



Fall 2019

Dear SV Families and Friends,

As we look back on an extraordinarily productive school year, we want to thank the St. Vincent de Paul High School community for your continued support of our mission to provide for the academic, spiritual and social development of our students coupled with a strong college preparatory program. Your generous gifts to our **Annual Fund** campaign made it possible for us to strengthen our school in a multitude of ways this past year.

Before school opened this Fall, we began with a retreat for all new and returning teachers and administrators. With your support, we have been able to recruit and retain the most qualified and effective faculty and staff available. They understand and embrace our mission, and make a big impact on our students' lives. Mr. Michael O'Smith joined our staff this year as our new Campus Minister and has brought a renewed emphasis on Catholic teaching and practice to the campus. Leading our school-wide liturgies and class retreats, Mr. O'Smith helps to form our students in Catholic values of faith, hope and charity. Mrs. Melanie Ventilla joined the faculty full-time this year, teaching AP Literature and a new offering for our school, AP Art History. As Chair of the English Department, Mrs. Ventilla brings to the classroom her teaching and research experience, including an M.Phil from Columbia University and an M.F.A. from the San Francisco Art Institute. These are only two examples of our new and returning faculty and staff, made possible by your continued support.

Led by Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Dean of Faculty & Academics and Mrs. Amy Waud-Reiter, Director of Student Life, our Associated Student Body (ASB) has a renewed sense of responsibility and focus this year. Students participating in ASB are truly the leaders of the school and liaisons between the faculty and the student body. These students represent SVHS with dignity, honor and Mustang pride.

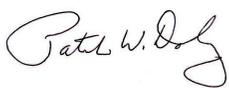
In order to share this renewed excellence, we have introduced a brand new school website and a new Mustang Athletics App. The website welcomes newcomers and allows them to see all that SVHS has to offer. At the same time, current parents and students can make it their first stop when they are in need of information. If you have not already had a chance to view it, please do so today at <https://www.svhs-pet.org>. From the website, visitors can access our *Mustang Athletics site*, *download our new Mustang Athletics App* and visit our newly implemented *Alumni Network* at <https://alumni.svhs-pet.org>. Alums can now register on our site, to connect with classmates, network, share ideas and plan reunions. They can also find out about events, campaigns and check out the SVHS news of the day.

In addition to our staff and marketing efforts, we have made some significant upgrades to our campus. The area between Tillman Hall and Freshman Wing received a substantial facelift, yielding a beautiful patio for events, as well as an area for our students to enjoy their lunch. Directly behind the

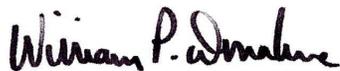
patio, plans for the exterior Art Village and The Linda Gonzalez Art Studio are underway. This project is slated to break ground after the first of the year. In the planning stages for the past year, the SVHS Music Recording Studio came to life this past summer, as our Art Department created a very popular music recording class this year. This studio has state-of-the-art equipment, providing students with a hands-on learning experience.

*This progress—and so much more— is not possible without your generous support.* We ask you to join us in our mission to develop students to become educated, engaged and faithful members of their communities, by recommending SVHS to your family and friends and by giving your tax deductible gifts to the **St. Vincent de Paul High School Annual Fund**. We thank you in advance for your support of this important annual campaign and we encourage you to plan a visit to our campus soon.

Sincerely,



Patrick W. Daly  
Principal



Fr. William Donahue, Class of '76  
Pastor & President



The 2019-20 SVHS Associated Student Body (ASB)