

VIKING NEWS

January 26, 2012

SCHOOL NEWS

John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Grants –

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2012 - 2013 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org: Click on EDUCATION; then on **OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**; and then on **SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS**. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only and anyone seeking to renew a grant for 2012 - 2013 must **reapply**. Deadline for the completed application is **February 15, 2012**. Notification of grant awards will be made by mid-April.

Peoria Notre Dame High School 8th Grade Informational Night –Thurs., Jan. 26th

The Peoria Notre Dame High School 8th grade informational night will be conducted tonight, Thursday, January 26th from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the PND High School Auditorium. This meeting is for both parents and 8th graders. Come meet the Peoria Notre Dame High School Principal, Mr. Charlie Roy and learn about Peoria Notre Dame High School.

Topics to be discussed include:

1. Trimester Structure
2. Computer 1 to 1 Program
3. Online Pre-registration Process
4. Scholarship and Financial Assistance
5. Upcoming Course Selection Process
6. Information from the Counseling Center

Market Day Information – orders due Fri., Jan. 27th, Internet orders due Wed., Feb. 1st

Every purchase you make will earn 10-20% profit for our school, and every product is backed by a 100% satisfaction guarantee – so you can trust the quality and value of Market Day's grocery items. Market Day can help raise funds for our school while buying food that your family needs every day. Market Day requires no door-to-door selling and supports our school every month. This means you can participate any time during the school year. Market Day orders are due by Friday, January 27th. Order forms are available at the school office, in the back of the church or order online at www.marketday.com, account #17611 or call Jill at 691-4262 to place an order. Internet orders are due by Wednesday, February 1st. Mark your calendars for PICK-UP on Monday, February 6th from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM in the school cafeteria.

Grandparents Feast – Friday, February 3rd

Friday of Catholic Schools week is "Celebrate Family" day. The Grandparents Feast will be Friday, February 3rd in the Parish Hall. If you have not turned in the form you received via e-mail, it **MUST** be turned in **by Monday, January 30, 2012**. **EVERY child in school needs to turn in a form, even if**

he/she is eating cold lunch or has no grandparent/friend coming. There will be tables where we will have a "Grandparent" stand-in waiting anxiously to sit with your children. Please see the attachment for the sign up form to turn in. All guests are invited to join us for Mass at 10:00 AM. After Mass, all are invited to visit the classrooms, tour the school, shop at the Book Fair in the old gym, relax and have coffee or tea in the cafeteria next to the old gym, while you wait for your lunch time.

Your lunch time will be scheduled alphabetically by the FAMILY last name:

A - F 11:00 AM

G - N 11:45 AM

O - Z 12:30 PM

Metritech Writing Test – 4th and 7th grades – Mon. Feb. 6th - Fri. Feb. 17th

The Metritech Writing Test will be administered sometime during February 6th – February 17th. This test is for all 4th and 7th graders. Similar to standardized tests, no study guides can be given; however, students are encouraged to get enough rest so that they may focus well during the test.

St. Vincent de Paul Preschool Registration 2012-2013 – Sun., Feb. 12th

St. Vincent de Paul Preschool registration for the 2012-2013 school year will take place on Sunday February 12th after the 9:00 AM Mass in the school lobby. Openings for the three year-olds and Pre-K classes will be available. Open slots will be filled according to the admission policy outlined in the St. Vincent de Paul Preschool Handbook found on our website at www.svdpvikings.com.

Class times are as follows:

The options for three year-olds (children turning 3 years of age by September 1, 2012) are:

1) Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM OR 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

2) Tuesday, Thursday

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM OR 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

The options for Pre-Kindergarten (children turning 4 years of age by September 1, 2012) are:

1) Monday – Friday

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM OR 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

2) Monday – Friday

12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

In addition to the class time, St. Vincent de Paul School offers before and after care for preschoolers.

The pre-school registration fee of \$50.00 is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable. If you have questions, please call Kathy Barnett, Preschool Administrator, at 691-5012 ext. 105.

Group Pictures for School Yearbook – Monday, February 13th

Group pictures for the St. Vincent School Yearbook will be taken on Monday, February 13th beginning at 8:30 AM in the old gym. If your child/ren are in Boy or Girl Scouts and **attend St. Vincent de Paul School** please have them wear their Scouting uniform or sash on that day for the pictures. Also, 7th grade individual and team dance pictures will be taken at the end of group pictures. Dance team members will be allowed to change into/out of their dance uniforms that morning.

SVdP Spring Musical – Audition class on Wed., Feb. 15th

St. Vincent de Paul School is pleased to announce that the play this year will be "Beauty and the Beast."

