



ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

VIKING NEWSLETTER

August 22, 2019

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul School (SVdP) 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.

School Calendar -

Be sure to check out the school calendar in both ParentsWeb and our website for all the important dates and events occurring this school year including days off, field trips, school Masses, etc.

The official school starting time for the 19-20 school year is 8:25 AM.

Because our academic day starts at 8:30 AM which includes any Encore classes (PE, Music, Spanish etc.) where the students have to move from their homeroom class to the Encore to attend, the school bell will ring at 8:25 AM for the school year. This means that **the students should be in their classroom before the school 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 (Middle school doors will be locked at 8:15 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.

Tardiness from the handbook:

“Tardiness

Respect for the learning atmosphere requires that students be on time for school. The students should be in the classroom before the second bell rings at 8:25 AM. The all school prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and daily announcements begin immediately following the 8:25 a.m. Opening Bell. **THERE IS NO TARDY BELL.** Therefore, all students arriving after 8:25 a.m. but before 10:00 a.m. will be marked tardy and **must first report to the main office** to receive a tardy slip before going to class.

For every 3rd tardy the student will receive a detention that will be served that day during their recess time.”

Drop-off/Pick-up Procedure –

To review and in order to create a SAFE school environment for our children, the following procedures will be followed:

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-The gate will remain OPEN during morning drop-off and pick-up. The gate will be closed during the school day.

-Main drop-off will be either at the front of the school in the YELLOW area in front of the steps OR middle school side. There will NOT be drop-off at the new gym entrance.

-Drop-off begins at 8:00 AM. Students arriving at school before 8:15 AM will report to the OLD gym until the first homeroom bell rings.

-Middle School entrance will be open 8:00-8:15 AM. If arrival is after 8:15 AM, the students must be dropped off at the main school entrance.

-Cars can exit via University Ave or Northmoor Road, in the AM and PM. When exiting via Northmoor Road please use the 2nd traffic lane of the parking lot to head north.

-In the afternoon, cars should pull forward into parking spots and pull forward when leaving. Avoid BACKING UP, please. It's difficult to see children behind you.

Parents and students should communicate which doors they will exit at the end of the day. A "yellow walking path" goes from the front entrance of the school to the north doors entrance of the church. There is "no parking" allowed in this path. The path will be used by all of our school students when they are crossing the parking lot to/from church. It is also to be used when entering and leaving your cars in the AM and PM. If everyone uses the path to cross we will not have families/students crossing all over the parking lot and making it unsafe for all.

Administration of ALL Medications –

All PRESCRIPTION and NON-PRESCRIPTION (over-the-counter) medications require written authorization from the student's health care provider (licensed to prescribe the medication) as well as written parental consent for the office to dispense. See attached policy entitled, "*Administration of Medication Policy.*"

If your child will be requiring staff to administer inhalers, medicine, including any other-the-counter medicines, during the school day, please complete the attachment entitled, "*School Medication Authorization Form*" and return to the school office with their medication. **NOTE:** this form requires a doctor to complete a section and sign for **over-the-counter** and prescription medication.

Any medication for a student must be in an original, properly labeled container, either labeled by the pharmacy with the name of the student, name of the medication, dosage and instructions, name of the pharmacist, and pharmacy contact information, or in the case of over-the-counter medications, labeled by the retailer with the name of the medication and suggested dosage, with the student's name affixed to the container.

Physicals and Immunizations –

Congratulations SVdP Families! SVdP had 100% compliance for our Kindergarten students requiring a physical or immunization records! It is a huge accomplishment to have all of our Kindergarten and most of our 6th grade students be in compliance for their 1st day of school! Great job! There are some dentals and eye exams due still. If you are not sure if you turned in the paperwork contact the school office to check. Please turn that paperwork into the school office ASAP. Thank you!

Before-Care Information –

Reminder: please drop your Before-Care students off at the CARE door to the right of the school front doors in the morning. If any student comes to school before 8:00 AM, they are to go to Care and you will be billed. Students are NOT allowed in the old gym until 8:00 AM. **ALL** students utilizing CARE this year **MUST** register (or re-register) by completing the registration form even if they have gone to CARE in previous school years. The registration form is in ParentsWeb, under Web forms, on our website at www.svdpvikings.com, For Parents, Before/After Care, and attached to this newsletter as “*CARE Sign Up Form.*”

Professional Learning Communities – dismissal Wed. at 2:30 PM

St. Vincent de Paul School will continue to implement the Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). These PLCs enable teachers to work together to cooperatively plan instruction for all students and help us maintain our high academic achievement. Every faculty member at SVdP has been assigned to one of four Professional Learning Communities in the school. Each team composed of four teachers from different subject areas or grades, works together to reduce repetition and challenge each student to be the best that he/she can be. PLCs plan, coordinate, and evaluate curriculum and instruction across academic areas. These teams will cooperatively plan your child's instruction which fosters the transfer of ideas among disciplines and increase relevance. For teachers, teams also provide a collaborative and supportive work group.

