

VIKING NEWS

August 26, 2010

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME!!!

St. Vincent de Paul School would like to welcome back all returning students and families and extend a warm “Viking” welcome to all the new families. We hope that everyone had a great summer and we are looking forward to a great year.

NEW PERSONNEL

SVdP would like to welcome Mrs. Gina Budris, new office secretary, Miss Elly Benin, who will be teaching Religion, and Mr. Luke Polillo, who will be teaching Spanish at SVdP this year.

THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL STARTING TIME FOR THE 2010-2011 school year is 8:25 AM.

Because our academic day starts at 8:30 AM which includes any specials (PE, Music, Spanish etc.) where the students have to move from their homeroom class to the special to attend, the tardy bell will ring at 8:25 AM for the school year. This means that **the students should be in their classroom before the tardy bell rings at 8:25 AM.** Morning prayers, pledge, and announcements will be done at 8:25 AM, thereby allowing the classes “travel” time to their first academic class before it starts at 8:30 AM. All doors, except the very front school doors, will be locked at 8:25 AM. Any student arriving after 8:25 AM must come in through the office and will be marked tardy as well as any student not in their classroom by 8:25 AM.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember that if your child has to miss school or part of the school day for any reason, your child must bring a signed and dated note from home to the school office first. The office will then record this for attendance, sign the note from home and then the student will give the parent/office signed note to their teacher.

ABSENT - For your child's protection, if he/she will not be in school, please phone the school office (691-5012) before 9:15 AM.

TARDY – Students who arrive between 8:26 and 10:00 AM will be marked tardy.

AM ABSENT – Students who arrive after 10:00 AM will be marked ½ day AM absent.

Both Tardy and AM Absent students must stop in the office when they get to school to receive a pink slip to give to their teacher so he/she knows their attendance was changed from Absent to Tardy or AM Absent.

PM ABSENT – Students who leave school before 1:30 PM and do not return will be marked ½ day PM absent. These students must be picked up in the school office/front entrance area.

VIKING NEWSLETTER DATES – every other Thursday

For the 2010-2011 school year, the Viking Newsletter will be emailed home to all our families on every other Thursday. This is partly to “save a few trees” and to make sure that the information gets home to our parents. The Viking Newsletter is always available on our website and ParentsWeb. The following are the dates to be looking for the Viking Newsletter the first semester:

Thurs. Aug. 26th
Thurs. Sept. 9th and Thurs. Sept. 23rd
Thurs. Oct. 7th and Thurs. Oct. 21st
Thurs. Nov. 4th and Thurs. Nov. 18th
Thurs. Dec. 2nd and Thurs. Dec. 16th

SCHOOL VISITORS

All visitors must report to the office to sign in before proceeding through the school. Visitors should enter through the school's front doors by the office.

IMPORTANT LUNCH NEWS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Lunch prices for 2010-2011 school year increased to:

\$1.80 per hot lunch, \$0.35 for cold lunch milk, \$0.75 for extras

Please do not send money for a one day purchase of Hot Lunch or Cold Lunch Milk. All lunch money will be taken from you Family Lunch Account via your child's ID barcode card. You can put money into your Family Lunch Account either by sending in check or cash (if cash please put in envelope with family name on it so office knows what family account to credit) or using the PayNow feature on ParentsWeb, under the Family Billing tab, PayNow button on the far right of the Lunch row.

Remember that you can check your Family Account Balances and your individual student's lunch charges in the ParentsWeb, Family Information, Family Billing tab, then click on the details tab (magnifying glass icon) in the row with Lunch.

Once again this year, Renweb will run a lunch check and as of Noon on Sundays if anyone's lunch account balance is below \$10.00 the system will send out an automatic email informing you of your lunch account balance and need to replenish your family lunch account.

LUNCH MENUS –

The Lunch Menu is available in two places: 1) our school website at www.svdpvikings.com, Lunch Menu tab (top right) or 2) on ParentsWeb, Student Information, Lunch tab.

DISTRICT #150 BUS –

District #150 bus service will begin on **Tuesday, August 31st**. A more detailed email will be sent to those students riding the District #150 bus.

MEDICINES

Please send to the school office any medicine/inhaler that your child might need during the school day to be stored in our locked medicine cabinet. Any medicine from last school year NOT in the original container or expired was disposed of during the summer. The office needs a written, dated, and signed note from the child's physician with instructions on the dispensing of the medication/inhaler (ie. dose, times to be given etc.).

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – THURSDAY, SEPT. 2nd

All parents are invited to the SVdP "Back to School Night." This year's Back to School Night is Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00 PM beginning in the Parish Hall. After a short meeting, parents will visit their child/ren's homeroom(s).

