

# Viking Newsletter

August 24, 2023

## WELCOME BACK

What a great start!

Thank you for entrusting your child/children to us this year. We have had a wonderful first week of school. I hope you could feel a spirit of positivity in the air, and your child/children came home excited for a new adventure! We ❤️ our Viking Family!



[SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024](#)



## NO SCHOOL - September 4th

There will be **no school** on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

## FAMILIES ARE WELCOME AT RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

Parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend our religious devotions such as Mass, adoration, and rosary. Please see our School Religious Activities and Devotions 2023-2024 Calendar.



[School Religious Activities and Devotions 2023-2024 \(2\).pdf](#)

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# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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, and our parish as a whole! Stop in on Tuesdays, 8:30am-6:00pm.



## DRESS CODE REMINDERS

### NO WATCHES

New this year: no watches will be permitted.

### SOCKS AND SHOES

As a reminder: solid white, gray, navy or black athletic shoes; or brown, black, gray or navy dress shoes only (non-marking soles). Solid white socks only.

The full dress code policy can be found [here](#).

## LUNCH INFORMATION

**Reminder:** No soda or candy from home is to be brought to school as part of their lunch.

### Cost of Lunch

\$3.00 Hot lunch (milk included)

\$1.00 Extras

\$0.50 Cold lunch milk

### Cold Lunch

Those who bring a sack lunch may purchase milk each day for \$0.50. Late lunches must be labeled with the student's name. Students who have forgotten their lunch should check with the office on their way to lunch. If a parent chooses to send fast food/restaurant food, the child will be asked to eat in the office conference room with a friend.

### Program

All hot lunches are charged to your FACTS Prepay Family Lunch Account. Family lunch prepay balances and charges are available to be viewed in Family Portal, Financial tab.

### Depositing Money into Family Lunch Prepay Accounts

There are two ways to deposit money for your student/s lunch charges:

Log into [Family Portal](#):

☞ Click on "Financial"

☞ Click on "Add Funds" in the Prepay Accounts box (middle of page)

Send money to the school office:

## Lunch Menus

### FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

Families who qualify for free/reduced meals generate a proportionate share of government funds (such as Title 1) for our school. The free/reduced meal application is confidential. We highly encourage your family to complete the application and return it to the school office if you qualify (see income chart information). Families who qualified for free or reduced lunches last year have one month to re-apply before their status is changed and they are charged for lunches.



Free Lunch Letter, Instructions and Application 23-24.pdf

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### BEFORE CARE PROGRAM

If any student comes to school before 8:00 AM, they are to go to Care and you will be billed.

ALL students utilizing Care this year MUST register (or re-register) by completing the [Care Sign Up Form](#).

Due to the rising costs of payroll, the Before and After Care costs have changed.

Registration Fee: \$40 for first child and \$10 for each additional child

Hourly Cost: \$5.00 first child, \$1.00/hour for each additional child

### NWEA MAP GROWTH

Fall Testing Dates: August 28 - September 15th

All students will complete NWEA MAP Growth during our Fall testing window. Taken three times a year, MAP Growth is an assessment for measuring achievement and growth in K-12 math, reading, language usage, and science. It provides teachers with accurate, actionable evidence to help inform instructional strategies regardless of how far students are above or below



grade level. These tests assist teachers in planning individualized instruction. It also empowers our school staff as they continue to work to improve all educational outcomes. Individual results will be shared at our October conferences. Please be sure your children get plenty of sleep and have a good breakfast.

## FAITH'S LAW

### Faith's Law Mandate against Sexual Abuse in Schools

On December 3, 2021, Governor Pritzker signed Faith's Law, P.A. 102-0676 (HB 1976), into law. Faith's Law expands the criminal definition of grooming beyond electronic communications to include written communications and acts committed in person or by conduct through a third party. The law also makes it clear that mandated reporters must report suspected grooming to DCFS under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. In addition to expanding the criminal definition of grooming, Faith's Law includes several new requirements for schools and educators intended to prevent sexual abuse and misconduct in schools.

The law specifically provides that any violation of the employee code of professional conduct or failure to report a violation may subject an employee to discipline, up to and including dismissal from employment. As part of this law, we are posting a copy of the Resource Guide to support you and your family should you need it.

Policy regarding the law has been added to our handbook.

