

St. Vincent de Paul School

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October 13, 2022

Dear Families,

28th Week in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

What's happening?

October 13

Mass, 9 am Family Reunion 10:30-11:30

October 14

No School—Archdiocesan Christ in the Classroom Retreat for Faculty/ Staff

October 17

Safe Environment Training, 6:30pm Register at virtusonline.com.

October 18

Picture Retakes

October 19

7/8 Mile Run

October 20

Safe Environment lessons for students. 5/6 Mile Run Parent Meeting, 7pm with Social Time at 6:30

October 21

Mass, 9am

October 25

St. Vincent School Sweatshirt and Jeans Day



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

St. Vincent de Paul

Tomorrow the faculty and staff will be attending our annual "Christ in the Classroom Archdiocesan Retreat." The theme is "I Have Called You by Name: Experiencing and Sharing the Joy of our Vocation." It will be a day of music, prayer, and sharing as we

reflect on why we chose our vocations. Please keep us in your prayers.

PowerSchool—Parent letters with directions to login to PowerSchool, student ID, and initial passwords are in the envelope today. Please note the new URL. You will need to set up a new account. If you have any questions, let me know.

Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Grants—The grant application window is now open for Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grants and will close in December for St. Vincent's so please apply this month. Applying for a grant during this open application time is very important for any family who is currently receiving tuition assistance or who thinks they might need financial aid for next year. Tuition assistance for next year will only be considered for families who have applied for the Fulcrum Tuition Assistance. Be sure to fully complete the application as incomplete applications will not be considered. Go to fulcrumfouncation.org. Click on Grants and Programs, then click on Supporting Students, scroll down to Tuition Assistance Grants (TAP Grants), and click apply.

Teaching Safety—Safe Environment Teaching Safety lessons will be taught in each class on October 20th. If you do **not** want your child to participate in the lesson on October 20th, please return the enclosed opt out form as it was due by October 14.

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser— This fundraiser ends this week! Thank you for participating!

Mile Run—Mrs. Taylor needs helpers for the Mile Run on the Oct. 19 and 20 during PE classes. Please email her if you can help. daylor@stvs.us

A Message From Fr. John Patrick:

According to Pope Francis the family home is a primary place of faith formation, also known as "the domestic Church." Here at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, we are committed to this vision by offering concurrent faith formation opportunities for children, teens, and parent alike. Beginning Wednesday October 5th, all parents/adults are invited to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life by gathering for faith sharing every first, second, and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. As part of the process, all parents who have children enrolled in First Communion Prep. (Grapevine), Mission Trek, or Confirmation/Youth Group are also encouraged to participate in a special family prayer and reflection service in the Church sanctuary, followed by faith sharing, on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Snack and refreshments will be provided; for more information, please contact Fr. John Patrick by phone at (253) 839-2320, ext. 209 -or- email: frjohnpatrick@stvincentparish.org

Please see the School Commission Update on page two.

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



School Commission – Updates

When: October 6, 2022, at 7:00pm Where: St. Vincent DePaul school

The School Commission discussed the following agenda items:

School Commission Goals for the Year 2022-2023

Complete review of the standard and benchmark for Governance and Leadership and receive updates from faculty for all standards.

Monitor and support the plan for teacher salary increase.

Development Director Report

New parent survey: Of 41 families surveyed, 11 responses received.

Positive feedback on the Welcoming Committee/ Buddy Family program.

Few suggested improvements on website information.

Monthly Balance Sheet/Income Statement

No concerns with the balance sheet budget for 6/2022.

Accreditation

Continuation of benchmark 5 review – Governance and Leadership

5.1 and 5.2 review completed

Principal Report

Faith Families are back this year. Faith Families attend mass together and participate in service projects throughout the year. Power School is expected to be ready next week.

Changes in faculty - Mr. Renner has accepted the teaching position for the remainder of the school year.

Parent meeting will include time for parents to review our school's Mission statement and to provide feedback via a survey. 7/8th grade did an excellent job assisting the parish with the donated food items.

Teachers approve of the new math and social studies curriculum.

Extended Care staff has been filled. Connie Fleming and Juana Munoz are new staff for the afternoon extended care shift. School security system- current system is nearing the end of its time and will need a replacement.

Next School Commission Meeting: November 3, 2022, at 7:00pm.

Please note: A detailed agenda with meeting notes are available upon request at the school's office.