For the K-5th grade Parent Night, there will be 2 sessions for classroom visits. For the 6th-8th grades, the middle school teachers will meet in the Parish Hall during the second breakout session.

MARKET DAY IS BACK! – orders due WED., SEPT. 8TH

Market Day is back!! This is a great fundraiser for our 8th grade class. We sell quality, delicious food and support our school at the same time.

Orders are due Wed. Sept. 8th and pick up is Monday Sept. 13th from 3:00-4:15 PM in the school cafeteria. Orders forms are available in the school office and back of church. You can also order online at www.marketday.com.

Volunteers are needed to make this year's Market Day a HUGE success! Ideal for parents or grandparents. Eighth grade parents especially! The volunteer time is only once a month for 2 hours. Please call Judy at 657-5084 for details.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT – UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES

All volunteers must complete the following in order to volunteer at the school. Once they are completed it is good for the rest of your student/s school years. They are:

- 1) (FP) be fingerprinted,
- 2) (CANTS) fill out a Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System check form, and
- 3) (SAFE ENVIRONMENT) attend the "Safe Environment Training" program.

The first two can be completed at the school in one of two ways. First, there will be fingerprinting and background check forms done on Thursday, Sept. 2nd at 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM and on Friday, Sept. 3rd at 9:00 AM both days in the Parish Hall or by calling the school office at 691-5012 to schedule a time for it to be done in the office.

The last requirement is a new program called "Safe Environment Training" which takes the place of the previous Virtus "Protecting God's Children" Program. This is the program that ALL volunteers are required to take that haven't attended the Protecting God's Children program already in the past. Once a volunteer completes the program, he/she does not have to go again every year – it is a one time program. The school office just needs to have on file a signed sheet from the instructor with the date and place of the program that the volunteer took.

The **Safe Environment Training program** is a 45 minute – 1 hour program as opposed to the 4 hour Protecting God's Children program.

For any parents, athletic coaches, or anyone who wants to volunteer at SVDP, drive for field trips etc. the following are the dates/places of the upcoming "Safe Environment Programs." Please call to register for the class you want to take and let the school office know which program you registered to attend.

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| 1) St. Patrick's | Sat. Aug. 28 th | 9-10 AM | contact Vicki at 444-4545 |
| 2) St. Jude | Sat. Aug. 28 th | 10:30-11:30 AM | contact Jill at 243-7810 |
| 3) Holy Family | Wed. Sept. 8 th | 7-8 PM | contact Maria at 688-3437 x228 |
| 4) PND | Mon. Sept. 13 th | 6-7 PM | contact SVDP at 691-5012 |
| 5) St. Thomas | Wed. Sept. 15 th | 6-7 PM | contact Cheryl at 685-2533 |

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING – Sept. 13th – Sept. 22nd

Students in grades 3-5-7 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). Testing can begin on **Monday, September 13th** and will go through **Wednesday, September 22nd**. Please be sure these students get plenty of sleep and have a good breakfast.

DRESS CODE

Please read and review the dress code in the Parent Handbook. With your help, the dress code will not be an issue with your child. A few reminders:

- Shirts are to be solid white polos. All shirts are to be long enough to stay tucked in when sitting down.
- The length of shorts, jumpers, and skirts are to be no shorter than 3 inches above the middle of the kneecap.
- Earrings – Girls are allowed to wear one pair of earrings (1 earring per ear) and the earring should not go below the earlobe. Hoop earrings are not allowed.
- **Make-up is not permitted.**
- One friendship bracelet
- Only clear fingernail polish may be worn.
- Belts MUST be worn in 7th and 8th grades.

Students shall wear uniform dress from the first day of school through the last. During the months of August through October and April through May, St. Vincent students have the option of wearing the uniform dark navy blue walking shorts.

*Even though it is not updated in the Student/Parent Handbook, Identity Apparel kacki shorts are permitted for 7th and 8th graders only.

DOING GOOD ONE SEARCH AT A TIME!

What if even a fraction of the billions of dollars generated by search engine advertisers was directed towards St. Vincent de Paul School? See the attached flyer on how you can use GoodSearch.com, a new search engine powered by Yahoo!, to help SVdP! GoodSearch donates 50% of its revenue, approximately a penny per search, to the charities designated by its users. You use it exactly as you would any other search engine and the pennies add up quickly!

SVDP on FACEBOOK

Find **St. Vincent de Paul Parish and School** on **Facebook®**. Follow us by clicking “Like” and get updates and information about the parish and school happenings.

MILEAGE CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SVdP has logged 64,959 ½ miles during the 15 years of Mileage Club. Children have walked a ¼ mile track around our parking lot three times a week for 6 weeks in the fall & 6 weeks in the spring. We would love to continue the program, but only have enough volunteers for one day a week. If you could help punch cards when a lap is completed or supervise the corner where cars come through the walking path, please email Mrs. Stuckey at stuckey@svdpvikings.com. First lunch group goes outside at 11:15 & last lunch concludes at 1:05.

