



## St. Vincent de Paul School

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### What's happening?

**September 15**

Back-to-School Night, 7pm

**September 16**

Mass, 9am

**Sweatshirt/t-shirts orders are due.**

**September 24**

Taste of Federal Way  
11:30am-2pm

**September 24-25**

Celebrating the Feast of St. Vincent  
de Paul at weekend Masses

**September 26**

Virtus Safe Environment Training  
for Volunteers, 6:30 Zoom

**September 30**

Mass, 9am

**October 1**

Blessing of Animals, 2 pm

**October 5**

Grapevine Starts

**October 6**

School Commission, 7pm

September 15, 2022

*24th Week in Ordinary Time*

Dear Families,

The Gospel reading this weekend was about the prodigal son. When life gets crazy and I am tired, with God's grace, hopefully, I will respond in difficult situations as the father did with compassion and love.



Afternoon Extended Care—We need volunteers or a part-time employee to help with the afternoon extended care. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 3-6 and on Wednesdays 2-6. Contact me if you are interested.

Uniform Guidelines—I asked the School Commission to take a look at the uniform guidelines for hair to see if the guidelines could be stated more clearly. The updated wording below has been added to the school handbook.

*Hair-Boys and Girls - Hair must be neat, clean, with no artificial colors, and well groomed. If a student comes to school with colored hair or highlighted hair, they will be required to have it dyed back to their natural color within a time frame designated by the school. Hairstyles or colors that draw attention to the individual are not acceptable (designs cut in hair, braids that hang over the eyes). Hairstyles deemed distracting by the faculty and/or the administration are not appropriate.*

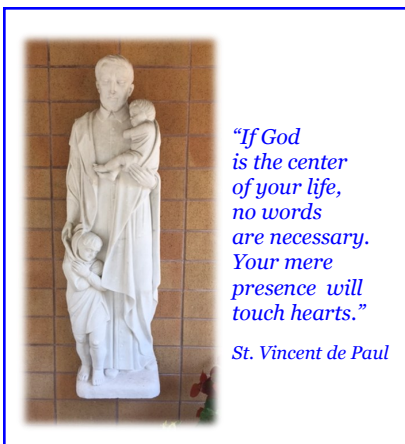
*Girls' hair ornaments should complement the colors of the uniform and not be distracting.*

*Boys' hair should be cut above the eyebrows and to the top of the collar. Boys must be clean-shaven. Mohawks of any type are not allowed.*

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser—This fundraiser has started!. An information packet was in the envelope last week. Everything is ordered online and shipped directly to the person ordering so share the information with family and friends. The order deadline is October 15th. You receive 40% fundraising credit on most items. **Since our 6th graders will be attending the outdoor school this year, parents of 6th graders may want to use this fundraiser to help offset the camp fee.**

First Reconciliation and First Communion—If your child is in second grade or needs a sacramental catch-up program, please register your child for the parish sacramental programs for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

School Commission—We will be including a School Commission Update in the note after the Commission Meeting each month. Please read the update on page 2.



## School Commission – Update

When: September 1, 2022, at 7:00pm

Where: St. Vincent DePaul school

The School Commission launched its first meeting of the school year on September 1, 2022. We reviewed and discussed the following agenda items:

- **Development Director:**  
The Commission welcomed our new Development Director, Tony McCarl. In his role, Tony will also lead the schools Marketing activities and coordinating our annual Gala Auction.  
The Commission approved Tony as a new member to the School Commission.
- **Committee Activity updates:**  
Commission Liaisons provided awareness of activity updates on the following: Welcoming Committee, including the Buddy Program, Marketing Committee, and Parent Club Committee.
- **Accreditation:**  
The Commission started reviewing the guidelines for ‘Interpreting and Scoring Benchmarks.’  
The school is due for accreditation. Every 6 years the school goes thru an accreditation process and starting in Fall 2022, staff and faculty will begin the work towards evaluating, scoring, self-assessment, and identifying opportunities of improvement. The new protocol will have teachers and faculty self-assess and rate themselves. The School Commission will participate in the process and will be reviewing (2) domains: Governance and Leadership. The Commissions role is to support and provide a consultative body to the principal. The teachers will review each of the 4 domains.
- Student Enrollment is currently at 250.
- Social Studies curriculum was purchased from the Auction’s *Fund an Item*, up to Grade 4. The hope is the next *Fund an Item* funds will purchase the Social Studies curriculum for the middle school.
- Budget Year End report will be evaluated at our next school commission meeting.
- **COVID Updates:**  
No COVID cases reported. Parents and Kids are doing an awesome job with self-assessment at home. All are welcome to continue wearing masks if preferred but it is not required at this time. Lunch schedule is back to normal. We will continue to watch for updates from our local Health department for COVID cases.
- Next School Commission Meeting: October 6, 2022, at 7:00pm.
- Please note: A detailed agenda with meeting notes are available upon request at the school’s office.

It was great to see so many of you at the Parents Association Meeting last week! If you have any questions about the information that was presented, please reach out to Briget Caudill, Jenn Emil, or me. Thanks to the Social Committee setting up the treats!

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

With my love and prayers,

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