Admission is free! See the attached flyer for details. Volunteers are needed, come join the fun, contact Krissy O'Connor at obkristina@yahoo.com. Wristband orders are being taken now, a flyer is attached to purchase wristbands in advance.

****We are seeking donations of bagged, pre-wrapped candy for our Carnival Prize Table. If you would like to help, please send in a bag to school with your child.**

SHAMROCK STORE During the week, our learners are able to earn a core value slip by displaying our core values. Our learners can redeem these slips at our Shamrock Store during Friday recess. Our store is stocked full of fun little items including pencils, small gift cards, school supplies, etc. We need your help keeping the store stocked!



St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

MENU



MONDAY

October 2

BBQ Chicken Sandwich
Spiral Fries
Pears
Milk

TUESDAY

October 3

Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans
Apples
Milk

WEDNESDAY

October 4

Chili
Corn Bread
Oranges
Milk

THURSDAY

October 5

Potato Bar Day
Build your own baked potato with fresh
veggies, meats, cheese, etc.
Rolls, bread and crackers too!
Milk

FRIDAY

October 6

Cheese Pizza
Carrots with Ranch Dip
Grapes
Milk

- Your lunch order and payment are due on the first day of the school week - one envelope/check per family is fine!
- Please send your child(ren's) lunch money in an **envelope**. **Each lunch is \$2.75 per day, per child.**
- Reduced price is \$.40 per day if you have applied/been approved.
- Please **clearly mark the front of the envelope** with each of your children's names and grades and indicate which days your child will be wanting the hot lunch tray.
- Milk is included in the tray lunch. You may purchase an extra milk ticket for \$2.50.
- For those who wish to pack their lunch, and just buy milk: Please follow the same procedure as you always have - mark your envelope:
"milk money, for _____, grade ____"
-The price of milk is \$2.50 per week or \$.50 per day. You may purchase an extra milk ticket for \$2.50 per week.

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish School COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 ★ 2-8pm
Break for Mass at 5pm

★ **Admission is Free!**
Donations are encouraged

Volunteers Needed!
Contact
Krissy O'Connor,
obkristina@yahoo.com

Featuring!

**MOUSTACHE
YOURSELF!**



Game Wristbands!

2:00-4:45pm

Presale \$15
Event Day \$20


To purchase, send payment
through backpacks,
payable to SVDP
Attn: Krissy O'Connor



★ **Donations Welcome!**
Visit our Paypal Page
www.tinyurl.com/YCJTHCAC

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SVDP Parish School
Fall Community Carnival
Fundraiser

**UNLIMITED USE OF INFLATABLES AND GAMES REQUIRE
WRISTBANDS**

Advance sale wristband: \$15 per person

Day of Event wristbands are \$20 per person

Individual tickets (10 for \$10) & Food tickets will be available for purchase at
the door

Admission is free (donations are encouraged!)

Name _____

of wristbands to purchase: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



My student would like to attend the Altar Server training classes starting Monday, October 2, from 2:30- 3:00 p.m. It will be held at St. Vincent Church.

Name of Student _____

Grade _____

Phone Number _____

Email address of parent _____

Parent Signature _____

*****Please return this completed form no later than Monday, October 2 to the school office. We would like to have an accurate count of students so that the correct amount of training materials will be printed.**

Thank you.

Bob Pacanovsky

Altar Server Trainer