



November 10, 2022

32st Week in Ordinary Time

What's happening?

November 11

No School—Veterans Day

November 14-18

St. Vincent de Paul School
Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 15

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes are due.

November 17

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

November 21-23

Student, Teacher, Parent
Conferences

Birthday Book Sale and Scholastic
Book Sale

No Regular School on Conference
Days

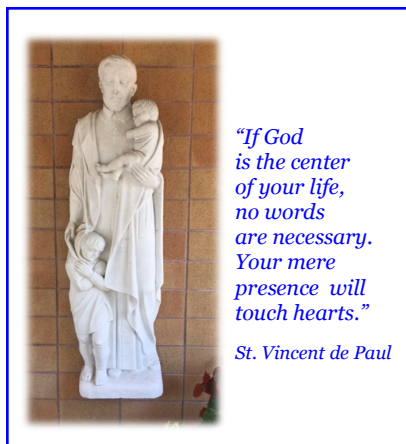
November 28

1st Week of Advent

November 29

Amelia Mancuso will be our
Student Principal for the Day!

December 1



Dear Families,

Fr. John Patrick mentioned praying the Examen in his homily this week. If you know this form of prayer, you know it starts with giving thanks for God's great love for you. It starts with gratitude. November is a wonderful time to really think about all of the things we are grateful for in our lives. My heart is filled with gratitude for my family and for our school and parish community. What fills your heart with gratitude?



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Stewardship Pledge Cards

Speaking of gratitude, if you are a St. Vincent de Paul parishioner, please return your Stewardship Pledge Card for 2023 as soon as possible. Let's show Bishop Schuster that our school community has a strong commitment to the parish by returning our pledges this week.

If you are receiving financial assistance this year and/or think you might it financial assistance for next year, please read this section.

Tuition assistance for next year will only be considered for families who have applied for the Fulcrum Tuition Assistance. The grant application window is open for Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grants and will close in December for St. Vincent's so please apply now. 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

We will be hosting a Grandparents Tea on December 15th following the Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, If you have grandparents who would like to attend the Tea, please be sure we have their names by November 21st. We will mail an invitation to the grandparents so they can rsvp. If you need to rsvp for the grandparents, please do so. *It's important for us to know which grandparents are attending so we can plan our table seating and prepare the children who will be attending the Tea.*

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive is the week of November 14-18. All of the food items we collect will go to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society's Food Bank. These items will help fill the holiday baskets for families in our community.

Arriving on Time or Too Early

The past few weeks we have had many students arriving after school starts. Students need to be at their desks ready to go at 8:30 sharp so you should pull in the driveway before 8:25. We have also had several students standing outside in the dark before staff goes out for the morning. We begin the morning with prayer at 8am and then go outside to greet the children. Please wait with your child in the morning until you see an adult outside.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes are due next week, November 15th.

The Parents Meeting is November 17th with Social Time starting at 6:30pm.

The School Commission update is on page 2.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

With my love and prayers,

Wanda

School Commission – updates

When: November 3, 2022, at 7:00pm

Where: St. Vincent DePaul school

The School Commission discussed the following agenda items:

Committee updates/reports:

- An overview of the School Commission was presented at the Parent Association meeting.
- At the Parent Association meeting, Mrs. Stewart spoke about the School's Mission Statement and distributed the statement for parents to review and give feedback. A link to the parent survey was sent via text and about 55 parents have responded to the survey.

Share Teacher and Parent Survey Results

- Mission feedback from the parents included wording about:
 - o A culturally rich community
 - o Inclusive community
 - o Pride in our faith
 - o Enhancement of knowledge
 - Mrs. Stewart shared surveys from the teachers and parents (55 Parents answered)
 - o School mission statement clearly states a Catholic identity
 - o School provides opportunities for students outside the school for other experiences and service activities o
- School provides faith formation for faculty, staff, parents, and other staff in the community
- o School helps parents support the faith life of their children
 - o The survey link was also sent to Parishioners, 3 of them have responded.

Accreditation

- Continuation of benchmark 5 review – Governance and Leadership
- Benchmark 5.3 review completed

Principal Report

- Great week with Halloween activities.
 - MAP tests have completed. Mrs. Stewart will share results at our next meeting.
 - We are in need of parents to help at recess.
 - The Christmas concert is scheduled for December 15th, and we will have Grandparent's tea.
 - Mrs. Stewart attended a retreat for principals, 'Christ in the Classroom Retreat.'
 - Security system- We reviewed a quote to upgrade our alarm system.

Next School Commission Meeting: December 1, 2022, at 7:00pm.

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