

**2009
School Profile**



Petaluma, California

The mission of St. Vincent de Paul High School is to educate students through a college preparatory curriculum that develops their spiritual, academic and social potential. As a Catholic school, we teach Gospel values and ideals and provide opportunities for our students to experience and grow in their faith. Our goal is for students to become compassionate, responsible and active members of their communities.

St. Vincent de Paul High School is a small, coeducational Roman Catholic parish high school. The students' experience here is college preparatory, as is the case at many schools. What St. Vincent strives to additionally provide for each of its students is an experience that educates the whole person. Central to an SV education is the sense of service. By the time they graduate, most of our students have established special relationships with community agencies with which they became involved as freshmen. Students graduate, not only prepared for the next level of their academic experiences, but also recognizing that they have a responsibility beyond themselves and knowing that they can make a positive difference in society.

Our school population of **353 students (156 male, 197 female)** come from eight different feeder schools representing Sonoma and Marin counties. We work to create a strong sense of community out of this diversity. This sense of connectedness is reflected in the fact that when students come here, they stay here. **In the last five years 95% of freshmen have graduated from St. Vincent de Paul High School.**

Our school requires 240 credits to graduate. Our students typically take seven classes per semester and have two semesters in a school year. Some students elect to take a 0 period class before school. Digital Filmmaking and Leadership are offered during 0 period. We currently are not on block scheduling and have 45 minute classes. We will be changing to block scheduling for the 2009 spring semester.

Our school is accredited by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and WCEA (Western Catholic Education Association). Accreditation is good through the year 2014.

Academic Achievement Class of 2009 (93 students)

The average weighted GPA in the class of 2009 was 3.513. The highest GPA was 4.383

From this class of 93 students:

**14 earned above 4.0
21 earned 3.5 - 3.99
35 earned 3.0 - 3.49
19 earned 2.5 - 2.99
4 earned 2.0 - 2.49
0 earned under 2.0**

Students who achieve a GPA of 3.8 and above are granted the distinction of Honors, and those who achieve above a 4.0 are granted Highest Honors at graduation. Of the graduating seniors in 2009, 14 students received one of these diplomas.

Standardized Test Results

In 2009 our students' average SAT Reasoning Test scores were:

<u>Critical Reading</u>	<u>538</u>
<u>Math</u>	<u>531</u>
<u>Writing</u>	<u>529</u>

For the SAT Essay the average score was 8.0

Students who took both the Subject Test and the Reasoning Test had an average score of:

<u>Critical Reading</u>	<u>571</u>
<u>Math</u>	<u>597</u>
<u>Writing</u>	<u>575</u>

In 2009 our SAT II Subject Test score was at least 500 in each subject area. Our students' average test scores were:

<u>Biology</u>	<u>674</u>
<u>Chemistry</u>	<u>537</u>
<u>Literature</u>	<u>567</u>
<u>U.S. History</u>	<u>555</u>
<u>World History</u>	<u>502</u>
<u>Math Level II</u>	<u>568</u>
<u>Spanish</u>	<u>599</u>

In 2009 our average ACT composite score was 23.4. Our students' average test scores were:

<u>English</u>	<u>23.6</u>
<u>Math</u>	<u>23.6</u>
<u>Reading</u>	<u>23.4</u>
<u>Science</u>	<u>22.1</u>

Advanced Placement Classes are Offered in Eight Areas:

AP Modern Literature, AP Spanish, AP French, AP Calculus, AP US History, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, and AP Physics

Advanced Placement Results:

In May 2009 a total of 119 AP exams were taken in thirteen subjects areas. Eighty students (10th, 11th, and 12th grades) participated in taking these test. 76% of the AP exams taken received scores of 3 or higher.

Honors Classes are Offered in Seven Areas:

Honors British Literature, Honors Spanish III, Honors French III, Honors Algebra II, Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors World History and Honors Chemistry

College Placement

For the past 10 years 99% of our graduating class attended college. Members of the class of 2009 were accepted to 92 different colleges and universities. 79% of the senior class attended a four year school. 21% chose to attend a two year college. 22% attended a university either in California or out of state, 45% attended a state school either in California or out of state and 12% attended a private school either in California or out of state.

Community Service

Students at St. Vincent High School are required to complete a minimum of 100 community service hours as part of their graduation requirements. These hours are indicated on the student's transcript. Students who complete over 150 hours during their time at St. Vincent receive the St. Vincent de Paul Christian Community Service Award at graduation. Students who have over 300 hours receive the Christian Community Service Medal.

Scholarships and Awards

In the 2009 school year:

46% of our graduates received at least one scholarship.

28% of our graduates were awarded multiple scholarships and grants.

31% of our graduates were California Scholarship Federation Seal bearers.

43% of our graduates were members of the National Honor Society.

58% of our graduates received the St. Vincent de Paul Community Service Award.

13% of our graduates received the St. Vincent de Paul Community Service Medal.

Many of our students choose to participate in athletics. On an average, 70% of our students participate in sports at least once in their time here, with many participating in one or more sports every year. Another 38% participate in team sports outside of school.

The Class of 2009 Were Accepted into the Following Colleges

Arizona State University
Azusa Pacific University
Boston College
Boston University
California Lutheran University
California Maritime Academy
California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Sacramento
California State University, San Bernardino
California State University, San Marcos
California State University, Stanislaus
Chapman University
Clark University
Colgate University
Cuesta College San Luis Obispo
DePaul University
Dominican University of California
Drew University
Duquesne University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – AZ
Empire College
Evergreen State College – WA
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, SF
George Washington University
Humboldt State University
Lehigh University
Linfield College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Marquette University
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio Northern University
Oregon State University
Parsons School of Design, New School Univ.
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Portland State University
Purdue University
Rutgers State University- NJ
San Diego Mesa College
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Clara University
Santa Rosa Junior College
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Skidmore College
Sonoma State University
St. John's University - Queens Campus
University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Denver
University of Idaho
University of La Verne
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of Rhode Island
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
University of Vermont
University of the Pacific
University of Washington
Weber State University
Westmont College
Willamette University

*At St. Vincent De Paul High School the students
"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

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Transcript Legend

<u>Eng 9/Lit Comp</u>	<u>English 9 Literature and Composition</u>
<u>Eng 10/ Am Lit</u>	<u>English 10/American Literature</u>
<u>Eng 11/Brit Lit</u>	<u>English 11/British Literature</u>
<u>Eng 12/ Mod lit</u>	<u>English 12/Modern World Literature</u>
<u>Chr. Lfstyl</u>	<u>Christian Lifestyles</u>
<u>Comp Intro Beyond</u>	<u>Computers, Into and Beyond</u>
<u>Expos Writing</u>	<u>Expository Writing</u>
<u>Intro to Science A</u>	<u>Introduction to Science (physical science)</u>
<u>Intro to Science B</u>	<u>Introduction to Science (earth science)</u>
<u>Pce/Justice</u>	<u>Peace and Justice, Third World Cultures</u>
<u>Photo Journ</u>	<u>Photo Journalism-Yearbook</u>

<u>P</u>	<u>College Preparatory</u>
<u>M</u>	<u>Medical excuse</u>
<u>W</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>

Grading Scale: A=90-100

B=80-89

C=70-79

D=60-69

F= below 60

Weighted GPA: additional point given for Honors and AP courses