



St. Vincent de Paul School

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Dear Families,

It's been a sad, exhausting week. The events at the US capitol last Wednesday are hard for us as adults to grasp. I am so proud of the way our teachers are addressing this issue with students. The faculty and staff are listening to the children and fostering the importance of understanding, knowledge, compassion, and truth while including prayers for our nation.

As we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, helps us teach your child about the important impact this great man had on all of us and our country. You might want to read a book or watch a documentary about Dr. King together as a family. This couldn't be a more perfect time to remember Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dreams for our county.



Catholic Schools Week (CSW)



Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

Catholic Schools Week is January 30-February 5. CSW is an annual event. This is a time for us to celebrate being a Catholic school along with all other Catholic schools in the country. This year's CSW will look a little different and we are working on our plans for the week.

The yard signs are here! As a way to celebrate CSW we will be providing each family with a Catholic Schools Week Spirit Sign to place in your yard. The signs will help promote our school. The signs will be handed out next week at drop off/pick up times and delivered to families who do not have a drop off time.

This year, our Open House will be by appointment. Parents, you are the best ambassadors. Please tell your family and friends with children what you love about St. Vincent's and invite them to call the school to schedule a tour. Remind them to tell us who referred them so I can send you and thank you Starbucks card. If the family attends next year, you will be eligible for a \$500 reduction in tuition.

State of the School Meetings

We are postponing the State of the School meeting until March 8 & 9. The meetings are postponed this year from the normal month of February because the school is awaiting the Parish Finance Council's 2021-2022 budgeted school subsidy amount to incorporate into its budget.

St. Vincent de Paul School Speech & Debate Team

St. Vincent de Paul Speech & Debate team rose to the many challenges this year and achieved great success in their first-ever on-line tournament organized by Bishop Blanchett High School on December 12th. Our 12-member team competed with 227 students from 15 different middle schools across multiple events, ranking highly in many of them. Jacob Ramiro was a finalist in Impromptu, Ogechi Nkem was a finalist in Humorous Interpretation, Soliyana Berta was a finalist in Dramatic Interpretation, and Sophia Lamb placed second overall in both Dramatic Interpretation and Impromptu. Congratulations to all the members of the team and special thanks to Mr. Rice and Ms. Haklitch for their invaluable help and support. And the season's not over yet! The team is already preparing for the Seattle Prep tournament in February.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

With my love and prayers,

Wanda

Support our First Graders and the St. Vincent de Paul School Shoe Drive!

Our First Graders are collecting 300 bags filled with 25 pairs of gently worn, used, and new shoes. The shoes will be used to create micro-enterprises in developing countries like Haiti, Ghana, and others. Our school will also receive \$3000 to help with Tuition Assistance. You can help by collecting a bag with 25 pairs of shoes and bringing them to our school before January 31st.

Also, we need volunteers to help sort and bag the shoes we receive. Please contact Kelly Norris at knorris@stvs.us or Tina Mancuso at tmancuso@stvs.us. Thank you!



Calendar Updates

January 18	No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 22	Mass, 10 am (Reservation link for students in grades 5-8 and their families will be sent soon. Students need to wear their uniforms.)
Jan. 28	Parent Association Meeting, 7 pm (Zoom link will be sent prior to meeting.)
Jan. 30-Feb. 5	Catholic Schools Week
March 8 & 9	State of the School Meetings (This is a change of date.)