



ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

VIKING NEWSLETTER

October 3, 2019

SCHOOL NEWS

ARE YOUR CHILD'S EYE AND DENTAL EXAMS AT SCHOOL?

The office has emailed several times families who have not handed in their child's eye and/or dental exams here at school. It is MANDATED by the state of Illinois that this paperwork be submitted to the school for the 2019-20 school year. 2nd grade is required to have dental exams and Kindergarten is required to have dental and eye exams. If you received an email from the office this past Monday, then the office does not have your required forms. PLEASE, PLEASE get these to our office ASAP.

4th – 8th Graders to Attend Parish Funerals -

Jesus teaches us that He came not to be served but to serve. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are one way to understand Jesus' teaching on serving. We all know the call to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty but sometimes we forget about burying the dead and praying for them. Again this year Fr. Willard is asking our students from grades 4th - 8th to serve our parish by attending parish funerals. He believes it is important for our students to experience the joy of the Resurrection and the newness of life in Christ Jesus. The students will understand not to fear death but rejoice that death has no power over us because of Jesus. It helps them understand that we are a people of hope and that death is gain. Also, the grieving families are always appreciative of the presence of our young people and knowing that they are praying for them in their time of sorrow. Sometimes some families will give some Words of Remembrance about their loved ones and our students are able to know a little about the person and how they served God in their life. This allows our students to truly appreciate attending funerals, knowing that they are living out their faith by participating in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

8th Student Ambassadors – forms due Wednesday, October 9th

Sign-ups for 8th grade student ambassadors have begun. Being a student ambassador is a great chance to develop leadership skills, hone communication skills, and serve the school. This is open to 8th graders. See the attachment entitled, "*Viking Student Ambassadors*" for more information and the sign-up form. The form can also be found on our website at www.svdpvikings.com under Student Life, Activities/Programs, and Student Ambassadors.

This form is due to the school office by next Wednesday, Oct. 9th if your 8th grader is interested in becoming a student ambassador.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Thursday, October 10th

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place next week on Thursday, Oct. 10th from 1-7 PM.

For students in K-5th grades, conference times will be sent home with your oldest/only K-5th grade student tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 4th.

For students in 6th – 8th grades, the teachers will be at tables in the Parish Hall. These conferences are considered “OPEN” and no appointment is needed. Our Encore teachers will also be in the Parish Hall for meetings at conference time. Music will be in the Title 1 Room – last room on left after the small gym.

First Quarter report cards will be emailed/posted on Fri., Oct. 25th.

October Early Dismissal and NO School Dates –

Reminder that there will be early dismissal or no school on the following dates in October:

Thursday, October 10th Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM (for Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Friday, October 11th No School

Monday, October 14th No School - Columbus Day Holiday

Tuesday, October 15th No School - Professional Development Day

Picture Re-Take Day – Tuesday, October 22nd

Picture re-takes have been scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd starting at 8:30 AM. These are for students who were absent or not satisfied with the original. Remember picture re-take day is a dress-up day only for those having their picture re-taken. TSS Photography utilizes an exclusive online proofing system. You will be able to proof your child’s picture before it is actually printed. Details will be sent to the email address you have registered with the school within a week after your picture day. You can also place your order online when you proof your child/ren’s pictures.

You must go online, view your child’s proof, and decide if you would like a re-take by Monday, Oct. 21st 3:00 PM. If you are happy with your child’s portrait, you will do nothing.

If you would like to request a re-take for any reason, follow the instructions online.

There will not be another retake date after October 22nd.

ALL PORTRAITS WILL BE PRINTED AFTER RE-TAKE DAY AND THEN MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME.

First Quarter Report Cards – emailed and posted Friday, October 25th

Parents will receive an email (1 per student) on Friday, October 25th around 3:00 PM that will have a link to click and view each student’s report card. If you want a hard copy of the report card please print it when viewing as the link is only available for 14 calendar days. Parents can also view their students’ report cards in ParentsWeb, Student Information tab, Report Card.

Report cards will be posted as of 3:00 PM that day. Arrearages (including tuition, lunch, and care accounts) that exist at the time of report card posting will result in the loss of ParentsWeb access until insufficient funds are paid.

