



## St. Vincent de Paul School

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Dear Families,

Our Lenten journey continues.... Pray, fast, give alms. Almsgiving is an ancient practice, one that was practiced before the time of Jesus. During Lent, the giving of alms means making the needs of others our own. You can show compassion of others by giving of your time, talents, or treasure. How are you making the needs of others your own during this Lenten season?



### In-Person Learning

- **Next week students will be coming on their M/W or T/Th schedule from 8:30-3. (Dismissal on Wednesday is 3 pm. No early dismissal.) Friday mornings are remote. No school Friday afternoons.**
- **Thank you for observing the morning drop off times. Be sure to have the children wait in the car until the teachers are there to check temperatures.**
- **Students must bring their snacks and lunches. Lunches cannot be dropped off or delivered. This also means we cannot have birthday treats brought in. Thank you for understanding.**
- **You will be signing the COVID Screening Form once a month. Thank you for doing the check each morning.**
- **We expect students to be in-person on their scheduled days. This impacts teacher planning, especially for reading and math group work. Students who are not here on expected days may not have needed materials for their remote days.**
- **If your child is too sick to attend school on their in-person learning days, then they should rest while at home instead of joining Zoom classes.**

### Contracts for 2021-22

Contracts for 2021-22 are due back tomorrow. The contracts were emailed last Wednesday and another copy is attached with today's note. Please complete both pages of the contract, save, and email them to me. To pay the registration fee, you can send a check with your child or mail it to us. You can also pay by credit card if you stop by or call the office.

### Enrolling for new students for 2021-22!

Do you have any friends who are looking for a great school? If you recommend a family whose children attend in the fall, you are eligible for \$500 reduction in tuition. Thanks for helping us promote our school.

### Rice Bowl Collection

Rice Bowl had an amazing week, and another \$438.75 was added to our total! That means, thanks to the generosity of our St. Vincent students and families, we now have enough to donate ALL of our barnyard animals, including the cow, PLUS we have started over, doubling the number of rabbits, chickens, pigs, and goats we will be able to donate! Already this year, we have collected enough to help 9 families - and we're not stopping there! Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to break our record from last year and donate 2 cows and even more animals?!?

Thank you. Sandy Point and San Juan Homerooms

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

With my love and prayers,

Wanda

## Travel Over Easter Break

As many of you are contemplating travel for Spring Break or in general, we are fielding an increased number of questions regarding its impact on in-person learning and the possible need to quarantine. Please know that we realize these recommendations from the Governor are to be used as guidance to assist in complying with best practices in mitigating virus spread. Our ultimate goal is the health and safe operation of school for in-person learning. We ask that school families interpret the guidance based on their individual circumstances the best they can so as to not compromise the overall health and safety of our school community.

It really is a judgment call by families, particularly if your activity involves travel within our region that does not fall into an identified category which comes with a high potential risk of virus transmission. Should you participate in what would be considered “high risk” activity, or traveling internationally to “high risk” areas, we would encourage you to take advantage of remote-learning for the appropriate amount of time and let the office know.

### Domestic & International Travel

CDC does not require that domestic travelers undergo a mandatory federal quarantine, but CDC recommends you get tested AND stay home and self-quarantine after travel.

### Get Tested and Stay Home After Travel

- Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel **AND stay home and self-quarantine** for a full 7 days after travel.

Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.

If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.

- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements after travel.

Family members who did not travel DO NOT need to quarantine.

## Calendar Updates

March 18	Afternoon Conferences—No School in the afternoon
March 20	Virtual #ignitehope Auction
March 22	Grades k-8 move to full days following hybrid schedule
March 28	Palm Sunday
April 1	Holy Thursday
April 2	Good Friday
April 3	Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil
April 4	Easter
April 5-9	Easter Holiday Break—No School