Since this thorough planning requires additional teacher time, the school will continue to have **2:30 PM early release each Wednesday** during the school year.

Lunch Information for the 2019-2020 school year –

Our school lunch program serves hot, nutritious meals for \$2.75. The cafeteria program does not make any money and strives not to lose very much. Unfortunately in the past, some parents have not made timely payments to their lunch accounts and consequently have accumulated rather large arrearages to the lunch program.

If you are having financial difficulties, please complete the Free and Reduced Application that was emailed to you. If you cannot find that application, there are more in the school office or on our website. All financial information will be treated in the strictest confidence. No students, teachers, or cafeteria members will know that you are receiving a free or reduced meal.

Lunch prices for 2019-2020 school year remain at: \$2.75 per hot lunch
Cold Lunch milk remained at \$0.50, Extras also remain at \$1.00.

Please be sure to deposit money into your FACTS Prepay family lunch account for your student/s' lunches. Login to ParentsWeb, and click on "FINANCIAL" or send money to the school office to be added into your Prepay Account (if sending cash you MUST put in an envelope with your Family Name clearly marked or checks for the lunch program should be made out to SVdP Hot Lunch Program). A friendly reminder email will be sent every Sunday to any families that have a low balance (<\$10) or a negative balance in their lunch prepay account. Please be sure to add money by that following Monday.

The Lunch Menu is available in the office hanging files and two other areas: 1) our school website at www.svdpvikings.com, "What's for Lunch" link (top right) or 2) on ParentsWeb, Student Information, Lunch tab.

Reminder: No soda or candy from home is to be brought to school as part of their lunch. SVdP strives to provide a nutritional cafeteria for both our school-provided lunches and those brought from home.

School Directory -

The SVdP school directory is available in ParentsWeb. This directory is ONLY public to our registered school families. Parents can access the school directory with information on parents/students' names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails in ParentsWeb.

To access this school directory please log into ParentsWeb, and click on the "Directory" tab under School Information on the left-hand side of the main screen. The entire directory will be displayed or search box choices are available. For more information (ie. cell phone numbers, emails etc.) click on the underlined name.

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 where they will be asked to sign in, leave their keys, and wear a visitors lanyard. When finished visitors' keys will be returned after signing out and returning the lanyard. Thank you for your cooperation when visiting our school.

NWEA-MAPS Testing – begins August 26th

The NWEA Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) testing will begin next week for all grades. MAPs are benchmark tests that provide information to the staff on how your child is progressing and the areas we need to improve our instruction. These tests are given in the fall, winter (January) and spring (April/May).

Change to Middle School Behavior Policy –

Please note that the Middle School Discipline and Behavior Management Procedures in the Parent/Student Handbook have been updated. The update is to the following:

“Note: The teacher and administration reserves the right to abridge or by-pass the above procedures depending upon the severity of the offense. All students who receive 5 or more detentions are subject to an Out-of-School Suspension.”

Viking Voices Choir Sign-ups – 3rd -8th Graders

Viking Voices Choir begins on Sunday, September 8th! Rehearsals are held on Sundays in between the 9AM and 11AM Masses, from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM, in the Music Room at the south end of the school. The children will sing on occasional Sunday and Holy Day Masses throughout the year, with some community performances too.

Any child in grades 3-8 is welcome to join no matter their experience or ability. To register your child visit bit.ly/VVregistration. Information, questions, and schedule: contact the director, Leah Olsen, leah@olsenemail.com or 309-282-9128.

Cub Scout Sign-Ups – Tuesday, August 27th at Bicycle Safety Town

Calling all new and returning Cub Scouts! Please join us at Bicycle Safety Town on Tuesday August 27th at 6:00 PM for the annual Pack 156 registration night (grades K-5). Adult and youth applications will be available, as well as a schedule of planned events; annual fees (\$33 for returning scouts and \$44 for new scouts) will be collected. Bring your bike and helmet! Please contact Ed Shimon with any questions (ejshimon@gmail.com).

American Heritage Girl (AHG) – Thursday, September 5th

Join us this Fall as we kick off our first year. Our first Troop meeting will be Thursday, September 5th from 6:00-7:30 PM in the school Care room for girls 1st – 3rd grade for the 2019-2020 school year. Parents and their daughters are welcome to this first meeting. AHG is a Christ-centered scouting program for girls, that emphasizes leadership, patriotism, and community service as girls earn badges in areas of interest as diverse as Outdoor Skills, The Arts, and Science and Technology. Come and be a part of this exciting new program.

