



St. Vincent de Paul School

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What's happening?

August 1-26

Office Hours 9:00-noon

August 5

Office will be closed.

August 24

New Family Night
Meeting for Families new to our
School 6-7pm
All School Ice-cream Social
7:15-8:15pm

August 28

First Day of School for Students in
Kindergarten Through Grade 8
8:30-noon

August 29

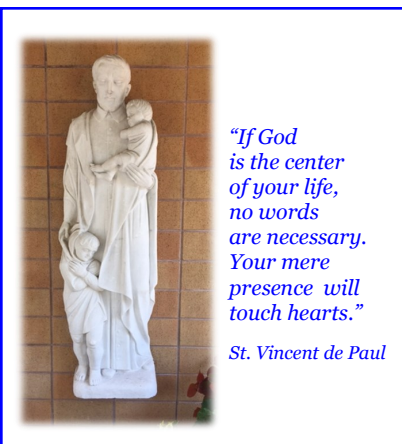
First Day of School for Prek
8:30-noon
First Day of School for Preschool
1-3pm

September 1 & 4

Labor Day Holiday

September 7

School Commission, 7pm



Dear Families,

17th Week in Ordinary Time



Where has the summer gone? I hope you have enjoyed some relaxing time with your family. As I write this letter, I am preparing to celebrate our grandson's first birthday. Every child is a precious gift from God. Let's be sure to take time to share our love and God's love with our little ones during these last few days of summer.

The next couple of pages are filled with reminders for school. The dates of our Parent Association Meetings are listed on page three so you can mark them on your calendar. We are excited that Michelle Owens has agreed to be our Parents Association Chair for this year. She will be leading our first meeting on September 14th.

Some of the teachers have already been in the building this week preparing for the first day of school. There is always so much to think about for both teachers and parents at the beginning of the school year. Let's keep the "main thing" the "main thing." Let's remember why our school is here. This quote is framed and in the school office.

Be it known to all who enter here that
Jesus
is the reason for this school.
He is the unseen yet ever present
teacher in its classes.
He is the model of its
faculty
and the inspiration of its
students.

We are a faith-filled Catholic school that promotes academic achievement and spiritual development for our students and their families. This is reflected through worship, learning, support of each other, and service to the community. Together we can help our children learn to think, act, and love like Jesus.

Thank you to Mrs. Paris and the parents who painted the restroom entryways and hallway. Thank you to the parents who have been doing our summer gardening.

Please keep all of the people in our community who are ill, especially our Mr. McCarl, in your prayers.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

With my love and prayers,

Wanda

Fundraising

This year we plan to continue with our three major fundraisers: the raffle, auction, and scrip gift cards. More about the raffle and auction to come. Your family fundraising requirement for this year is \$750. If you do not want to participate in fundraising, you can ask to have this fee included with your tuition payments.

You can purchase scrip gift cards in the office as well as use the RaiseRight app. With this fundraiser you are not buying anything extra, you are just spending the money you would spend anyway. All it takes is purchasing the card from the school or using the online app to purchase electronic gift cards right when you are making a purchase. Some families have earned all of their fundraising credit just from purchasing scrip.

Be sure to link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to our school. We receive a check from Kroger twice a year thanks to the school and parish families who have their cards linked to St. Vincent's.

We will also be having the Charleston Wrap fundraiser again this fall. This may be used by parents of 6th graders to help offset the cost of the outdoor school.

Service Time

Families will be expected to complete 35 hours of service time this year. These hours can be earned by service to the school or parish. If you are unable to complete the required service time, you can ask to have this fee included with your tuition payments.

Volunteers need to be current on the Safe Environment requirements. New families need to create an account to register for the Safe Environment training at virtusonline.org.

Ice Cream Social

Help us welcome our new teacher, Mrs. Colby, and new families at the All School Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 24, 7:15-8:15 pm! Families new to our school will attend a meeting from 6-7 pm before the social. I am excited to have the new families join our wonderful St. Vincent community! If you have a buddy family, plan to meet them for the social!

Afternoon Carpool

For afternoon pick-up, the front driveway will be open for daycare drivers only. All other cars will need to drive around to the blacktop parking pick up area. **We do not allow 8th Avenue Street carpool parking or pick-up.** If you are a daycare driver or if your child is picked up by a daycare van, call me to reserve a place in the front driveway. If you picked up in front last year, you still need to call me again this year to reserve a place at carpool.