Family Prepay Lunch Account and Incidental Expenses Balances –

Please check your family lunch account balances via ParentsWeb, Financial tab. This will automatically log you into your FACTS account page.

The “**Prepay**” section of your home page will indicate your family lunch account balance. Please be sure to add money to your family lunch account.

The “Balances” section of your home page will indicate not only your payment plan for tuition/fees but also the **Incidental Expenses** owed. All billing for athletics, field trips, clubs/organizations, CARE, etc. is done in FACTS and will show in the incidental expenses box. Please be sure to pay any incidental expenses balances promptly.

Would You Like to Get Daily/Weekly Gradebook Progress Reports?

SVdP ParentsWeb has the option for you to receive daily/weekly gradebook progress reports (for grades 3-8) if desired. A parent would just have to request that report be emailed to them. To request, just log into FACTS SIS ParentsWeb and under School Information, Webforms, Family Demographic Form, Custodial Parent Form, there is a preference choice toward the bottom. From the drop down arrow by “Auto Email Gradebook Progress Report” choose never, daily, or weekly. We hope this option helps to keep parents informed of their child’s school academic progress.

Yearbook Pictures

If you have taken pictures at any events involving SVdP students and would like to share them with Mrs. Roten for use in the yearbook please email them to croten@svdpvikings.com Please send them anytime throughout the school year until February 21, 2020. Thank you.

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, Oct. 17th
Thursday, Oct. 31st
Thursday, Nov. 14th

Thursday, Dec. 5th
Thursday, Dec. 19th

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Animal Blessing – Friday, October 4th

All parish families are invited to bring their household pets to an animal blessing tomorrow, Friday, October 4th at 3:00 PM on the playground to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Change in Date - 7TH Grade Parent Confirmation Meeting – Mon., Oct. 28th

All 7th grade parents should attend an informational sacrament meeting for Confirmation on Monday, October 28th at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

All-School Mass – Thursday, October 10th

Due to no school Friday, October 11th the all-school Mass will be on Thursday, October 10th at 9:15 AM.

Saint Parade – Thursday, October 31st

SVdP will have our Saint Parade on Thursday, October 31st at 2:45 PM. For grades K-5th students that dress up remember the costumes must be of a religious nature or saint. Please see the attachment entitled, “*Saint Parade Guidelines and Resources*” when choosing your child’s costume for the Halloween parties/Saint Parade.

Save the Date–2nd Grade Parent Sacrament Meeting – Thurs., Nov. 7th

All 2nd grade parents should attend an informational sacrament meeting for First Reconciliation and First Communion on Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Golf Shirts –

All golf team members who have not turned in their SVdP golf shirts please return them in a plastic bag with your name on it to the box under the table in the school front office.

Boys and Girls Cross Country

Our Cross Country teams will be competing in the Sectional on Saturday, Oct. 12th at Maxwell Park in Bloomington 10:00 AM. Good Luck SVdP Runners!

Girls Basketball -

Games Date Changes- Thursday 10/3 Peoria Christian 7th and 8th girls basketball games will now be at SVdP at 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Monday 10/7 Metamora 7th and 8th girls basketball HOME games will be cancelled due to the Soccer Final- Good Luck Girls Soccer Team!

Next Home Games- Thursday 10/3 Peoria Christian 7th and 8th girls games at SVdP at 6 & 7 PM

Tuesday 10/8 Epiphany 7th and 8th girls games at SVdP at 6 and 7 PM

Boys Basketball / Cheerleading – sign-ups due Thursday, Oct. 17th

Registration for all boys basketball teams and for cheerleading have been opened up online. To sign-up online go to SVdP website at www.svdpvikings.com click on the Athletics tab, then Registration tab. Once online registration is completed the only item required to be turned in to the school office is an updated IESA sports physical (if not already turned one in for this year). The athletic fee of \$45.00 per sport/per athlete will be billed in your FACTS system and

can be paid online if desired or cash/check (payable to SVdP Athletics) paid in the school office. Please sign-up/register your athlete by Thursday, October 17th.

Boys Basketball/ Cheerleading Parents Meeting – Tues., Oct. 22nd

There will be a short parents meeting for those who have signed up for boys basketball and girls cheerleading in the cafeteria on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd at 6:00 PM. The volunteer requirements will be covered for the new season. Please make sure that at least one parent attends this meeting.