IESA SPORTS PHYSICALS REQUIRED – 7TH AND 8TH students

Due to changes in both the Diocesan and IESA handbooks, all students in 7th and 8th grades participating in sports and cheerleading must turn in a sports physical prior to the season start date.

The Fall Semester sports are Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, and Cheerleading.

The Spring Semester sports are Volleyball, and Track/Field.

1) Girls Basketball sports physicals must be turned into the school office on or before **Monday, AUGUST 30TH**.

2) Boys Basketball sports physicals must be turned into the school office on or before **Monday, OCTOBER 18TH**.

Volleyball, and Track sports physical turn in dates will be forwarded to you when the sport start date is determined.

This sports physical requirement does **not** include Fall parochial soccer since that is a Parish sport.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

CONFIRMATION 2010 –

Just a reminder - practice will be on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:00 PM, and Confirmation will be on September 9th at 7:00 PM. Students will need to arrive early on the 9th at 6pm. Please pray for our students as they prepare to receive this sacrament!

WOMENS GUILD NEWS

Ladies' Night Out - Wednesday, September 1st 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a night out with your friends and join in some friendly competition! This year's theme is A Taste of St. Vincent de Paul ! Bring your favorite dish and join us for a night of fun and live entertainment in the Parish Hall! Prizes will be awarded for the best recipes! Please contact Kelly Sundstrom at 243-8589 or email at ksundstrom@ameritech.net to enter your recipe category!

“Meet The New Faces of SVdP” - Thursday, September 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

Come and meet our new Principal, Dr. James Minick, Gina Budris (Secretary), Elly Benin (Religious Education) and Luke Polillo (Spanish) at the Welcome Reception in the Parish Hall Lobby to start off Parent Night, Thursday, September 2nd.

NEW Parish Directory and Calendar Distribution-Thurs., September 2nd

After meeting St. Vincent's new faculty members stop by and pick up your new Parish Directory and 2010-2011 Calendar in the Parish Hall. Reserved directories are \$4.00. Extra directories are available for \$5.00. Calendars are \$5.00. Directories not picked up will be available for distribution after masses in September.

SVdP Sweatshirt Orders - Parent Night, Thursday, September 2nd

Need some new SVdP Sweatshirts? Parents, you can save \$5.00 on every sweatshirt if you order them at Parent Night!

Hoodies are regularly \$25; sale price \$20. Crews are regularly \$20; sale price \$15.

Payment is required at time of order. Your sweatshirts can also be personalized on the back for a \$5.00 fee.

SVdP also earns a \$5.00 rebate if the sweatshirts are purchased at Parent Night!

So parents save \$5.00 and SVdP earns \$5.00!! Please take this opportunity to stock up on sweatshirts, save some money, and earn some money for our school!!

SVdP Promoshop Gear

Interested in any more SVdP items? Visit our SVdP Vikings Promoshop online. Cool Viking Spiritwear is available plus a variety of other products. Check out the awesome golf umbrella. Perfect for those rainy soccer games. <http://svdpvikings.promoshop.com/>

EmbroidMe will have a display of SVdP Logo items at Parent Night to view as well.

Women's Guild Announcements on Facebook

If you haven't heard, SVdP is now on Facebook. Do you have a Facebook profile? If you don't have one, set one up at facebook.com. Then find St. Vincent de Paul Parish and School and "Like" it. You'll be able to keep up with all the latest St. Vincent de Paul activities and upcoming Women's Guild events.

SCRIP NEWS

SCRIP ORDER/PICKUP DATES

Scrip orders are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, August 27th.

Pick up dates are Friday, September 3rd, Saturday, September 4th, and Sunday, September 5th.

Friday pick up is in the school foyer from 3:00-3:30 PM.

Saturday pick up is at the church office after 4:30 PM Mass.

Sunday pick up is at the church office from 10:00-10:30 AM.

Please e-mail alonadawson@yahoo.com with questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September	01	Ladies Night Out	in Parish Hall
September	02	Back to School Night	7:00 PM in Parish Hall
September	06	NO SCHOOL	Labor Day
September	09	Confirmation	7:00 PM Mass
September	13	Iowa Basic Test of Skills Begins	(3 rd , 5 th , and 7 th grades)
September	19	Donut Sunday	after 9 AM and 10:30 AM Masses
September	24	Mid-terms available on ParentsWeb	
September	28	School Picture Day	
October	08	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Institute
October	11	NO SCHOOL	Columbus Day

We're looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Thanks,

Dr. James M. Minick