



## St. Vincent de Paul School

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### *What's happening?*

#### **December 19**

Evening performance, 7pm

#### **December 20**

Christmas Prayer Service, 11:15  
**Noon Dismissal**

#### **December 23-January 6**

Christmas Holiday Break  
Jan. 6-Teacher In-service

#### **January 7**

School Resumes  
St. Vincent Sweatshirt/T-Shirt and  
Jeans Day. Blue jeans with no  
holes.

#### **January 9**

School Commission, 7pm

#### **January 10**

Mass, 9am  
Clean Full Dress Uniforms

#### **January 14**

St. Vincent Sweatshirt/T-Shirt and  
Jeans Day. Blue jeans with no  
holes.

#### **January 17**

Mass, 9am  
Clean Full Dress Uniforms

December 19, 2024

Dear Families,

The Third Week of Advent...We continue waiting and preparing our hearts for Jesus. Students in grades three through eight received the sacrament of reconciliation on Friday. Receiving forgiveness helps us become closer to Jesus as we continue waiting.

#### **Christmas Concert Tonight, Dec. 19**

Students need to wear their clean, full dress uniforms for the concert tonight. The school front doors will open at 6:30 pm so students can be in their homerooms by 6:45. If you are waiting in the church prior to 6:30, please be sure your children sit with you and do not wander around the church. When the concert is over, you will pick up your children in their homerooms.

#### **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)**

Catholic Schools Week is coming in January. We will be having an Open House on January 26, 10-11am and 28, 7-8pm. If you have friends or family who are interested in our school, please let them know the Open House dates. More information on CSW coming in early January.

#### **Please Read the Weekly Note**

I have been surprised that some families did not know we had conferences the week of Thanksgiving, that in order for grandparents to be invited to the Grandparents Tea we needed their names and addresses, that you have to opt in to receive text messages, and that it is required that you apply for a Fulcrum grant if you may need financial aid next year. All of these things have been in my note multiple times. We send a paper copy home, I send the note by email each week, and the note is posted on our website. If you want to know what is happening and expected, please, please read the weekly note.

#### **Concern**

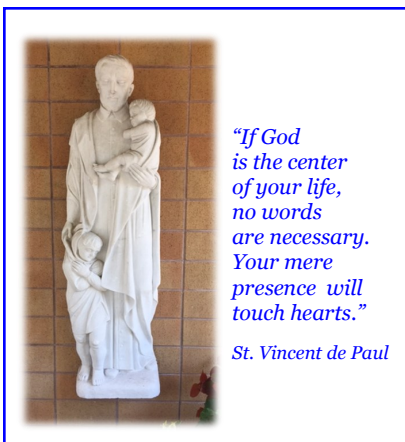
Since the election, some of our students have been hearing inappropriate and disheartening comments about immigrants, climbing over the wall, and being sent back to their country. These kind of comments have no place here at our school. We are a covenant community. Covenant implies a sacred relationship which means that through good times and tough times we have a commitment to each other to walk a journey of faith, trust, respect and hope. This is an opportunity to have a conversation about hurtful comments with your child as he/she prepares his/her heart for Jesus during Advent.

All of us here at St. Vincent's hope your family has a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

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

*Wanda*

### *Third Week of Advent*



## **School Commission – Meeting Highlights**

When: December 5, 2024, at 8:00pm

Where: St. Vincent DePaul school

### **School Commission Goals for school year 2024-2025.**

- Develop a School Commission self-evaluation tool.
- Establish formal procedures and standardized guidelines for selecting potential new members.
- Monitor and support teacher's salary increase for Year 3.
- Evaluate the budget to explore potential funding for hiring a Vice Principal.
- Complete a review of the School Commission and School handbook.

State of the School Meeting – planning has begun for the State of the School meeting in February.

Review of Parent and Student Handbook – reviewed the first part of the handbook.

### **Principal Report**

*Share current events and happenings at school*

- A great turnout during Teacher Conference week. Many parents and students connected with teachers for a mid-year academic review.
- The Star Rewards board has been a success and will be starting on a new board.
- Monday, 12/9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother Mary Mass at 9:00am.
- Christmas concert will be on 12/19 at 7:00pm.
- Christmas Prayer Service 12/20 at 11:15am with Noon dismissal.
- Christmas Holiday Break from 12/23 through 1/6/2025.
- Upcoming events to look out for after the new year: Catholic Schools week in January and Multicultural celebration in February.

Next School Commission Meeting: January 9, 2025, at 7:00pm.

*A full copy of the commission minutes is available upon request at the school office.*