Contact Jen Hutsell at 309-363-9432 or AHGIL1737@gmail.com for more information.

www.Americanheritagegirls.org  **YouTube** [Youtube.com/AHGchannel](https://www.youtube.com/AHGchannel)

Viking Newsletter dates – bimonthly email distribution

For the 2019-2020 school year, the Viking Newsletter will be emailed home to all our families every other Thursday. This is to make sure that the information gets home to our parents. The Viking Newsletter which contains important school information is always available on our website and ParentsWeb. The following are the dates to be looking for the Viking Newsletter the first semester:

Thursday, Sept. 5th

Thursday, Sept. 19th

Thursday, Oct. 3rd

Thursday, Oct. 17th

Thursday, Oct. 31st

Thursday, Nov. 14th

Thursday, Dec. 5th

Thursday, Dec. 19th

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Religious Activities and Devotions in the School

Please see our calendar attachment entitled, "School Religious Activities and Devotions 2019-2020" attached to the email. Parents are welcome to attend school Masses, rosaries, and other devotions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the Parish and School

Students will have the great gift of praying in adoration for 15-20 minutes each week! We would love to have parents pray with us as well. Join us in adoring our Lord and praying for each other, our school, our parish as a whole! Contact Sarah Hogan, 309-863-4791 or shogan@svdpvikings.com with questions or to commit to a half hour time slot.

ATHLETIC NEWS

IESA sports physicals required - 7TH and 8TH students

ALL students in 7th and 8th grades participating in sports must turn in a sport physical prior to the season start date. The \$45.00 athletic fee per sport should also be paid as soon as invoiced in your FACTS account.

The **Fall Semester** sports are Cross Country, Golf, Baseball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, and Boys Basketball

1) Cross Country, Golf, and Baseball sports physicals should have been turned in before first meet/round/game.

2) Girls Basketball sports physicals must be turned into the school office on or before Monday, September 2nd.

3) Boys Basketball/Cheerleading sports physicals must be turned into the school office on or before Monday, October 21st.

Girls Basketball/ Cheerleading- signups due Tuesday, September 3rd

It is time to sign up for the 2019-2020 St. Vincent de Paul Girls Basketball/ Cheerleading. Girls Basketball is open to all 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls and Cheer to all 7th & 8th grade girls.

Registration MUST be completed via the St. Vincent de Paul website for Athletics at www.svdpvikings.com, "Athletics," "Registration" to register your child for Girls Basketball or Cheerleading. On the website registration you will need to make sure and check the boxes noting you and your child will read and accept the IESA Concussion Policy, the SVdP Handbook and Parent/Guardian Consent and Liability Form. Your child will also need to have a current physical on file at the school. The athletic fee is \$45.00 and you will be

invoiced/billed through the FACTS System for each sport. You may go online and pay this invoice or you can bring a check to the office made payable to SVdP Athletics.

Practice start dates and times and coaches for each grade are as follows:

Girls Basketball -

5th- Kevin Williams - first practice 3:30 PM (Main Gym) Wednesday, Sept. 4th

6th-Scott and Jamie Frey - first practice 3:30 PM (Main Gym) Tuesday, Sept. 3rd

7th-PJ Wolbeck - first practice 5:15 PM (Main Gym) Tuesday, Sept. 3rd

8th Mike Maddalozzo, John Rodgers, Matt Dries-first practice 7:00 PM (Main Gym) Tue., Sept. 3rd

Cheerleading -

7th Heather Wolbeck and Kim Bellamy - Practice will not start until October

8th Meghan Dries and Melissa Hjort- Practice will not start until October

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Schifeling at topher@mtco.com or 309-208-8226.

Girls Basketball Parent Meeting – Wednesday, September 4th

There will be a short parent meeting for girls' basketball on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

SCRIP NEWS

Scrip order /pick-up dates – orders due tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 23rd

Scrip orders are due tomorrow, Friday, August 23rd. Pick up date is Friday, August 30th in the school office. Please e-mail Linsey Kauffman at lynzi2782@yahoo.com with questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August	23	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
August	26	MAPs Testing begins	(all grades)
August	27	Adoration (all day)/Benediction	3:00 PM
August	30	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
September	02	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day Holiday	
September	03	Adoration (all day)/Benediction	3:00 PM
September	03	All-School Rosary (led by 8 th Grade)	2:40 PM
September	06	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
September	10	Adoration (all day)/Benediction	3:00 PM
September	13	All-School Mass	9:15 AM

We're looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Thank you,

Mrs. Patsy Santen, Principal