

St. Vincent de Paul School

What's happening?

January 18 Note this meeting is Cancelled -Parents Association Meeting

January 19 Mass. 9am Full Dress Uniforms

January 23 St. Vincent School Sweatshirt/ T-shirt and Jeans Day

January 26 Mass. 9am Full Dress Uniforms

January 27-28 **Catholic Schools Week Begins** Students will lector at the weekend Masses. Open House, 10-11am

January 30 Open House, 7-8pm

January 31

Visitor Lunch—Please see the visitor lunch schedule on page 3. Lunch times are scheduled by the last name of the student.

February 1

School Commission, 7pm



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

St. Vincent de Paul

January 18, 2024

Dear Families,

This Friday is the Fulcrum Foundation's annual fundraiser, the Celebration of Light Dinner. Donations at this dinner fund Catholic school tuition assistance grants for students throughout the Archdiocese. Each year our school averages about \$40,000 in tuition assistance grants. We hope that the donors supporting Catholic education and this event, will be very generous again this year. Thank you, Fulcrum Foundation and your supporters!

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 was in the envelope last week. 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! .

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-RzenRyf6vlm524MnopCB3VtmpyW-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.

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

Our very own Bishop Schuster is going to be leading a night of prayer on February 7th from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Church. It will be a night of peace, friendship, and music.

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Second Week of Ordinary Time

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Auction

The annual auction invitations will be going out this month. Be sure to mark your calendars for March 16th!

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

Honor Band Reminder

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
Jane Peterson	Kaely Huynh	Kaelyn Huynh	
Serena Pascua	Ella Himor	Amelyah Clem	
Claire Hardiman	Emialiano Ochoa	Thai Rurii	
Augustin Ramos IV	Alexandrian Nguyen	Samuel Birham	
Bradley Amlog			
Barrett Butler			
Isabella Vi Gambill			

Auction Homeroom Project

Auction Homeroom Project donation envelopes are in the envelope today. Please return as soon as possible as some parents have already started the projects.

Uniforms

The Uniform Exchange is low on uniform items. If you have uniforms in good condition that your child has outgrown, please consider sending them for the exchange.

See the Catholic Schools Week Schedule on page 3.

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

Wanda



Catholic Schools Week Special Events Schedule!

- Saturday and Sunday, January 27th and 28th 7/8th grade students will lector at all of the weekend Masses. Sunday, January 29th, Open House, 10-11am
- Monday, January 29th School Appreciation Day
- Tuesday, January 30th Parish Appreciation Day Open House, 7-8 pm
- Wednesday, January 31st
 Community Appreciation Day
 Visitor Lunch
 11:30 Students with last names A-G
 - 12:00 Students with last names H-N 12:30 Students with last names O-Z
- Thursday, February 1st Family Appreciation Day Family Read-In, 7-8pm
- Friday, February 2nd Student Appreciation Day Mass, 9am

Note on Visitor Lunch-

During the Visitor Lunch, each student eats lunch at the time listed depending on the first letter of his/her last name. Each student may invite a guest for lunch. The visitor may bring lunch for the student or the student may bring lunch for the visitor.