Athletic Pass

As a convenience, a family athletic pass is being offered for the 2019-2020 school year. This pass will entitle parents and their children admission into all regular season home games for girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and volleyball. Grandparents are not included. Any tournaments or IESA post-season games hosted at St. Vincent are not included.

For those interested please complete the attachment entitled "*Family Athletic Pass Order Form*" and submit completed form and \$100 (check payable to SVdP Athletics) to the school office. A list of participating families will be present at the admissions table during games for reference/check-in. No cards will be issued.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Schifeling at topher@mtco.com or 309-208-8226. All schedules, roster information, pictures, registration and forms can be accessed on the school website at www.svdpvikings.com and click on the link to the Athletics website.

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PND Soccer Game – Friday, October 4th

Peoria Notre Dame Men's Soccer is excited to announce it will play the #1 team in the nation, Saint Ignatius (Cleveland, OH), tomorrow, Friday, October 4th at 7:30 at PND. The PND Irish Kids Club will be hosting special games, contests, and activities at this match. See attached flyer entitled, "*PND Soccer vs. Saint Ignatius.*"

8th Grade Visit Day – Thursday, October 10th

On Thursday, October 10th Peoria Notre Dame High School will host its “8th Grade Encounter Day” for all area 8th graders from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM. Eighth graders will learn how PND students encounter Jesus Christ throughout their school community and learn more about the faith formation opportunities offered at PND!

PND High School’s Open House/Information Night – Wed., Oct. 16th

Save the date and mark your calendars. Peoria Notre Dame High School is hosting an Open House and Information Night on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30 PM in the PND Auditorium. ALL our families are invited to this event and your students are encouraged to attend with their parents. Tours of the school will be provided. Please see the attached flyer entitled, “PND Open House Invitation” for more information.

PND Student Ambassadors to visit SVdP – Thursday, October 17th

PND Student Ambassadors are coming to SVdP to speak to our middle school classes regarding student life and enrollment at PND. Our PND visitors will be at SVdP on Thursday, Oct. 17th from 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM to talk to SVdP middle schoolers in a small group setting. The 6th-8th graders will be given more information and important dates for PND events.

PND Shadow Visits – 8th grade students are invited to experience a day in the life of a PND student by scheduling a shadow visit. Shadow visitors will have a chance to explore the PND campus, attend classes and lunch, and learn more about the activities that PND offers. Please visit <https://my.peorianotredame.com/shadow-request> to schedule your visit.

PND Dance Team Fundraiser for PreK-6th Graders – Fri., Nov.1st

Please see the attached flyer and registration form entitled, “PND Movie Night Flyer 2019,” for information regarding the PND Dance Team Movie Night Fundraiser.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STEAM Events at Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center –

STEAM events at Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center will be back for middle and high school students in October. STEAM Saturdays are for middle and high school students interested in the medical industry. Please see the attached flyer entitled, “*STEAM 2019 Fall Course Flyer.*” The flyer targets both middle and high school students and includes descriptions of the courses along with dates, times, and pricing. Also, information about PNC Bank scholarships and applications for help paying the course fees are in the school front office hanging files.

SCRIP NEWS

Scrip order /pick-up dates – orders due tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 4th

Scrip orders are due tomorrow, Friday, October 4th. Pick up date is Friday, October 11th in the school office. The next Scrip order due date will be on Friday, October 11th with this order pick up date on Friday, October 18th. Please e-mail Linsey Kauffman at lynzi2782@yahoo.com with questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	04	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
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October	08	Adoration (all day)/Benediction	3:00 PM
October	10	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
October	10	Early Dismissal – Conferences	dismiss at 11:30 AM
October	10	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
October	11	NO School	
October	14	NO School – Columbus Day	
October	15	NO School – Staff Development	
October	18	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
October	18	End of First Quarter	
October	22	Picture Re-Take Day	8:30 AM
October	22	Adoration (all day)/Benediction	3:00 PM
October	25	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
October	25	Report Cards emailed/posted in ParentsWeb	
October	29	Adoration (all day)/Benediction	3:00 PM
October	31	All Saints Parade	2:45 PM

Have a great October!

Thank you,

Mrs. Patsy Santen, Principal