



St. Vincent de Paul School

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Dear Families,

17th Week in Ordinary Time



What's happening?

September 1 & 4
Labor Day Holiday

September 5
School Resumes

September 7
Mass, 9am, Full Dress Uniforms
School Commission, 7pm

September 8
Seahawks Blue Day
Students may wear their Seahawks shirts or Seahawks colors and jeans.
Band Classes Begins

September 14
Parents Association Meeting, 7pm
Social Time, 6:30pm

September 15
Mass, 9am, Full Dress Uniforms

September 19
Back-to-School Night, 7pm
This is for parents of students in Prek-Grade 8.

This has been a wonderful first week of school! The children's voices and smiles have brought a much needed sense of joy to our hearts. Parents, your support has lifted our spirits. The learning at St. Vincent's has begun. Here we go!

Arrival Time

School begins at 8:30am. In order for teachers to begin class on time, we are requesting that all children be dropped off prior to 8:25. We will be closing the front doors of the school at 8:25. If you arrive after that time, you will need to walk your child into the building. When everyone is on time, the day begins more smoothly for all.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

To strengthen our discipline plan and Response to Intervention (Rtl), we are implementing PBIS this year. PBIS is an evidence based three tiered framework to improve and integrate all of our data, systems, and practices affecting student outcomes every day.

Tier 1 practices and systems establish a foundation of regular, proactive support while preventing unwanted behaviors. Schools provide these universal supports to all students, school-wide. We are sharing these Tier 1 support rubrics and reinforcements with our students this week. A copy of the rubrics will be sent home.

Tier 2 practices and systems support students who are at risk for developing more serious problem behaviors before those behaviors start. These supports help students develop the skills they need to benefit from core programs at the school.

At Tier 3, students receive more intensive, individualized support to improve their behavioral and academic outcomes. At this level, schools rely on formal assessment to determine a student's needs.

Uniforms

Thank you for sending your child to school this week in uniform following the guidelines. Uniform reminders are on page two. Please be sure your child's hair and shoes are appropriate. If you have had trouble ordering uniforms from Dennis or if the uniform items have not arrived, please let us know.

Message System

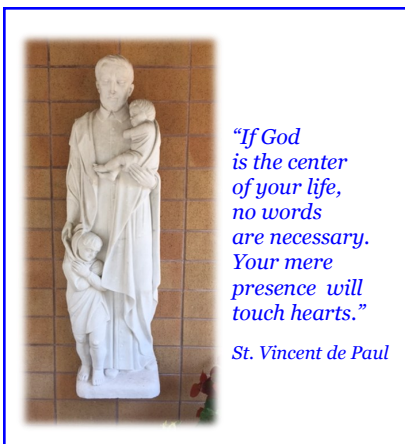
I will be using SwiftK-12 Alert messaging again this year for text messages, emails, and alerts. Please be sure your cell numbers and email addresses are up-to-date. If you have not received any text messages and/or emails, please let Mrs. Wolf know.

Employment Opportunities

We need a para-educator to help with lunch & lunch recess from 11:30-1:30 and an Auction Coordinator. If you are interested in applying for one of these employment opportunities, please contact me.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.
With my love and prayers,

Wanda



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

St. Vincent de Paul

If you missed this reminder information below, please take a look.

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.

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 as soon as possible.

Immunizations

Please be sure your child's immunizations are up to date. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wolf.

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 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.

Print Name _____ phone _____ email _____

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