



St. Vincent de Paul School

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What's happening?

October 13

No School
Archdiocesan Teacher Retreat Day

October 16

5/6 Mile Run

October 17

Student led Rosary, 2pm

October 18

7/8 Mile Run

October 19

Picture Retakes

Parent Meeting, 7pm
Social Time 6:30pm

If you need to bring your child to the meeting, he/she needs to stay with you before and after the meeting as well as during the meeting.

October 20

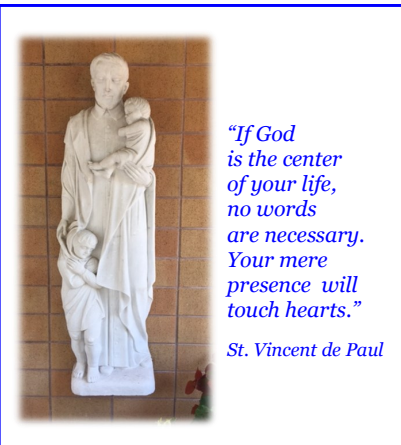
Mass of the Holy Spirit, 9am
Bishop Schuster is presiding.
Full Dress Uniforms

7/8 Grade Dance, 4-6, parish hall
The dance is for St. Vincent students only.

October 27

Mass, 9am, Full Dress Uniforms

Trunk or Treat, 6-7:30



October 12, 2023

Dear Families,

Tomorrow, the faculty and staff will be attending our annual Archdiocesan Christ in the Classroom Retreat. The theme of the retreat is "Prayer, Teaching Prayer." We will start our day by attending Mass, our greatest prayer. Please keep us in your prayers on this day.

Fulcrum Tuition Assistant Grants

- The window to apply for Fulcrum Tuition Assistant Grants is now open. It will close in early December so apply early. Any current family who is receiving tuition assistance or who thinks they may need assistance next year must apply for a Fulcrum Grant. We can only offer local assistance to families who applied for a Fulcrum Grant prior to the December deadline.
- To apply, go to fulcrumfoundation.org. Click on Grants and Programs, then Supporting Students. Scroll down to Tuition Assistance Grants (TAP Grants).
- There is a small application fee. If you are unable to afford the fee, please let me know.

Security Updates

- Instead of having students waiting in the courtyard area to enter the building, we are sending students into the building at 8:15.

Volunteer Opportunity

- We need a few more volunteers to help staff the mile run for grades 5-8. On October 16th, the 5/6 will run from 8:45-10:15. On October 18th, the 7/8 will run from 8:45-10:15. Email Mrs. Taylor at dtaylor@stvs.us if you can help.

Morning Drop Off

Please arrive in plenty of time for your child to exit the car and be in the classroom at 8:25 so he/she is ready for class to begin at 8:30. More families are on time, but we still have too many stragglers. Being on time shows respect for the teacher and the other students.

CYO

A big thank you to James Pogue for organizing the basketball skills clinic. Be sure to check out the CYO basketball flier.

Circle of Grace

The Archdiocese has a new Safe Environment Curriculum for children, *Circle of Grace*. We will be using the new curriculum this year. Look for information on this program next week.

The School Commission Update is on page 2.

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

Wanda

27th Week in Ordinary Time



School Commission – Meeting Highlights

When: October 5, 2023, at 7:00pm

Where: St. Vincent de Paul school

The School Commission discussed the following agenda items:

Development Director

- Welcome, Miel Delos Reyes, as our new Development Director!
- March 16, 2024 is the auction date and will be held at the Seattle Airport Marriott.
- Planning activities are underway.

Accreditation

- Completed review of Faculty/Staff goals for key strengths and critical growth areas for each of the 4 Domains. It will be submitted to Justyna King, Assistant Superintendent with the Office for Catholic Schools, by end of October.
 - Domain 1: Catholic Identity
 - Domain 2: Operational Vitality
 - Domain 3: Academic Curriculum
 - Domain 4: Governing/ Leadership
- Completed review of Standards and Benchmark 11 under Operational Vitality.

5-year Plan

- The School Commission will begin work to update the school's 5-Year Plan.

Principal Report

- Mrs. Stewart will be asking our groundskeeper to add more lights on the school grounds, especially the front entrance area for visibility as the early morning is still dark.
- October 13, Friday is the Archdiocesan Retreat Day for Teachers and Staff. The theme is 'Prayer and How to Teach Prayer.' There is no school for the kids.
- David Alsaberry, a school parent who does safety consultancy, met with Mrs. Stewart recommending safety and security measures on our school grounds. He has donated radios to the school, and he is also in collaboration with the City of Federal Way police department on some suggested ideas. It is planned for school officers to take a tour of our school, discuss strategy, and offer recommendations for safety and security.
- Bishop Schuster will be leading our Mass of the Holy Spirit on Friday, 10/20/23.
- Every Tuesday is St. Vincent t-shirt or sweatshirt and jeans day, unless otherwise noted.
- Our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, 10/27/23.
- Halloween dress up day is on Tuesday, 10/31/23.

Next School Commission Meeting: November 2, 2023, at 7:00pm.

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