



St. Vincent de Paul School

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What's happening?

November 15

Mass, 9am
Wear clean full-dress uniforms.

November 19

St. Vincent de Paul School
Sweatshirt/T-shirt and Jeans Day
Blue jeans with no holes.
Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox collection, 10:45

November 20

Thanksgiving Feasts, Grades 5/6 & 7/8

November 21

Parents Association Meeting, 7pm
Social Time, 6:30
If you have to bring your child, he/she must sit with you during the meeting and stay with you before and after the meeting.

November 22

Thanksgiving Prayer Service, 2pm

November 25-26

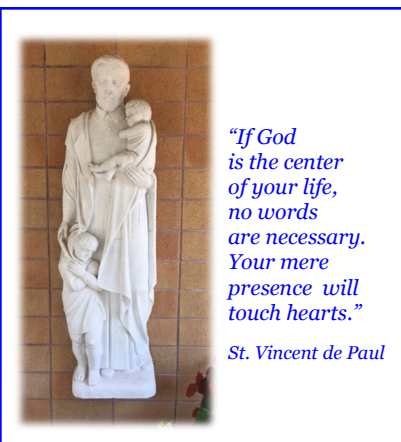
Student, Teacher, Parent
Conferences

December 1

First Sunday of Advent

December 2

Advent Assembly, 8:45



November 14, 2024

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just two weeks away. Here at St. Vincent's we have much to be thankful for this year. We have awesome students who help me see Jesus and make me laugh everyday. We have parents who not only love and support their children but who also support our faculty and staff. Our teachers and paraeducators give their all to care for our students academically, socially, and emotionally. I am so thankful to be able to be a part of this Catholic school community. I will be saying a special prayer for St. Vincent's on Thanksgiving Day.

Operation Christmas Child

We need four volunteers to take the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to the drop off location on, Tuesday, November 19, after the collection at 10:45am. If you build a box online (not through our goal page), please email Mrs. Paris at jparis@stvs.us so she can add it into our count.

Grandparents Tea

Last call for grandparent's names and addresses.

We plan to host our Grandparents Tea following our Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal on December 19th. If you would like for us to send your child's grandparent an invitation to the Tea, please complete the form on page 2 and return by November 15th. If you have sent us the address in the past, please resend it as we start a new guest list each year. It's important that grandparents RSVP so we have a place for the grandparent and child at the Tea. If you need to RSVP for the grandparent, please do so. We want all grandparents to feel welcome so we need to know who plans to attend.

Gym Guidelines

Please review the gym guidelines. Be sure to park on 8th Avenue during practices since the main gate to the parish may be closed at 4:30 and earlier on holidays.

CYO/Gym Guidelines for Users:

No one, coaches or players, may enter the gym until the supervisor is present.

Only team members and coaches may be on the floor during practice times.

All spectators during practice will sit on the stage area.

Children who are not practicing with their team must be accompanied by their parents.

Children may not be in the classrooms behind the stage during practices.

The supervisor has final authority during any scheduled use of the Activity Center.

Financial Assistance for 2024-25

If you will need financial assistance next year, you must apply for a Fulcrum Grant.

The application window closes December 15. To apply: Go to Fulcrum Foundation.org, click on Grants & Programs, then Supporting Students. Scroll down to Tuition Assistance Grants (TAP Grants) and apply.

Thanks to Anna Pringle and Elizabeth Peterson for helping me select a new uniform company. We will keep you posted on our progress.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

With my love and prayers,

Wanda

School Commission – Meeting Highlights

When: November 7, 2024, at 7:00pm

Where: St. Vincent DePaul school

P.A.C.E Gala Auction 2025

- Please welcome Katherine (Kat) Dizon, as our new auction coordinator.
- A newsletter went out in the communication envelope with updated information, and ways to get involved. Please reach out to Kat at KDizon@stvs.us if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Goals for the Year

- The Commission discussed and are finalizing the following goals for school year 2024-2025:
- Develop a formal self-evaluation tool for the School Commission.
- Establish formal procedures and standardized guidelines for evaluating 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 handbook.

Principal Report

Share current events and happenings at school

- Thank you to Mrs. Coby-Sanchez and team for setting up three altars in school in observance for all souls.
- Inclusion Solutions visited and walked around our school. They came to see how our school is doing as far as inclusion in the classroom and will provide feedback.
- We had a great Veterans Day assembly.
- Friday, November 8, there is no school for all Teachers will be at the CIC retreat.
- Next Thursday, November 14, Mr. James Knight will come to talk to fifth through eighth graders about what it means to create a culture of respect, empathy and understanding. This is sponsored by the Office of Catholic Schools.
- Kindergarten and first grade are sponsoring the annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox. This is due November 19th.
- Fifth through eighth graders will have their Thanksgiving lunches the week of 18th.
- James Pogue verified that all kids are academically eligible to play CYO sports. The students know the standards and are working hard to maintain their grades.
- A big thank you to the Social Committee for another successful Trunk or Treat. Food sales gave \$700 back to the school, provided by Knights of Columbus. A total of 200 meals were served.

Next School Commission Meeting: December 5, 2024, at 7:00pm.

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

Grandparents Tea

Please send an invitation to the following grandparents (please print):

Grandchild's Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Grandchild's Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____