



What's happening?

January 11, 2024

First Week of Ordinary Time

January 12

Mass, 9am,
Full Dress Uniforms

Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly
2pm

January 13

The Uniform Exchange Sale will be
rescheduled. No sale on the 13th.

January 15

No School
Martin Luther King, Jr Day

January 16

St. Vincent School Sweatshirt/
T-shirt and Jeans Day

January 17

Accreditation Site Team Pre-Visit

January 18

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

January 19

Mass, 9am
Full Dress Uniforms

January 23

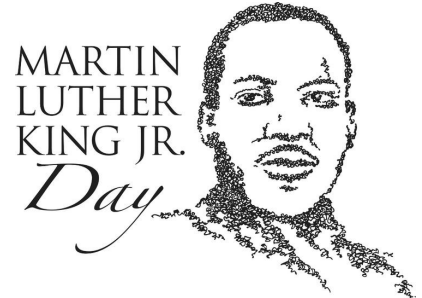
St. Vincent School Sweatshirt/
T-shirt and Jeans Day

January 26

Mass, 9am

Dear Families,

Tomorrow we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. through our annual MLK, Jr. assembly. Dr. King was a great role model for what it means to think, act, and love like Jesus. Each class is being asked to share one concrete thing they will do to make sure everyone feels included. You might want to ask your child what his/her class decided to do. Join us at 2pm if you can.



Grandparents Tea

It was wonderful to have so many grandparents attend the Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal and Tea. Thank you to the Grandparents Group and to these parent volunteers: Jessica Ward, Kimmy Ho, Laurie van der Roest, Roxanna Brambila, Grace Huynh, Aimee Tvedt, Kelly and Casey Stiles, Audrey and Blair Dickman, an extra thank to Jessica Ward for taking the lead at the Tea, to Grace Huynh for picking up the beautiful poinsettias, and to Audrey and Blair Dickman for picking up the cookies. We couldn't have done this without you.

Christmas Concert

I hope all of you enjoyed the concert as much as I did. I know Bishop Schuster and Fr. John Patrick loved seeing the children so happy while singing the beautiful Christmas songs. Thank you to Miss Keck for teaching the children to love music. Many parents and grandparents shared their appreciation of the selection of Christmas music Miss Keck chose for the concert.

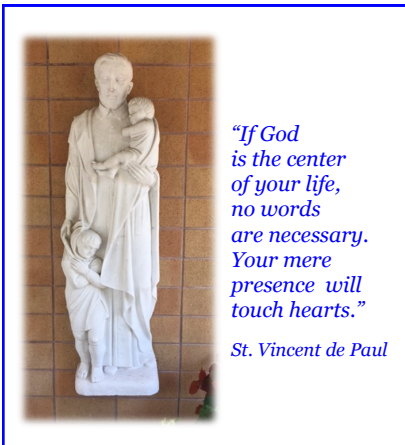
Catholic Schools Week (CSW)

We are looking forward to national Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last weekend in January and runs all week, January 27-February 1. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

Parents, you are the best ambassadors for St. Vincent's! Please be sure to give your family and friends the Open House card that is in the envelope today. Sign your name to the back of the card. If the prospective family gives me the card at the Open House, I will treat you with a Starbucks scrip card. If the family's child attends school in the fall, you will receive \$500 off of your tuition. The Open House is Sunday, January 28th, from 10-11am and Tuesday, January 30th, from 7-8pm. Consider bringing a new family to see our school! .

We need a little help on Sunday, January 28th, from 10-11 during the Open House. Let me know if you would like to greet new families and show them our school.

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Accreditation Site Visit

The Accreditation Site Visit Team will be here on February 14, 15, and 16. While the team is here, we will need to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner on the 14th and 15th, and breakfast and lunch on the 16th. If you would like help with a meal or part of a meal please use this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-RzenRyf6vIm524MnopCB3VtmpyW-pbyKldT-a8uHws/edit?usp=sharing>

One of the team members is gluten free and one is on a soft foods diet (yogurt, soup). We would also like to have one or two people who could set up the meals and clean up after the meals.

