



ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

VIKING NEWSLETTER

September 19, 2019

SCHOOL NEWS

SVdP FEAST WEEK – Service Projects – September 22nd -27th

St Vincent de Paul Feast Day is next Friday, Sept. 27th. In celebration of his feast day, the parish has events through the week as well as our school children. St. Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of our parish and school. He had a deep compassion for the poor. Our school children will be carrying out a service project to help the needy. Here is a brief explanation of what each of the grade levels will be doing to help the less fortunate that week:

Kindergarten and 1st Grade: Drawing pictures and writing notes to the sick of our parish

2nd and 3rd Grades: Picking up trash around our school and church and decorating lunch bags for Sophia's Kitchen

4th Grade: Collecting Items for the Children's Hospital of IL-St. Jude-Peoria and sponsoring a Spirit Shirt day on Thursday, Sept. 26th for \$1.00 ...proceeds go to Sophia's Kitchen

5th Grade: Singing to the folks at Rosewood Nursing Home on Thursday afternoon

6th Grade: Cleaning up the Habitat on Monday and Tuesday

7th Grade: Collecting items for Crittenton Centers

8th Grade: Leading a Rosary at Independence Village on Wednesday morning

And just a reminder, we are also collecting canned goods all week for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. BRING CANNED AND BOXED FOODS...no glass containers please.

It should be a wonderful week where our students will learn from these tasks the importance of giving to those less fortunate. The week concludes on the actual Feast Day with a Prayer Service at our St. Vincent de Paul Statue Friday, Sept. 27th afternoon at 2:30 PM and a celebration of popsicles afterwards! We hope you all can join us!

Vision/Hearing Testing – Monday, Sept. 23rd and Tuesday, Sept. 24th

Testing will be conducted Monday, September 23rd and Tuesday, September 24th. The screenings are as follows:

PreK -	Vision and Hearing	2 nd Grade -	Vision and Hearing
Kindergarten -	Hearing	3 rd Grade -	Hearing
1 st Grade -	Hearing	8 th Grade -	Vision

In addition, any special placement students, any new students, and those referred by the classroom teacher are screened for both. Those students with a “possible” hearing or vision problem are referred to a doctor for examination and/or treatment and will be followed up by the Health Department. Parents who do not receive a letter or a call from the Health Department can assume their child “passed.”

September ½ Day School Date – Wednesday, September 25th

Reminder that there will be ½ day of school on Wednesday, September 25th due to Professional Development for our teachers. Dismissal will be at 11:30 AM and AfterCARE will be available but parents need to provide a lunch.

NO Chess Club Meeting – Wednesday, September 25th

There will not be a chess club meeting on Wed., Sept. 25th due to the 11:30 AM early dismissal.

Theatre Discovery Day: 5th–8th graders – Wednesday, September 25th

Attention all 5th – 8th grade students...

Join us Wednesday, September 25th for our Theatre Discovery Day at SVdP! Mr. Blanks will introduce our new director as we learn about the spring program this year. The event will take place after school from 11:30-2:00 PM. We will provide pizza and juice for lunch (or bring your own)! The Theatre Discovery Day is perfect for any student interested in participating in the musical this year. If you think you want to give the musical a try, come join us to DISCOVER how much fun this year's show will be. Please fill out this short google form if your child will be attending Discovery Day - <https://forms.gle/spiYufadMjus9ztZ7>

Spirit Shirt Day for Sophia's Kitchen – Thursday, September 26th

The fourth grade class is sponsoring a spirit shirt day. If you want to wear an SVdP spirit shirt please bring \$1.00 or more on Thursday, September 26th to your homeroom teacher. All proceeds will be donated to Sophia's Offerings from Angel's Kitchen. Remember uniform bottoms MUST be worn with your spirit shirt.

