

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER & ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

Saint Vincent de Paul School provides quality spiritual and academic experiences that are rooted in Catholic values.



A Change in Saint Vincent Leadership

Gary Green is the new principal for Saint Vincent de Paul Parish School. The former principal, Mark Longe, became the Superintendent of Utah Catholic Schools. Gary served as the vice principal at Saint Vincent School for eight years. In his early career, Gary taught 5th grade for two years at Saint Olaf School and for nine years at J.E. Cosgriff Memorial School. Gary is also a graduate of J.E. Cosgriff and Judge Memorial Catholic High School. He received his Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Utah and received his Masters Degree in Teaching from the University of Portland. Gary is married and has three sons. He loves being a dad, hiking, and singing at church.

The school has hired Sarah Lambert to fill the position of assistant principal. Sarah graduated from Marymount Manhattan College with a Bachelors Degree in History and is a graduate of Judge Memorial Catholic High School. Sarah worked for five years at the Madeleine Choir School as the middle school religion teacher and for four years at Juan Diego Catholic High School in the theology department. She also participates in music ministry at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish. Sarah has a young son who attends Nano Nagle Children's Center.



Gary Green with a Kindergarten Victorious Viking



Sarah Lambert with a 4th Grade Victorious Viking

STRIVING TOWARDS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Chromebook Technology
Continuing our effort to be a leader in innovation and technology, Chromebooks are now provided to all 6th - 8th grade students. Chromebooks allow students to research, create, and learn with web-based Google Apps.

Middle School Electives
The 2015-2016 school year has introduced electives to our middle school program. Each quarter, students select an extra-curricular elective such as Sign Language, Plants, Italian, Yearbook, Theatre, Specialty Art, etc. Electives give students more opportunities to explore and develop new interests.

New After-School Programs
This year, students will be introduced to more after school programs such as Lego League, a hands-on robotic competition; Mad Science, a hands-on program; and Chess Club, a group that allows students to learn chess strategies and to play with multiple partners.

Homework Lab
Monday through Thursday, Saint Vincent students can complete their homework and get help on assignments for 30 minutes after school with the Student Support Teacher.

Victorious Vikings Program
“Victorious Vikings” are students who have distinguished themselves in a number of ways like being kind towards others, improving in a certain subject or skill, helping a teacher or classmate, or working hard to achieve a goal. Every week 3 students will be selected from each class.

The World Around Us

Impacting Those in Need

In 2013, four Sisters of the Holy Cross opened Salka Holy Cross Catholic School in Tripura, India. Sr. Lucy, one of the founding Sisters, was an administrative “intern” at Saint Vincent School during 2013-2014 and quickly became a treasured friend of the Saint Vincent Community. She was greatly missed when she returned to India in November, 2014. Saint Vincent students raised \$1,100 during a special Mass collection to help Sr. Lucy build her school. Further funds were generated by the second graders who donated \$2,700 in proceeds from their Pay it Forward Program. Sr. Lucy reported that all funds raised were used to purchase a variety of books for her 230 students. Sr. Lucy is very grateful for the school’s generosity and has fond memories of the caring, nurturing environment at Saint Vincent Parish School.



EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

Students took field trips to the following places:

- Loveland Aquarium
- Aspen Ridge Rehab
- Camp Tuttle
- Cathedral of the Madeleine
- Children’s Theatre
- Clark Planetarium
- Federal Court and Juvenile Hearings in West Valley Court
- Festival of Trees
- Jordan Landfill
- Juan Diego Musical
- Judge Memorial Musical
- Khadeeja Mosque
- Make a Wish Foundation
- May’s Foundry
- Murray Power Plant
- Natural History Museum
- Silver Lake
- Spruce’s Campground/ Snowshoe Expedition
- Sunrise, Paramount, Cottonwood Senior Homes
- Thanksgiving Point
- The Road Home
- The Utah Symphony
- This is the Place Heritage Park
- Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- Utah Food Bank
- Utah Museum of Fine Arts
- West Jordan Water Conservation Garden
- Wheeler Farm

APeX Ministry

APeX Ministry was founded by two Catholic men, Brad Farmer and Gene Monterastelli, who have made it their mission to travel across North America to share the truth and joy of the Gospel. Saint Vincent School enjoyed their unique style of “Christian Vaudeville” including sketch comedy and juggling. The theme for their visit was “Stewardship: How do we use the gifts God has given us to take care of each other and our world?” For two days, workshops and retreats were set up for students, faculty and parents.

The first part was a half-day interactive retreat that engaged our middle school students. This retreat included juggling acts, original fairytale skits by the students and gospel readings that supported the teachings of stewardship. These concepts were further emphasized at a school-wide assembly where students were mesmerized by Brad and Gene’s performance and gospel message. APeX conducted another retreat designed for Saint Vincent staff. As a finale, parish and school families were invited for a night of fun! Over 100 people learned about the gifts God gives us and how best to use them to take care of each other.

