



St. Vincent de Paul School

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What's happening?

September 14

Parents Association Meeting, 7pm
Social Time, 6:30pm

September 15

Mass, 9am, Full Dress Uniforms

September 19

Back-to-School Night, 7pm
This evening is for parents of students in Prek-Grade 8.

September 20

Jr. High Select Choir sings the national anthem at the Rainiers game.

September 22

Mass, 9am
Full Dress Uniforms

September 27

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
Mass, 9am, Full Dress Uniforms
Bring a can of food.

September 29

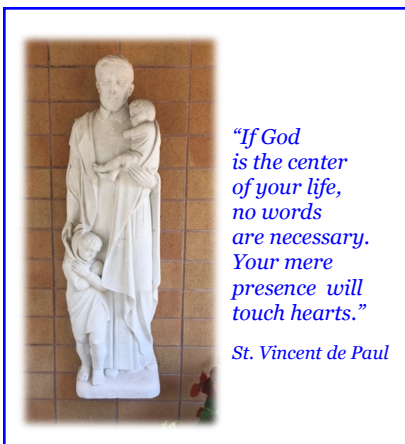
Faith Families Family Reunion

October 5

School Commission, 7pm

October 6

Mass, 9am, Full Dress Uniforms



September 14, 2023

Dear Families,

23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Last Friday, the parish staff participated in a retreat day at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades. Our day began with Mass in the Retreat Center chapel. Inspired by the Sunday readings from last week and this week, we reflected on the strengths and needs of our staff and the parish. We also considered the opportunities that will come with our new parish family as a result of the Partners in Gospel restructuring. Being in such a beautiful location allowed us to more fully sense the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the day. Our parish is blessed to have a dedicated, caring, and spirit-filled staff. Please pray for them this year as I know they are praying for you.



MAP Testing

We began MAP Testing (Measure of Academic Progress) this week for students in grades 2-8. Your child's testing schedule should be in his/her planner. 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.

Taste of Federal Way

The Taste of Federal Way is Saturday, September 23rd. It's not too late to purchase a ticket. Thanks to Ted Colby and Heidi Colby-Sanchez for chairing this fundraising event.

Back-to-School Night

Back-to-School Night is Tuesday, September 19th. At Back-to-School Night you have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about the curriculum. This evening is for parents of children in prek through eighth grade.

First Reconciliation and First Communion

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. Registration forms for second graders are in the envelope. If your child needs a sacramental prep catch up, please call the parish office.

Uniform Shoes

Please check your child's shoes. The uniform shoe colors are black, white, gray, or a combination of those colors, with matching laces. No other colors of shoes or colors on shoes.

Parents, you are the best! Thank you for completing all of the forms we sent home.

The September School Commission update is on page 2.

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

Wanda

School Commission – Meeting Highlights

When: September 7, 2023, at 7:00pm

Where: St. Vincent de Paul School

The School Commission discussed the following agenda items:

New School Commission Goals for the Year

- Last year we reviewed the Governance and Leadership standards. This year will review Operational Vitality standards.
- Continue to monitor and support the plan for teacher salary increase in year 2.
- Begin revising our 5-year plan to align with our accreditation goals.
- Recruit up to two more people to join the school commission. They can be at large members (with or without a child in the school).

Accreditation Site Visit

- The Accreditation Site Visiting Team will be conducting our school Site Visit on February 14th–through 16th, 2024. The team is made up of principals and teachers.
- The Assistant Superintendent reviewed our accreditation document in July and offered some suggestions.

Updates to Parent Committee and The Buddy Program

- The Parent Committee has new members. Michelle Owens has agreed to be Chair and Carla Weber has agreed to take meeting minutes. Our first Parent meeting will be held Thursday, September 14, 2023.
- The Buddy Program is now managed by Jenn Emil.

Principal Report

- This year the school has 261 children enrolled, which is 14 more than we had last year.

Next School Commission Meeting: October 5, 2023, at 7:00pm.

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