



Shenandoah Valley Governor's School
Parents' Support and Advisory Council
49 Hornet Road
Fishersville, VA 22939

November 14, 2014

Dear SVGS Parents and Other Supporters:

Imagine no bake sales, fruit sales, spaghetti suppers or car washes!

Each year, the SVGS PSAC invites all SVGS parents to participate in only **ONE fund-raising campaign – this letter.** And you have the power to decide how your money is used to benefit our students!

Your contribution may help to purchase needed equipment for the whole school, a special department within the school, or help a disadvantaged and deserving student with tuition.

In 2013-14, the PSAC funded \$2,700 in tuition assistance and awards. Additionally, the PSAC purchased 10 ipads and SVGS matched with 10 more that are used in all classrooms. In previous years, the PSAC's gifts have included a plasma monitor for the SVGS hall for school announcements, a plasma monitor for the Theatre classroom, and a BOSE speaker system for the Physics area.

Last year we collected nearly \$ 5,000.00 with just under 40% of our parents participating. The contributions ranged from \$5.00 to \$500.00! A contribution of ANY size is very much appreciated. Our goals for 2014-2015 are to again raise \$5,000 with **100% participation** of our parents! This is NOT an impossible dream! And if everyone contributed an average of \$25, we could raise the \$5,000 and begin thinking of longer-range projects and greater benefits for SVGS students! But it's participation that matters the most – show our students YOU CARE by donating any amount, no matter how small (or large!).

Imagine the Power of 5!

$5^0 = 1$: *The number of fundraisers the PSAC holds!*

$5^1 = 5$: *5 reasons to support SVGS PSAC's fundraising campaign*

1. SVGS is the BEST preparation for advanced study in art, engineering, English, math, science, technology and theatre available in the Shenandoah Valley.
2. SVGS students have the BEST opportunities to distinguish themselves in applications to highly competitive college.
3. SVGS students are among the BEST in our area – they come to school to LEARN, CREATE and SERVE.
4. SVGS students deserve the BEST possible resources to further their goal.
5. SVGS budget was cut again this year, limiting your students' access to state-of-the-art resources.

5² = \$25: *What does a contribution of \$25 do?*

1. Provides art supplies for one student.
2. Pays 33% of tuition for a 3 credit BRCC class.
3. Provides materials for one microbiology lab experience.
4. Purchases makeup sponges for the entire theatre department.
5. Adds to the general fund to be used for larger projects.

5³ = \$125: *What does a contribution of \$125 do?*

1. Pays 100% of tuition for a 5 credit BRCC class.
2. Purchases a digital camera for students to borrow.
3. Purchases a sewing machine for the art and theatre departments.
4. Purchases bacterial cultures and petri plates for the MolBio class.
5. Adds to the general fund to be used for larger projects.

5⁴ = \$625: *What does a contribution of \$625 do?*

1. Pays tuition for 5 deserving students.
2. Purchases a video camera for our students to use in projects in all curriculum areas.
3. Purchases a much-needed “mic” for the theatre department.
4. Purchases 2 GPS units for the Geospatial Systems class.
5. Buys a NICE digital camera for the theatre, art and advanced technology classes.

5⁵ = \$3,125: *What could a contribution of \$3,125 do? (We can dream!!)*

1. Replaces textbooks for our Art department.
2. Replaces our lights with more efficient, “greener” fixtures and bulbs.
3. Upgrades two of our classroom presentation systems.
4. Purchases 50% of the necessary LCD panels to enhance our physics classroom and “auditorium.”
5. Allows the SVGS endowed fund with the Community Foundation to grow.

SVGS students are dedicated to learning, growing and being the best that they can be. They are fortunate to have the opportunities provided by SVGS. Please support the school and the efforts of staff and students by making a donation today. Your contribution may help a Governor’s School student fulfill his or her dreams.

Imagine the power of even better-“empowered” students!

Your contribution is an investment in the future of the Governor’s School. You may send it to the SVGS address above, drop it by the office, or send it in with your student. (Checks should be made payable to “VCTC” so that we may deposit them in our account managed for us by Valley Career and Technical Center.) We would greatly appreciate your tax-deductible contribution by December 31.

Check the updates in the SVGS newsletters and on the SVGS web site to see how the fund raising is progressing. Thank you for your continued support of our outstanding students!

Sincerely,
Jackie Sims, Ann Frisbie, and Cara Moore (PSAC parents)



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Campaign 2014-2015

_____ I am willing to be publicly acknowledged (name, not donation amount).

Name(s) to be used for listing

I prefer my donation to be used for/to (you may check more than one and indicate the percent to each):

_____ **Be used at the discretion of the school staff to support priority needs**

_____ **Assistance to students in need**

_____ **Student Awards/Scholarships at the end of the year**

_____ **Support programs by equipment purchases specifically for:**

_____ Visual Arts Department

_____ Math Department

_____ Theatre Department

_____ Science Department

_____ Technology

****Make checks payable to VCTC. Thank you!***