



What's happening?

December 14, 2023

December 14

Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
10am

Grandparents Tea following
Rehearsal

Evening Christmas Concert
7pm, Church

December 15

Christmas Prayer Service, 11:15
Noon Dismissal

December 18-January 2
Christmas Holiday Break

January 3

School Resumes

January 4

School Commission, 7pm

January 5

Mass, 9am

January 12

Mass, 9am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly
2pm

January 13

Uniform Exchange Sale
Gym, 9-noon

Dear Families,

Second Week of Advent! We lit two candles on our Advent wreath during our assembly on Monday. Waiting continues as we prepare our hearts for Jesus.

Our church is looking so beautiful during this special time of year. The new Advent banners and wreath, altar cloth, and flowers bring a sense of hope, peace, joy, and love to our hearts as we wait for the coming of Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Second Week of Advent!



Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert begins at 7pm in the church. The school doors will open at 6:30pm. If you arrive before that time, children will need to stay with you. If you are waiting in the church, please remind children that they are waiting in our worship space and behavior should be appropriate. When the concert is over, the children will return to the school and you can pick them up from their homerooms.

The children, Miss Keck, Mr. Larkins, and the teachers have been working hard to make the concert a wonderful evening full of the sounds of Christmas. We hope you enjoy the performance.

Catholic Schools Week (CSW)

Catholic Schools Week begins the last weekend of January. We will host an Open House on Sunday, January 28th, from 10-11am and on Tuesday, January 30th, from 7-8pm. This is an opportunity for friends and family who might be interested in sending their children to our school to visit and meet the teachers and staff. Since we had waiting lists for some grades this year, prospective families should apply at this time.

One last call for 8th grade high school recommendation forms!

Teachers will be completing the forms on January 2nd. I need the forms tomorrow so I can have all documents ready to send to the high schools.

The Fulcrum tuition assistance grant application window closes tomorrow.

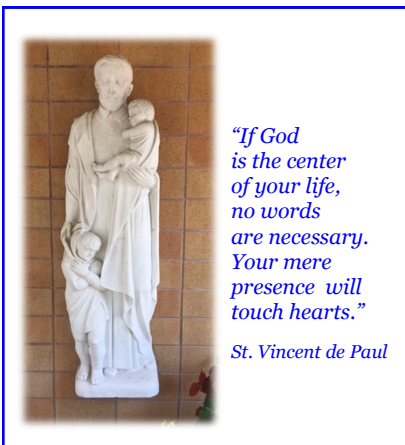
Tuition assistance for next year will only be considered for families who have applied for the Fulcrum Tuition Assistance. Be sure to fully complete the application and upload needed documents. Go to fulcrumfoundation.org. Click on Grants and Programs, then click on Supporting Students, scroll down to Tuition Assistance Grants (TAP Grants), and click apply. Don't delay. Apply today.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your family!
May we always remember that Jesus is the reason for this blessed season.

Merry Christmas!

Wanda

School Commission Update, page 2



School Commission – Meeting Highlights

When: December 7, 2023, at 7:00pm

Where: St. Vincent DePaul school

The School Commission discussed the following agenda items:

Development Director Report

Auction planning activities continue to include finalizing sponsorship with Doxon and drafting of the Auction program.

The Auction program is expected to be ready by January.

Planning is underway for Catholic Schools Week, in January.

Continue to post daily happenings on Facebook and Instagram, with focus on the Advent Season.

Accreditation

Planning activities for the on-site visit continues. The Site Visit Team (Chair and 4 teachers) will have a pre-visit meeting with Mrs. Stewart on January 17th. An on-site visit is still planned for February 14 through 16.

Completed review of Faculty/Staff goals for key strengths and critical growth areas for each of the 4 Domains. Some highlights to focus on for the School Commission

Domain 2: Operational Vitality - Key actions: Teacher Salary increase and Cost to educate a student will be clearly published, should include indirect costs.

Domain 4: Governing/ Leadership - Key actions: Develop a formal instrument for self-evaluation.

Completed review of Standards and Benchmark 12.1, 12.2, and 12.3 under Operational Vitality.

5-year Plan

The School Commission begun work to update the school's 5-Year Plan, and plan to align with the Accreditation goals.

State of the School

The School Commission started planning activities for the State of the School Meeting, February 15, 2024.

Principal Report

This week the children have been practicing and preparing for our Christmas Concert on Dec 14th. The dress rehearsal will be in the morning after the 9am mass.

Grandparents Tea will follow after the dress rehearsal.

Christmas prayer service will be Friday, Dec 15th.

Christmas break starts 12/18 and school resumes on 1/3/24.

Next School Commission Meeting: January 4, 2024, at 7:00pm.

Please note: A full copy of the commission minutes is available upon request at the school office.