



ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Viking Newsletter

August 27, 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

What a great start!

Thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We have had a wonderful first couple weeks of school. It is fun to have the building buzzing again with joy and laughter as we grow spiritually, academically, and socially. I hope your child came home excited for a new adventure! We ❤️ our Viking Family!

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PARENTS PLEASE JOIN US

Calendar of Events and Devotions

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our religious devotions such as Mass, adoration, and rosary. Please see our website for the [calendar](#) of events and devotions.



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.

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WELCOME MRS. DEMMIN

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Malia Demmin to our staff. She will be assisting us part-time this year in the school office beginning Friday, August 28th. Read more about Mrs. Demmin [here](#).

☆☆NEW THIS YEAR: CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD☆☆

3 year old Preschool - Kindergarten starting in September!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based religious education program that helps children ages 3 to 12 build a deep, personal relationship with God through Scripture and liturgy.

- **The Atrium:** CGS takes place in a dedicated, peaceful room called the **atrium**, which functions more like a small chapel or retreat space than a traditional classroom.
- **Hands-on Materials:** Children work with tactile, child-sized materials, such as small wooden figures of sheep, miniature altars, and maps of the land of Israel to meditate on Bible verses and liturgical gestures.
- **Self-Directed Pacing & Praying:** After a teacher gives a brief, quiet presentation on a scriptural or liturgical theme, children independently choose their "work" to contemplate and pray through action.

CHECK OUT SVdP'S LEVEL 1 ATRIUM:

SVdP CGS Level 1 Atrium



BUILDING UPDATES

We were busy over the summer getting the building ready for a great year of learning with many updates:

✓ Finished our Level 1 Atrium

- ✓ Freshly painted basement classroom as we prepare for Level 2 Atrium
- ✓ New lighting panels in main building
- ✓ Upgraded main entrance carpet
- ✓ Repainted front gate
- ✓ Repaired and refinished flooring

Thank you to PHD Services, and our Buildings and Grounds Committee for all of their support in these projects!

BEATIFICATION OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Family Participation in the Beatification of Fulton Sheen

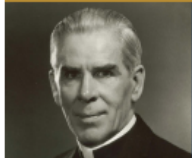
I highly encourage your family to participate in the Sheen Family Holy Hour & Tour on September 19th.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR & TOUR

Saturday, September 19

Cathedral of St. Mary, Peoria

BEATIFICATION OF
ARCHBISHOP
FULTON J.
SHEEN






+ 10 AM - 10:45 AM FAMILY ADORATION
All ages are welcome. The morning will include music and prayer.

+ 10:45 AM - 12 PM EXPLORE THE CATHEDRAL
After Adoration, explore the Cathedral with a self-paced scavenger hunt with friendly and dedicated guides on hand.

Families are welcome to come and go as needed. All who attend will receive coloring pages and a holy hour guide! The Sheen Museum at the Spalding Pastoral Center will also be open from 9 AM - 4 PM.



FR. ERIC BOLEK



BISHOP LOUIS TYLKA



KATIE BOGNER



BONNIE ENGSTROM

Our morning will be led by Fr. Eric Bolek, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Germantown Hills, and Bishop Louis Tylka.

Katie Bogner and Bonnie Engstrom will answer questions, pray with families, and share in the joy of celebrating the life and legacy of Fulton Sheen.

LEARN MORE AT CelebrateSheen.com/family-holy-hour

Further Information about the Sheen Beatification

Please see the [Information for Catholic Schools Regarding Sheen Beatification](#) from the diocese for all the exciting celebrations for the historic moment of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's beatification this September 24th at the Dome at America's Center in St. Louis!

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

September Virtue of the Month: Faith

Help extend what our students are learning at home! Discuss the virtue at your dinner table. Invoke the saint that is a model of that virtue, and check out page 14 of the parents' guide for more ways to live out the virtue at home.



