



## 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 22**

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

#### **August 26**

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

#### **August 27**

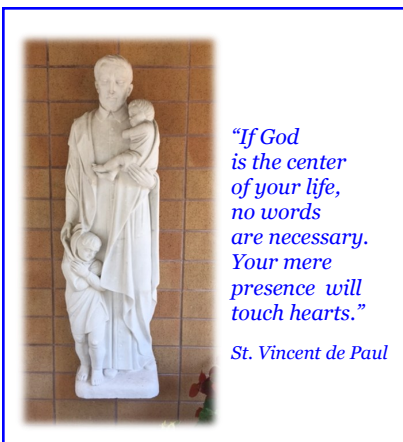
First Day of School for Prek  
8:30-noon  
First Day of School for Preschool  
1-3pm

#### **August 30 & September 1**

Labor Day Holiday

#### **September 5**

School Commission, 7pm



Dear Families,

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 second 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.

*17th Week in Ordinary Time*



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.

The next couple of pages are filled with reminders and special information for the school year. The dates of our Parent Association Meetings are listed on page three so you can mark them on your calendar. Our meetings begin at 7pm but we hope you join us for social time at 6:30pm.

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

*Wanda*

## **Handbook Revisions/Additions**

### **Previous Late Homework Section**

For middle school students, if an assignment is one day late there will be a 10% reduction on the grade. Assignments will only be accepted after one day late. Teacher discretion is taken into consideration on late long-term assignments and projects.

We recognize that family life can become very hectic at times. If a particular evening is really difficult because of family commitments, the parent may write a note excusing the student from that night's homework, stating that it will be done on the following evening.

### **Revised Late Homework Section**

For middle school students, if an assignment is not handed in on the day it is due, there will be a 10% reduction on the grade and the teacher may request student to complete the homework at recess. If the assignment is handed in the next day, there will be a 10% reduction. If the assignment is not handed in the next day, the grade will be a zero and the student will be given a homework study hour referral. If the student attends the homework study hour and turns in the late assignment, the grade for that assignment will be increased to 50%. Teacher discretion is taken into consideration on late long-term assignments and projects.

We recognize that family life can become very hectic at times. If a particular evening is really difficult because of family commitments, the parent may write a note requesting an extension stating that it will be done on the following evening.

### **Addition: Academics and CYO**

Students playing CYO sports must maintain a passing grade to participate in practices and games. Each content area (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies) grade must average at least a D (60%) and maintain a 2.0 grade point average.

### **Addition: What Parents Can Do to Assist Their Student in Maintaining High Academic Standards**

Create a supportive environment for completing homework and developing study habits at home.

Check their student's planner daily or at least weekly.

Check their student's grades in PowerSchool weekly and share this information with the student.

Communicate with teachers when their child is struggling.

Read communications from the teachers.

Be involved in your child's homework.

Have your child read every day.

## **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](http://virtusonline.org).

### **Ice Cream Social**

Help us welcome our new teachers, Mrs. Garbarino and Miss Rodrigues, and new families at the All School Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 22, 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.

### **Parent Contact Information**

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 6th. 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 26th, 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 27th, we will meet in the courtyard at 8:30.

Preschool: On August 27th, 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. Only children who have received required vaccines will be allowed to start on the first day.

### **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 12 , October 17, November 21, January 23, and April 10.

February 13 is State of the School Meeting. At least one parent must attend one of the State of the School Meeting.

If you have to bring your child to any of the meetings, your child must sit with you during the meeting and stay with you before and after the meeting. Thank you for this courtesy.

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**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](http://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.

**Join our Parents Association Team!**

We are looking for a recorder for the Parent Association Meetings. You would takes 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.

**Gym Monitors**

We are hoping to line-up a couple of additional gym monitors for CYO practices and games for next year. If you are interested in working a few hours in the evenings each week during CYO season and/or a few hours on Saturdays during CYO games, contact Mrs. Stewart.