



St. Vincent de Paul School

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What's happening?

September 20

Mass, 9am
Full Dress Uniforms

September 24

St. Vincent School Sweatshirt/
T-shirt and Jeans Day
(Blue jeans with no holes)

September 27

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
Mass, 9am
Full Dress Uniforms

October 3

School Commission, 7pm

October 4

Mass, 9am
Full Dress Uniforms

October 7

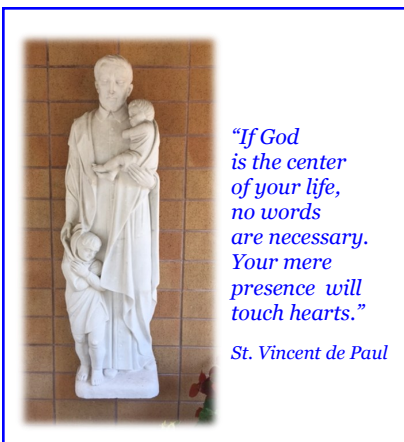
Rosary, 2:15pm

October 8

Meeting for Parents of 8th Graders
We will review the high school
application process.

October 11

Mass, 9am
Full Dress Uniforms



September 19, 2024

Dear Families,

When you receive this note I will be at the Seabeck Conference Center for the Principals Christ in the Classroom Retreat. My colleagues and I will be learning the content for the Christ in the Classroom Retreats that our own teachers will experience in November. My favorite parts of the retreat are having some time to share with the other principals in the Archdiocese and walking around the beautiful conference center. We usually see several deer grazing on the grounds. They are awesome gifts from God. Please keep me in your prayers.

24th Week in Ordinary Time



Staffing Change

Mrs. Delos Reyes has accepted the position of PAA at St. Theresa's Parish. She will be leaving us at the end of this week so she can start Monday at St. Theresa's. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Delos Reyes for the great work she has done for our school this past year and wishing her the best in her new position within our Parish Family.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Reminder

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion sacramental prep programs is open. If your child is in second grade, please register your child for the sacramental program right away. If your child needs a sacramental prep catch up, please call the parish office.

Volunteers Needed

- We need volunteers for the **mile run!**
When: October 22 and 23, 8:30-10am
Mt. St. Helens and Crystal Mt. run on October 22nd. San Juan and Hurricane Ridge run on October 23rd.
- Last call for parents who would like to be on the **Penny's Park Team**. I will be sending out the team and schedule next week. Parents on the team as of today are Williams, Ochoa, Anne Ndungu, Arena, and Triggs.
- I need someone to remove the old bottled water we have stored in our emergency shed and replace it with fresh new bottled water. If this is something you can do, let me know.
- I need 3-4 parents to help with painting the brown woodwork and classroom entries on October 12th. If you can help with this, let me know. Parents on the painting list as of today are Williams and Mahfusa.

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MAP Testing Reminder

Students in grades 2-8 will be taking the MAP Test (Measure of Academic Progress) in the mornings on September 24 and 25. Students will take the reading test on Tuesday morning and the math test on Wednesday. Please be sure your child gets a good night's rest and has a nutritious breakfast and snacks. Results will be shared along with report cards at the end of the first trimester.

School Commission – Meeting Highlights

When: September 5, 2024, at 7:00pm

Where: St. Vincent DePaul school

Development Director Report

- Attended an Archdiocese conference over the summer with other development directors to gain insights into fundraisers, grants, and marketing strategies.
- Started working on Operational Vitality plan, which includes Facilities, Technology, and Advancement plan.
- The school has secured a permanent spot in the weekly bulletins for both St. Vincent de Paul and St. Theresa churches to enhance visibility and engagement.
- We have a fundraising opportunity with the Taste of Federal Way. Tickets are \$25, and \$8 from each ticket sold will benefit our school. The event will take place at the Federal Way Commons mall on September 28th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Our school website has seen a 90% increase in views on Facebook posts and a 20% increase on Instagram.
- Our school continues to benefit from tuition assistance provided through Father Tom's book sales, and we are incredibly grateful for this support.

STVS 5-year School Plan

- The 5-year plan is finalized, and the pamphlet will be accessible on our school website and available in print at the school office.

Principal Report

Share current events and happenings at school.

- The archdiocese is hosting a workshop for School Commission members on October 22nd, 6:30pm at the Dillman Center at Kennedy Catholic High School.
- Our enrollment for the SY2024-2025 is 269. Power School data indicates that 80% of our students are Catholic and 82% are from diverse backgrounds.
- Classes begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Parents are encouraged to drop off their children between 8:10 and 8:15 a.m. to ensure that classes start on time.
- During last week's assembly, students were given an overview of the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) program.
- The Grandparents group remains active and continues to meet on the second Tuesday of each month.
- Select Choir and Band will be after school. Select Choir will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting September 10th.
- CYO Soccer is a big hit. Thank you, Jame Pogue, for your support and coordination.
- Back-to-School Night for parents will be September 17th.
- On September 23rd, Katie Goodson from STVS Parish Children's Ministry will be bringing a middle school speaker to discuss the Eucharistic sacrament.
- Upcoming Feast of St. Vincent 9am Mass and Gethsemane cemetery 7pm Mass.

Next School Commission Meeting: October 3, 2024, at 7:00pm.

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

St. Vincent Parish is starting a Loss, Grief & Healing Support Ministry Group. Please see the flier in the envelope.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

With my love and prayers,

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