There will be an audition class on Wednesday, February 15th from 3:30-5:00 PM in the music room. All those in grades 5 - 8 who want to audition for the play need to attend this class. The auditions will be on Tuesday, Feb. 21st and Wednesday, Feb. 22nd after school in the music room from 3:30-5:00 PM. Call backs will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23rd in the music room from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Please talk to your child about the benefits and fun of trying out for a part in the play. I'm sure if you ask anyone who has been in our three plays, they will tell you what a great time they had. The play has been scheduled for Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th.

Kindergarten/New Student Registration for 2012-2013 – Sun., Feb. 26th

St. Vincent de Paul Kindergarten/New Student Registration for 2012-2013 has been scheduled for Sunday, February 26th from 8:00 AM - Noon. More information to follow.

Reminder for Physical and Dental

Please remember to make your appointments EARLY for the physicals, dentals, and eye exams that are required for next school year (2012-2013).

- 1) PHYSICALS - Students entering **K, and 6th grades** are required to turn in their **PHYSICAL** forms by the first day of school. All immunizations must be up-to-date along with verification of lead screening.
- 2) DENTALS - Students entering **K, 2nd, and 6th grades** are required to turn in their **DENTAL** forms by the first day of school.
- 3) EYE EXAMS - Students entering **K** are required to turn in their **EYE** forms by the first day of school.

Viking Newsletter dates – every other Thursday

The Viking Newsletter will be emailed home to all our families on every other Thursday. The Viking Newsletter is always available on our website and ParentsWeb. The following are the dates to be looking for the Viking Newsletter the second semester:

Thurs. Feb. 9th and Thurs. Feb. 23rd

Thurs. Mar. 15th and Thurs. Mar. 29th

Thurs. April 19th

Thurs. May 3rd, May 17th, and May 31st

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Catholic Schools Week – Sunday, January 29th - Saturday, February 4th

Please find attached the 2012 Catholic Schools Week calendar of activities planned for St. Vincent de Paul School. Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 29th - February 4th.

Sunday Noon Mass Choir –

Here is the schedule of the noon Masses when the students will be singing in the choir. Please have the students come to the choir section of the church at 11:45 AM.

Noon Mass Grade Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade Responsible</u>
February 12	3 rd grade
March 11	1 st grade
April 22	Kindergarten
May 6	2 nd grade (May Crowning)

All School Masses changed –

- 1) The all school Mass for Friday, February 3rd time has been changed to 10:00 AM due to Grandparents Luncheon that day. This is also the Feast of St. Blaise and blessing of throats.
- 2) The all school Mass for Friday, February 24th has been changed to Wednesday, February 22nd for Ash Wednesday.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Catholic Schools Week -

During Catholic Schools Week our Student Council members will be speaking at the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses, and helping out during the Grandparent Lunch on Friday.

Save the Date – Friday, February 24th

SAVE THE DATE – Student Council is planning a "pack the house" night for Volleyball. Please put Friday, February 24th on your calendar and plan to attend this fun night to support our girls' volleyball teams. More information to come soon.

Talent Show – Friday, March 30th

The annual SVDP Talent Show has been scheduled for Friday, March 30th. All 5th - 8th grader students are encouraged to try-out for the talent show. Specific information regarding try-outs and the practice schedule will be e-mailed in February. Individual and group performances are encouraged. We are looking forward to seeing all our talented students.

SCRIP NEWS

Scrip order/pick-up dates – pick-up is tomorrow, Friday, January 27th

Pick up date is tomorrow, Friday, January 27th in the school office.

Next Scrip orders are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 3rd with this order pick-up on Friday, February 10th. Please e-mail alonadawson@yahoo.com with questions.

DISTRICT # 150 BUS NEWS

Due to differences in our school calendars, District #150 bus will not run on the following dates:

Monday, February 13th no AM/PM

Friday, March 30th no AM/PM

Monday, April 2nd no AM/PM

Tuesday, April 3rd no AM/PM

Wednesday, April 4th no AM/PM

Thursday, May 31st no AM/PM

Friday, June 1st no AM/PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	26	SVdP Scholastic Book Fair begins
January	27	Chili Supper – Parish Hall – 5-8 PM
January	29	Catholic Schools Week begins
January	29	Donut Sunday in School Cafeteria after 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses
February	03	All School Mass – time change to 10:00 AM
February	03	Grandparents Luncheon
February	12	Pre-school Registration for 2012-2013 –school lobby – 10:00 AM
February	17	No School – Region I Teacher Institute Day
February	20	No School – Faculty Retreat Day
February	22	All School Mass – in church at 9:15 AM for Ash Wednesday
February	26	SVdP Kindergarten/New Student Registration – school office- 8:00 AM - Noon

Have a great February!
Dr. James M. Minick