Dress Code – last day for shorts this year is Monday, September 30th

The SVdP Parent/Student Handbook states:

“Shorts may be worn during the months of **August through September** and **May through June.**”

*(If the heat continues past September, you will be notified via email if this date changes)

Please remember that the last day for shorts will be Monday, September 30th. Beginning on Tuesday, October 1st, and lasting through April, students must wear the uniform navy blue twill pants. Grades 7-8 may wear khaki pants that are purchased through Lagron-Miller (681-9171), Sam Harris (671-4543), or Identity Apparel (682-5400). Also, the only sweaters allowed are the navy blue cardigans, crew, V-neck, or navy blue vests. Sweaters and vests cannot have hoods. The only sweatshirts allowed in the classroom are the navy blue crew neck sweatshirts purchased at Identity Apparel, Sam Harris or Lands' End. The navy blue SVdP embroidered

¼ zip pullover is allowed but no fleece jackets and no other hooded/crew sweatshirts will be allowed to be worn in the classroom.

School Picture Day – Wednesday, October 2nd

TSS Photography will be here on Wednesday, October 2nd to take school pictures. Whether pictures are purchased or not, each child will have a picture taken since it will serve as their yearbook picture. Online ordering information is attached to this newsletter entitled “*SVdP Fall Picture Preorder Instructions 2019*,” and available on our website at www.svdpvikings.com Events tab (far right of home page). Hard copies of the order forms will be sent home with students today. Picture Day is a uniform or dress up day; however, no open-toed, open heeled shoes (sandals). After pictures are taken TSS Photography will contact you via email with instructions on proofing your student’s pictures for your order and your orders will be sent directly to your house. All emails and addresses will be used solely for the purpose of distributing information to parents regarding picture day services and mailing pictures directly to the parents. All emails and addresses are kept within the TSS system only, and are never sold or shared with other parties.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Thursday, October 10th

Parent/Teacher Conferences this year will take place on one day, Thursday, October 10th from 1:00 – 7:00 PM before report cards are emailed to families. Information regarding conferences for K-8th graders was emailed this past Monday. For students in K-5th grades, conference time preference sheets are asked to be returned by tomorrow, Friday, September 20th. These preference sheets were included in Monday’s email or can be found on our website at www.svdpvikings.com under the “For Parents,” “Common Forms,” links or in the front office hanging files. 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. First Quarter report cards will be emailed/posted on Friday, 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 10 th	Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM (for Parent/Teacher Conferences)
Friday, October 11 th	No School
Monday, October 14 th	No School - Columbus Day Holiday
Tuesday, October 15 th	No School - Professional Development Day

After School Hours – Locked Classrooms/School

The school classrooms will be locked after dismissal. The school exterior doors will be locked after 6:00 PM if there are no after-school activities or when the after-school activities are completed each night. This means that there will be no entering the classrooms and/or school once the classrooms/school is locked for the day. Please do not knock on the doors or ask the custodians and expect them to let you into the classrooms/school as they are busy cleaning the school. They have been instructed not to allow anyone into the classrooms/school once it is locked for the day. Encourage your children to make sure they have all the books and

everything they will need for the evening when they leave school for the day otherwise it will have to wait until school re-opens the next morning. This is due to the safety issues in the news. Thank you for your understanding.

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

SVdP ParentsWeb has the option for you to receive daily/weekly gradebook progress reports 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.

FACTS Prepay Lunch Accounts –

Please be sure that you are checking your FACTS Prepay lunch account balances frequently. You should be receiving emails on Sundays for any negative balances (meaning you owe money) or any low balances (< \$10 in account). It is very important that you add money to your FACTS Prepay Lunch Account either online in FACTS or bringing in a check (payable to SVdP Hot Lunch Program) or cash to the school office as soon as possible. There are a lot of families with low or even negative balances. Thank you for checking your FACTS prepay lunch account balance to make sure you have money in that account.

