

**St. Stanislaus School**  
**September 17, 2018**  
**Friendship With Jesus**

*In the Eucharist a communion takes place that corresponds to the union of man and woman in marriage. Just as they become "one flesh", so in Communion we all become "one spirit", one person, with Christ. - Pope Benedict XVI*

**Saint of the Week 27 September Saint Vincent de Paul** Born in Gascony in the southwest corner of France in 1581, Vincent was a bright boy who was able to read and write early, but the poverty of his family meant that as a boy and as a teenager he had to work as a laborer and cowherd. His father scraped together the money to send him to seminary and he was ordained at the young age of 19. Then, on a sea voyage, he was captured by pirates near Tunis who sold him into slavery. He had two Muslim masters, the second of whom he converted to Christianity. Once ransomed, he went to Paris. For a few years he was a pastor, but struck by the poverty and ignorance of the French peasantry, he began to devote himself to that ministry. To this day we have Saint Vincent de Paul Societies, inspired by his love for the poor. In 1625 he founded the Congregation of the Mission (we call them the Vincentians) to catechize the rural, and then the urban poor. When he saw how badly trained many priests were, he added seminary teaching to their apostolate. With Saint Louise de Marillac he founded the Daughters of Charity, one of the great families of women religious in the Catholic Church. Worn out by his many labors, "Monsieur Vincent" died in 1660 and was canonized in 1737. Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

**DATE CHANGE: Individual student pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 3.** Students may wear their own clothes. The pictures are taken outdoors. They will be uploaded onto our SmugMug page, where you will be able to purchase whatever sizes you wish.

**Drama Auditions for grades 3-8 will take place on Tuesday, October 2 from 2:30-3:30.** This year's production is The Enchanted Bookshop. Students may preview the script in the office. October and November should be spent memorizing lines. Drama rehearsals will begin the first Tuesday of December from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Students who need to stay at 2:30 will not be put into daycare; they will spend the time until rehearsal begins doing their homework and will be supervised by Miss Willis. I realize that some students may have to leave at 4 for other commitments; we will work around this. The 3:00 start time enables me to have an adult assistant.

**The Children of Mary after school club for grades 3-8 will have its first meeting on the feast of Saint Francis Thursday, October 4.** Experience the joy of growing closer to God by imitating Mary's life of love and service through prayer and works of charity reaching out to the community to help those in need.

**Futsal registration forms** for PK-8 are attached. The age groups are on the reverse side. Registrations are due back to school by Friday, October 19, 2018. Registrations are \$95.00 for an individual and \$160.00 for family with multiple players. Checks are to be made payable to New England Sports. Practice times are determined by the coach and the availability of the school gym. All games are on Saturdays between 3:30 and 8 pm. We are also looking for individuals who have been CORI approved by the Diocese of Fall River to coach. If you have any questions please contact Fatima Antonio-Ponte at [fantonioponte@hotmail.com](mailto:fantonioponte@hotmail.com) or 508-965-9868..

**The Parent Group is hosting a Skate Night** at United Skates of America in Rumford on **October 11 from 6 pm to 8:30 p.m.** The cost is \$2.50 per skater; non-skaters are free. Ice cream sundaes are included in the cost of admission. This is a very popular event and the kids have lots of fun. We hope you can attend!

**We're planning our annual bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 15.** We have changed the bus company back to Fisher bus. More details to come!

**Parking: Please do not park in front of the rectory garages.** Father Johnson is back and forth between parishes all day; I have out of the building meetings/school errands. Both of us have been late for things because of people blocking the garages. There is plenty of parking in the lot or on Broadway.

**Forms:** Some parents have made a habit of dropping off field trip forms and the like in the office instead of letting their child turn things in. We then have to give the forms to the teachers, who have to record them on the classroom lists and re-submit them to the office. Unless you are turning in a tuition/ fees payment, need a credit card processed or have a confidential form, please give everything to your child to submit to their teacher. This will teach them responsibility.

#### **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

- **HARVEST MOON MIXER:**
  - Please order your tickets ASAP and help support the school. (order form attached)
  - Tickets are \$30 each. A minimum of 8 tickets to reserve a table. We still need raffle items and advertisements. Please consider donating an item or asking your employer or reaching out to local businesses for donations and/or an opportunity to advertise. Advertisements start at \$100 and are tax deductible (so are raffle donations)
  - Contact Derek DeSousa for more info: [ddesousa323@hotmail.com](mailto:ddesousa323@hotmail.com).
- **HARVEST MOON RAFFLE:**
  - We will start selling raffle tickets early this year. If you have or plan to donate an item for the raffle please bring in prior to 10/1 or contact [ddesousa323@hotmail.com](mailto:ddesousa323@hotmail.com) to get it added to the list.
- **HAMILTON RAFFLE**
  - Did you buy your tickets yet? Please send in your order form today! (Order form attached)
  - Purchase tickets for a chance to win two tickets to the show and overnight stay and support the school at the same time! Tickets are \$20/each or 6 for \$100.
  - Interested in helping sell tickets? Ask your family, coworkers and friends
  - Contact Rita DeOliveira for more information and tickets at [rdeoliveira@charter.net](mailto:rdeoliveira@charter.net).
- **CLOTHING DRIVE**
  - Clean out your closets and support the school doing it! The clothing drive is the simplest way the school earns money. Drop off your unwanted clothes, footwear, outerwear, bags, linens, towels, etc.
  - Drop off on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
  - If interested in volunteering contact [ddesousa323@hotmail.com](mailto:ddesousa323@hotmail.com).
- **FESTIVAL OF TREES**
  - We are still in need of some parents to help plan this fundraiser. Who is willing to help? It's an event that the kids love. Please contact [ddesousa323@hotmail.com](mailto:ddesousa323@hotmail.com).

*The Development Committee meets next on Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Stop in if you are interested in getting involved or contact Derek at [ddesousa323@hotmail.com](mailto:ddesousa323@hotmail.com) for more information or other ways to help.*

**Miss Willis**