



St. Vincent de Paul School

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What's happening?

March 19-April 24

Lent Continues....Make Space for God

Teachers continue preparing lessons for remote learning.

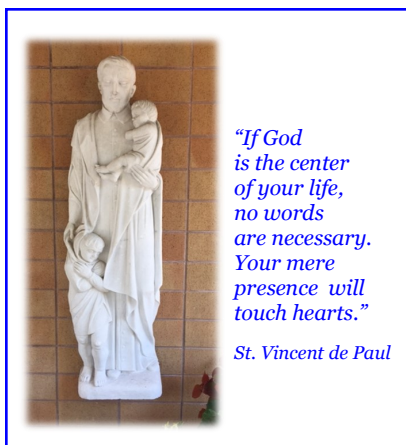
Intermediate students are doing their best working through Google Classrooms.

Primary students, with the help of their parents, are learning through teacher Google Sites.

All students are checking the Specialist Google Sites (PE, Music, Library, and Drama Troupe).



St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.



"If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts."

St. Vincent de Paul

March 26, 2020

Dear Families,

Even though the school closed last week, it seemed surreal when I drove to school yesterday and saw the parish gates locked. Sitting in my car in the driveway, trying to comprehend all that is happening, my eyes began to water. I tried to imagine the carpool line, with parents waving and the happy children gathering their backpacks and lunchboxes as they exit their cars, but it felt lonely. Thinking a short prayer to Jesus would help me get through the day, I also wondered if this was only a small sense of how Jesus may have felt during his days in the desert, lonely. I prayed our "Morning Offering to Jesus" and headed to the front door of the school.

Mrs. Wolf arrived a short time later. Her cheery voice put a smile on my face. We worked through the morning. Mrs. Schuler dropped by to pick up some materials.

Right after lunch, the faculty and staff met via our first Zoom meeting. We didn't have a firm agenda as I wanted to make sure we could all access yet another new online program. Success! It was so wonderful to see their faces and hear everyone's voices! We miss each other and all of you! We hope you are doing well as you manage working from home and helping the children with remote learning.

We will continue to meet via Zoom, so if you have any questions or issues you would like for me to bring to faculty as we work our way through these next few weeks, let me know. I am so proud of the teachers and all they are doing with their sites and classrooms.

After our faculty meeting, I locked the front door and headed to my car. As I started the engine, the loneliness was gone. I had time with my colleagues, my friends. I had fond memories of our children and you parents. I had time with Jesus. Lent continues.

Join me in praying Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic each Friday morning when you have a few minutes. The prayer is on page 2.

We want to take care of the whole child—academic, social, and spiritual—during this time so I have attached some social-emotional resources for you. You might want to watch Miss Boharski's daily meditations with your child. This has become a daily ritual for me. A reminder to your intermediate student, check email daily for notes from teachers.

Please follow the health recommendations and take care of everyone.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

With my love and prayers,

Wanda



*O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*We are always trying to be the best Catholic school we can be.
This space is for your suggestions, comments, and /or feedback.*