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. 3rd
Thursday, Oct. 17th
Thursday, Oct. 31st
Thursday, Nov. 14th
Thursday, Dec. 5th
Thursday, Dec. 19th

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Feast Week – September 22nd – 27th

All families are welcome and encouraged to join us for all of our feast week activities:

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FEAST WEEK events

SEPT. 22-24

Parish Mission-Universal Call to Holiness
Sainthood is for you too! Come hear engaging talks by Father John Eckert. Adoration and confession available.
7:00-8:15pm in the Church

SEPT. 25

Youth Led Holy Hour
People of all ages, join us for a special time of Adoration led by our parish youth. Youth will lead praise and worship, meditations, and prayers. 6:00pm in the Church

SEPT. 26

Mass & Sacrament of Anointing
All are welcome to join us for Mass. Those who are suffering the infirmities of serious illness or old age may receive the Sacrament of Anointing. 6:15-7:15pm in the Church

SEPT. 27

Feast Day Happy Hour
Come and celebrate our feast day with free drinks and appetizers. Adults only.
5-8pm in the Parish Hall

Food Drive for the Poor in Peoria – collections the week of Sept. 23rd

The feast day of St. Vincent de Paul is Wednesday, September 27th. St. Vincent is the patron saint of our parish and school. He had a deep compassion for the poor, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to serve his mission to help families in need.

In honor of his feast day, please have the students donate non-perishable food items the week of September 23rd for the poor in Peoria. Items that are most appreciated include pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned meat or fish, meal in a can (like chili, beef stew), peanut butter & jelly. Each classroom will have a box to collect these food items and present the items at our prayer service on our feast day. This will be a wonderful example of the importance of serving those in need in our community.

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul – Friday, September 27th

Please join us for a prayer service in honor of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, on Friday, September 27th at 2:30 PM at our St. Vincent de Paul statue in the front of the school. Do you already pick up your child from school? Come just a few minutes earlier and show your child how important it is for you to participate in prayer with us!

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 on Friday, October 4th at 2:45 PM on the playground to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Save the Date - 7TH Grade Parent Confirmation Meeting – Mon., Oct. 7th

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

Saint Parade – Thursday, October 31st

Again this year we will have our Saint Parade on Thursday, October 31st at 2:45 PM. Please see the attachment entitled, "*Saint Parade Guidelines and Resources.*"

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.

Girls Basketball – athletic fee due

Just a reminder to please pay the \$45.00 athletic fee for girls basketball that was billed when your daughter registered for basketball. This fee can be paid either online in your FACTS account or cash/check (payable to SVdP Athletics) can be turned into the school front office.

If you have already paid this fee – thank you. If not, thank you for your promptness as the first girls basketball games start tonight.

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.

Boys Basketball Sign ups begin Monday, September 23rd –

Boys basketball sign-ups will begin this Monday, September 23rd. Be looking for the sign-up email with instructions so we can get our boys basketball rosters/paperwork completed as soon as possible. First practices for boys basketball will begin Monday, October 21st!

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), on 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.

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 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, Sept. 20th

Scrip orders are due tomorrow, Friday, September 20th. Pick up date is Friday, September 27th in the school office. Please e-mail Linsey Kauffman at lynzi2782@yahoo.com with questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September	20	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
September	23	Vision/Hearing Testing	
September	24	Vision/Hearing Testing	
September	24	Adoration (all day)/Benediction	3:00 PM
September	25	½ Day of School – Staff Development	dismiss at 11:30 AM
September	27	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
September	27	Feast of St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Service	2:30 PM at SVdP Statue
September	30	Last Day for Uniform Shorts to be worn	
October	01	Adoration (all day)/Benediction	3:00 PM
October	01	All-School Rosary	2:40 PM

October	02	School Picture Day	8:30 AM in small gym
October	04	All-School Mass	9:15 AM
October	04	Feast of St. Francis Animal Blessing	2:45 PM on the field
October	08	Adoration (all day)/Benediction	3:00 PM
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	

Have a great September/October!

Thank you,
Mrs. Patsy Santen
Principal