

# St. Vincent de Paul School

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What's happening?

December 1 School Commission, 7pm

December 2 Mass, 9am

**December 8** Immaculate Conception Mass, 9am

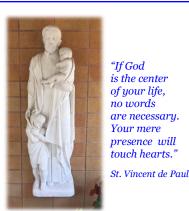
December 9 Seahawks Blue Day

December 13 St. Vincent School Sweatshirt and Jeans Day

December 15 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal following 9am Mass Evening Performance, 7pm

December 16 Mass 9am Reconciliation for Children in Grades 3-8, 10am Seahawks Blue Day

December 21 Christmas Prayer Service, 11am Noon Dismissal



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

December 1, 2022

Dear Families.

It's the First Week of Advent. Bishop Schuster's homily was a beautiful explanation of the Season of Advent. Bishop noted that the church welcomes us to this season with the color purple. During Mass the first candle on the Advent wreath was lit. The challenge,

Bishop Schuster said, is to light a candle in our hearts for Jesus as we prepare for His birth at Christmas.



Thank you for taking time to attend your child's conference. Together, we can help your child grow in spiritually, academically, and emotionally. The teachers really enjoyed the treats and lunch. Thank you!

## **Stewardship Pledge Cards**

Please return your pledge card as soon as possible. This is required if you want to continue to receive in-parish tuition rates this year.

### Last call to apply for a Fulcrum Tuition Assistance! The window for St. Vincent's closes this month on December 16th.

Be sure to fully complete the application as incomplete applications will not be considered. Go to fulcrumfoundation.org. Click on Grants and Programs, then click on Supporting Students, scroll down to Tuition Assistance Grants (TAP Grants), and click apply.

#### **Grandparents Tea**

The Tea is only a couple of weeks away. Please be sure we have your grandparents information and/or rsvp for the Grandparents Tea.

Volunteers needed to help with the Grandparents Tea from 8:30-noon on the day of the Tea, December 15th. Let me know if you are available to help.

#### **Advent Prayer Cards**

Have your child place one of the Advent Prayer Cards in the collection basket during Mass this weekend, the Second Sunday of Advent. Their prayers from last week touched my heart.

## **Christmas Concert**

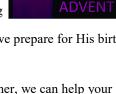
Miss Keck sent you a note about Christmas Concert expectations. It has been a while since we have been able to present a Christmas concert and we want it to be a special evening performance. Please be sure students have clean uniforms and that hair is appropriate (boys hair should be above the eyebrows and above the collar, everyone should have hair out the eyes). The concert begins at 7pm in the church. We will open the doors to the school at 6:30 for children to enter and prepare for the concert. If you arrive prior to 6:30 children will need to stay with you. If you are waiting in the church, please remind your child that you are waiting in God's house.

#### Illnesses

Good news! This week only a few students have been ill. Thank you for helping everyone stay healthy.

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First Week of Advent



## **Inclement Weather Reminders**

If we have inclement weather, look for a school text message, and/or KING, KOMO, or KIRO TV websites for information for our school. I try to make the call for a late start or closure by 6am.

When we have a late start:

\*\*\*School will begin at 10:30 that morning.

\*\*\*There is no pre-k class that day.

Please drop off your child only if you see an adult outside waiting for children to arrive.

Please allow plenty of space between the car in front of you as you come down 8th Avenue and in the driveway. This is for safety in case a car begins to slide.

When we have snowy or icy roads, begin your drive to school only when you are comfortable driving given the road conditions. We do not count anyone tardy on an inclement day as safety is the first priority.

**Note of concern:** Some of our neighbors on 8th Avenue have expressed concern about how fast parents are driving down 8th Avenue. Please drive slowly on 8th and through the parish grounds.

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