CHROMEBOOKS

As part of Saint Vincent School’s continuing effort to be a leader in innovation and technology, 105 Chromebooks were purchased for our middle school during 2015 through a generous grant by the ALSAM Foundation. This technology gives students and teachers an easy way to manage schoolwork as Chromebooks boot in 8 seconds, have a long battery life and built-in WiFi, and work perfectly with Google apps for Education. Both faculty and students are enthusiastic about this new technology. As a middle school student said, “I am stoked that we have Chromebooks! I think it is so cool that we can do assignments on it. Now we have fewer books to carry and I feel professional with a Chromebook, especially with the bag.”



ACCREDITATION

In March 2015, the accreditation committee awarded our school the highest rating, a six year term without review. In the spirit of continual improvement, the school has chose to focus further development on the following goals:

1. Reinforce students’ personal and communal faith lives.
2. Enhance technology implementation throughout the school
3. Extend additional resources to effectively transition all students from grade to grade.

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Mathematics and Reading Progress

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) testing is used for kindergarten through sixth grade. The assessment testing results indicate the percentages of students in each grade that score at or above their expected grade Level. Teachers use the results to guide their instruction and determine which students need extra help from our student support teacher, classroom teachers and aides, and volunteers.

Reading

K 85%
1st 89%
2nd 91%
3rd 81%
4th 82%
5th 80%
6th 100%

Math

K 63%
1st 85%
2nd 88%
3rd 92%
4th 82%
5th 77%
6th 92%



2016 Auction Off to the Races

“A Night at the Derby”

Mark your calendars for Saturday,
February 6, 2016.

Support Us

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL RECEIPTS:

Tuition & Fees	\$1,242,715
Nano Nagle Income (<i>1/3 profit paid to school</i>)	\$8,308
Grants Received	\$77,930
Extended Day	\$150,285
*Fundraisers	\$141,321
Parish Support	\$48,868
Contributions (<i>Special & General</i>)	\$44,471
State of Utah/Carson Smith Scholarship	\$45,695
Diocese Scholarships	\$6,957
Interest Income	\$3,260
Nano Nagle (<i>Tuition & Fees</i>)	\$338,872
Nano Nagle (<i>Fundraisers & Donations</i>)	\$7,859
Total School Receipts:	\$2,116,539

SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS:

Instruction & Administration (<i>Salaries, Benefits & Supplies</i>)	\$1,229,661
Operation & Maintenance	\$60,336
Student Activities	\$20,124
Extended Day (<i>Salaries, Benefits & Facility</i>)	\$81,409
Capital Expenditures	\$377,257
Fundraising Expenses	\$2,839
Nano Nagle Expenses	\$339,931
Total School Disbursements:	\$2,111,555
Excess School Receipts	\$4,983

INCOME

*Fundraisers (Main): Scrip Program	\$17,007
*Fundraisers (Main): Auction	\$112,232.43
Uniform Sales Commission	\$5,000

Nano Nagle Income:

Any profit is split by thirds among the school, parish, and the daycare.

Capital Improvements

Enhancing Our Campus

Our school continues to do upgrades around campus. This past year \$377,257 was spent to upgrade and purchase the following:

- Tech wiring, computers \$31,885
- Roof replacement \$201,206
- Chromebooks/bags \$32,690
- Walking track field \$26,740
- Heating/AC/Sewer Lines \$19,599
- Repave Parking Lot \$10,079
- Screen, Projector, Sound System Updates \$3,938
- Textbooks (Math) \$28,414
- Graduation Gowns \$3,207
- Lawnmower \$3,245
- Kitchen/Bathroom updates \$7,065
- Brick sign \$3,440
- TOTAL \$377,257

Mother Teresa Extended Daycare

Mother Teresa Extended Daycare has served the working parents of the St. Vincent School Community for 16 years. Extended Daycare hours of operation are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm in the Holy Family Hall. Up to 50 students attend each day. The younger children are escorted to and from school in the morning and afternoon. The facility's director, Danielle Gibson, loves her job and has worked there since she was a teenager. Ms. Gibson explained the structure of the daycare's activities for her students. "After school, we have ½ hour of free time and then we have a snack. If weather permits, we go outside for activities and play. When students return, we set up different play centers." The centers change on a regular basis and include lego stations, dramatic play, reading, arts & crafts, and others.



Mother Teresa Extended Daycare has continued to increase its clientele over the years as the demand for extended care has increased within our community. If you visit the Daycare, you will see happy children enjoying their well-earned play time.

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THE YEAR AHEAD

- **Trivia Night**
November 20th at 6:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Program**
December 17th at 6:30 p.m.
- **Open House**
January 28th at 5:30 p.m.
- **Auction -Night at the Derby**
February 6th at 5:30 p.m.
- **St. Patricks Day Parade**
March 12th at 10:00 a.m.
- **Grandparents Day**
March 18th
- **Play: Rumpelstiltskin**
April 16th at 2:30 & 5:00 p.m.
- **May Crowning**
May 5th at 2:30 p.m.
- **Band/Choir Concert**
May 12th
- **Talent Show**
May 26th at 1:30 p.m.

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