[Resource Guide Link](#)

## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE

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.

[Administration of Medication Policy](#)

If your child requires staff to administer inhalers and medicine, including any over-the-counter medicines, during the school day, please complete the [School Medication Authorization Form](#).

### Medication Storage Requirements:

#### *Prescription Medication*

Stored in original container and labeled with:

- student name
- medication name
- dosage and instructions
- pharmacist name

#### *Over-the-counter Medication*

- Student name
- Medication name

- Suggested dosage (as labeled by the retailer)

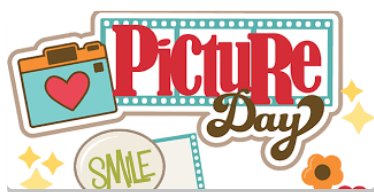
## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The SVdP school directory is available in Family Portal. This directory is ONLY public to our registered school families. To access the directory:

Log into [Family Portal](#) (District Code: SVDP-IL)

☞ Click on the "Directory" tab under School Information.

☞ 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 PICTURE DAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

Whether pictures are purchased or not, every child will have a picture taken. Ordering instructions will be sent home at a later date. Picture Day is a uniform or dress up day.

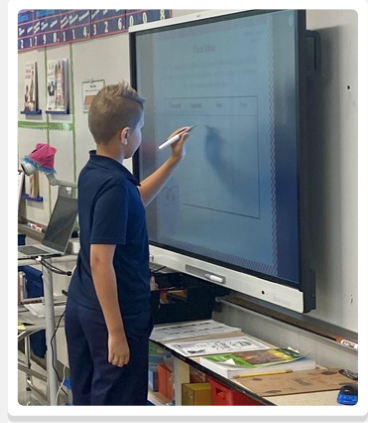
## VIKING NEWSLETTER DATES - bimonthly email distribution

The Viking Newsletter will be emailed home to all our families every other Thursday and contains important school information. The newsletter is always available on our website and Family Portal.

### FIRST SEMESTER NEWSLETTER DATES

- ☞ Thursday, Sept. 7
- ☞ Thursday, Sept. 21
- ☞ Thursday, Oct. 5
- ☞ Thursday, Oct. 19
- ☞ Thursday, Nov. 2
- ☞ Thursday, Nov. 16
- ☞ Thursday, Dec. 7
- ☞ Thursday, Dec. 21

## WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR



## BRAND NEW INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

Thank you Pearl Technology!

Our heartfelt thanks to a private donor and to Pearl Technology for equipping us with all brand new interactive whiteboards. These new tools allow multiple student use at once as well as remote connection to student devices. We are excited to engage learners with this great tool!

## SCHOOL CHAPEL IS OPEN

Items to beautify our school chapel continue to arrive. We were delighted to have our first Mass as a faculty in the chapel to begin our year, and students have been using the chapel to draw closer to our Lord. We are still awaiting statutes and other items to finish the space, but each grade level will have their own intimate Mass in the chapel throughout the year. God is so good!





## **IESA SPORTS PHYSICALS REQUIRED – 5th – 8th students**

ALL students in 5th - 8th grades participating in sports must turn in a sports 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 this year are Cross Country, Golf, Baseball, Softball, and Girls' Basketball.

- 1) Cross Country, Golf, Baseball and Softball sports physicals should have been turned already.
- 2) Girls' Basketball sports physicals must be turned into the school office on or before Friday, September 1st.

The Winter Semester sports are Cheerleading and Boys Basketball.

- 3) Boys Basketball/Cheerleading sports physicals must be turned into the school office on or before Monday, October 16th.

# AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Thursday, August 31st

6:00pm - 7:15pm

Parent Information Meeting in the cafeteria for any girls in grades 1-6 interested in joining SVdP's American Heritage Girls Troop. Download AHG flyer below for more information.



AHG\_Flyer 23-24.pdf

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**ST. VINCENT  
DE PAUL**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Upcoming  
Events  
*in  
August &  
September*

AUG 25	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM
AUG 29	Adoration, all day
SEPT 01	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM
SEPT 04	No School - Labor Day Holiday
SEPT 05	Adoration, all day
SEPT 08	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM
SEPT 11	All School Rosary @ 2:35 PM
SEPT 12	Adoration, all day
SEPT 14	Fall Picture Day
SEPT 15	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM



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