Please mark your calendars for a change. We will dismiss at noon on February 16th. The Site Team will present their findings to the faculty and staff at 1 pm.

Auction

The annual auction invitations will be going out this month. Be sure to mark your calendars for March 16th! The theme is Green and Gold! Doors to the Marriott venue open at 5pm. I hope you will plan to attend as this is the one evening during the year we have to celebrate our school and our school community.

Be sure to turn in your procured items (donations) this month! Check out the Auction Newsletter! If you have any questions, call Miel Delos Reyes in the office

Messages from Katie Goodson, Parish Minister for Adult Faith Formation and Parish Life

1) Mini Vinnies our amazing parish nursery is looking to hire paid staff. The hours we are looking to fill are Thursday mornings and one Saturday evening a month. If you are interested in working at Mini Vinnies please email Katie Goodson at kgoodson@stvincentparish or call her at the parish office 253-839-2320.

2) Mothers and Others our parish group for moms and those who care for children will begin on January 18 with a potluck brunch. We will meet from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Willenborg building. Bring yourself a friend and a dish to share. Mini Vinnie's our nursery will be available.

Honor Band

It's time for Honor Band season to begin! Band members in grades 6-8 are invited to audition for this special performance group! Students have the specific details. Here are the highlights!

Tuesday, January 16—5-7pm: clarinets, saxes, drums

Thursday, January 18—5-7pm : flutes, bells, trumpets, trombones

All auditions take place at Kennedy Catholic High School (140th S., Burien) in the Paynton Music Room.

If the designated day conflicts with your schedule, please feel free to attend the other day.

Represent your school and audition! Miss McKamey

These are the siblings we have on our list for next year, 2024-25. If you child's name is missing, let us know as soon as possible.

PreSchool	PreK	Kindergarten	1st Grade
Steven Dang	Henry Bergford	Conor Hardiman	Axel Thuku
Kash Robillard	Kaely Huynh	Kaelyn Huynh	
Jane Peterson	Ella Himor	Amelyah Clem	
Serena Pascua	Emiliano Ochoa	Thai Rurii	
Claire Hardiman	Alexandrian Nguyen	Samuel Birham	
Augustin Ramos IV			
Bradley Amlog			
Barrett Butler			

Please see the School Commission Update is on page3.

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

Wanda

School Commission – Meeting Highlights

When: January 4, 2024, at 7:00pm

Where: St. Vincent DePaul school

Development Director Report

- Auction planning activities continue to include Marriot room reservations, menu selection, finalize and print invitations, church bulletin Gala announcement, and procurement baskets.
- Catholic Schools Week (January 27 – February 2) planning activities continue to include Website updates for Open House and teacher activities.

Accreditation

- Completed review of Operational Vitality, Standard 13.
- On-site visit schedule as follows:
 - February 14 – first day of site visit
 - Mass and classroom visitation at least two times a day.
 - Teachers and domain groups will meet with the Site Visit team.
 - 6:00pm – Site Visit team will meet with current / former parents (at least fifteen people)
 - February 15 – State of the School Meeting
 - In the morning, Fr. John Patrick, Mrs. Bowman (Parish Administrator), and Students from Pre-K -8th grade will visit with the Site team.
 - Site Visit team will draft their reviews and suggestions before end of day for Friday morning discussion.
 - February 16 – Noon dismissal
 - At 1:00pm the Site Visit team will present the results.
- 5-year Plan - School Commission will review domains and incorporate them in the 5-year plan.

State of the School - School Commission will finalize the budget, guest speakers, and agenda.

Principal Report

- January 2 - Teacher in-service, completed high school recommendations.
- January 12 – Martin Luther King Assembly
- January 18 - Parents Meeting
- January 19 – School Mass
- January 27 - February 2 - Catholic Schools Week
 - Student choir will sing during mass.
 - Open House – January 28 - 10am-11am and January 30 - 7pm-8pm
 - Visitor Lunch – January 31

Next School Commission Meeting: February 1, 2024, at 7:00pm.

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