



St. Vincent de Paul School

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Dear Families,

Welcome 2021! With Jesus in our hearts, we can keep the spirit of Christmas alive all year long at St. Vincent's!

I enjoyed some fun time with my family over the holiday break and hope you did as well. I spent some of time taking walks in my neighborhood, baking (my favorite German chocolate cake), reading, sleeping in, having an extra cup of coffee in the morning with my little dog, Sissy, sitting on my lap, and thinking about all of the people and things I am grateful for. I tried to limit my screen time and that felt good. Now I feel rested, hopeful, and ready for this new year adventure with our students, teachers, and families!



Remote learning classes began again on Monday. Teachers and students seemed pleased to be together after the break. We will continue with remote learning through the end of January. At that time, we will reassess whether to continue remotely or plan for a gradual in-person reopening starting with the youngest children. We have reviewed the updated Decision Tree, and we will be watching the case counts in our area as well as considering the recommendations from the Health Department during January. Please continue to wear masks, social distance, and wash hands frequently.

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) and Open House

Catholic Schools Week is January 30-February 5. This year's CSW will look a little different and we are working on our plans for the week. As a way to celebrate CSW we will be providing each family with a Catholic Schools Week Spirit Sign to place in your yard. Since we may not be able to host our traditional Open House, the yard signs will also help promote our school. Parents, you are the best ambassadors. Please tell your family and friends with children what you love about St. Vincent's.

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!



Wanda Have a wonderful week!

- Jan. 7 School Commission
- Jan. 8 NO School—High School Recommendation Day/Primary Teacher In-service
- Jan. 18 NO School— Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 22 Mass, 10 am (Reservation link will be sent next week.)
- Jan. 28 Parent Association Meeting, 7 pm (Zoom link will be sent prior to meeting.)

Reminders:

Shoe Collection

You can bring shoes for the shoe collection to the office anytime. Just drop of the shoes in any kind of bag with laces tied or rubber banded together. We have rubber bands if you need them. We have a large collection tub in the entry.

We need help moving the shoes to the gym and bagging them. If you can help, please contact Tina Mancuso, tmancuso@stvs.us, or Kelly Norris, knorris@stvs.us. Thank you.

Parish Stewardship Card

Please be sure to complete and return your parish stewardship card. This allows you to take advantage of the parish subsidy tuition reduction if needed.

Calendar Notes:

January 8	No School — High School Recommendation Day for Intermediate Teachers In-service Day for Primary Teachers
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