Alert Solutions

I will be using SwiftK-12 Alert messaging again this year for text messages, emails, and alerts. Please be sure your cell numbers and email addresses are up-to-date. The PowerSchool Parent Portal will be open again after the first day of school.

Directory Information

If you do not want your number published in the directory, or if you do not want us to publish your child's picture or information in newsletters or on the website, please let Mrs. Stewart know in writing by September 8th. Please read the directory information section of the handbook.

Emergency Information

If you have any changes in your emergency information, please email Mrs. Wolf or call the office by the first day of school.

First Day of School! When & where do we meet?

K-8: On August 29th, we will meet at 8:30 am in the courtyard between the school and Activity Center for classroom assignments. Please send your child to school on the first day in uniform and with his/her supplies, including the comfort kit, if you are preparing it. We have noon dismissal on the first day!

Pre-K: On August 30st, we will meet in the courtyard at 8:30.

Preschool: On August 30st, we will meet in the courtyard at 1 pm.

Immunizations

Please be sure your child's immunizations are up to date. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wolf. We need verification on file in the office before the first day of school.

Morning Drop Off—Extended Care

We will be using the outside entrance to Cascade for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. If you have any questions regarding our Extended Care Program, contact the office. Be sure to register for Extended Care.

Uniform Guideline Reminders

Following the uniform guidelines demonstrates respect for yourself and others, as well as respect for our school. Students and parents, thank you for paying attention to the guidelines! Please check the School Handbook for details.

Hair: Be sure the hair is back to your child's normal, natural color. This includes hair extensions. Boys' hair should be cut above the eyebrows and above the collar. Designs cut in hair are not approved. Girls' hair should be away from the eyes.

Socks: Over-the-ankle sock colors are listed in the handbook.

Shoes: Sport shoes must be comfortable, practical, and neat in appearance for school. They should be in the following plain colors or a combination of these colors: black, white, or gray. No plaid, prints, or designs. Logos, shoe soles, trim, and laces must also be in these colors: black, white, or gray. Sandals are not appropriate for safety reasons. Boots of any kind are not appropriate wear during the school day. Boots may be worn to and from school on snowy days, but student will need to bring regular sport shoes to wear during the day.

PE Shoes: Grades Preschool-8: An appropriate pair of PE shoes are required to be kept at school.

Sweatshirts: The only pullover sweatshirts that can be worn with the school uniform are the St. Vincent School sweatshirts. These can be ordered from the school website. Click on Parents, then School Shop.

This year every Tuesday will be a St. Vincent de Paul School T-shirt or Sweatshirt and Jeans Day.

Parents Association Meeting Dates for the Year:

September 14 , October 19, November 16, January 18, and April 18.

February 15 is State of the School Meeting. At least one parent must attend one of the State of the School Meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities! We love our volunteers! Thank you!

Be sure your background check is current and that you have completed (or are scheduled to take) the Safe Environment Training. Check this by going to virtusonline.org.

Join our Recess Volunteer Team!

Keep the recess time fun and safe for all students!

Recess times: __10:00-10:30 __12:00-1:10 __2-2:15 __M__T__W__Th__F

Join our Extended Care Team!

We are looking for an afternoon Extended Care employee. This position would include every Wednesday afternoon and alternating Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact Mrs. Stewart if you are interested in this position.

Join our Penny's Park Playground Team!

Keep the play area clean and safe! On your assigned monthly weekend, you would pick up any trash and rake or turn bark as needed, use a blower to blow off the sidewalk that goes up to the blacktop, the driveway between the building and the park, and the entryways, report any safety concerns to Mrs. Stewart, and check the play area for fallen branches as soon as possible after any storms.

Join our Parents Association Team!

We are looking for a recorder for the Parent Association Meetings. You would take notes during each of the meetings and send a typed copy to Mrs. Stewart. This way we have a record of what was covered at the meetings and we can send a copy of the notes home to parents who were unable to attend the meeting.

Print Name _____ phone _____ email _____

If you would like to volunteer, please return this form to Mrs. Stewart or send her an email.