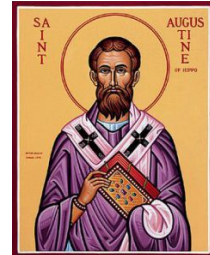
St. Martha

Pre-K - 2nd



St. Jerome

3rd-5th



St. Augustine

6th-8th



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FAITH

Believing in God and all He has revealed



- Pray every day — Talk to God in the morning, before meals, at bedtime, or whenever you need His help.
- Participate at Mass — Sing, respond, listen to the readings, and pay attention during the Eucharistic Prayer.
- Trust God when you are worried — Tell Jesus what you are afraid of and ask Him to help you trust Him.
- Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament — Spend a few quiet moments with Him in church or during Adoration.
- Ask questions about your faith — Wanting to understand more about God helps your faith grow.
- Learn about the saints — Notice how they trusted God and try to imitate their example.

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” – Hebrews 11:1



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

There will be **no school** on Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027



REPORTING ATTENDANCE

For all student absences, late arrivals, early pickups, or illnesses, please notify the school office directly by emailing:

svdpoffice@svdpvikings.com

This helps us ensure attendance is accurate and teachers are informed in a timely manner. Thank you for helping us keep communication clear and consistent!

LUNCH INFORMATION

Cost of Lunch

\$4.25 Hot lunch (milk included)

\$1.50 Extras

\$0.60 Cold lunch milk

Cold Lunch Regulations:

No fast food/restaurant food in the cafeteria.

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



FACTS Prepay Family Lunch Account

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:

- 💵 Cash: in an envelope labeled with Family Name
- 💵 Check: payable to SVdP Hot Lunch Program

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 and Reduced Lunch Letter, Instructions & Application

NWEA MAP GROWTH

Fall Testing Dates: August 24th - September 4th

All students are completing NWEA MAPS Testing 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.



FACTS SIS - STUDENT ACCOUNT

SVdP students can create their own Student Account in the Family Portal of our FACTS School Information System (SIS)! In this account, students will be able to access their grades, missing

assignments, behavior, etc. Students will not have access to any financial information or lunch orders.

To create a student account:

Log on to www.factsmgt.com

☞ click on Parents drop down

☞ click on FACTS Family Portal

☞ click on Log in to Family Portal

☞ click on Create New Family Portal Account

☞ type in District Code: SVDP-IL

☞ type in students SVdP email

☞ click on Create Account



An email will be sent to the students' email address with instructions for creating a password. Students should use their email address as their username.

Once the student account is set up, students will need to make sure that they choose student in the Family Portal Log In screen.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The school 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.

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.

K-8 PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please review the updated [K- 8 Parent/Student Handbook](#).

Updates include:

- **Cost of Lunch** - increase to \$4.25
- **Beforecare** - change in start time to 6:45am
- **Identity Protection**
- **AI Policy**

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, September 16th



Mark your calendars!

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

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](#).

ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR NEWS

A poster for the Middle School Choir. It has a blue and white checkered border. The text is in blue. It says 'MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR' in large letters, followed by 'FOR GRADES 5-8TH' and 'SIGN UP HERE' with a link. Below that, it says 'Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30-8:00am beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day'. At the bottom, it says 'EMAIL MS. H WITH QUESTIONS' and 'LHECKMAN@SVDPVIKINGS.COM'. There are musical notes and a treble clef in the background.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHOIR**

FOR GRADES 5-8TH
[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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Viking Voices - Middle School Choir

Complete the following form to register your 5th - 8th grader for Middle School Choir. Rehearsals will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am in the music room.

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

* Indicates required question



Student Full Name *

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 Monday, September 14th.

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 19th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

America Reads

Free Tutoring Program

available for K-8



One on one tutoring
Monday through Thursday

4:30-5:15 | 5:30-6:15

6:30-7:15

Sep. 14th - Dec. 3rd

**America Reads aims to improve
reading skills and comprehension**

Sign up today at:

www.bradley.edu/campus/smith-career-center/america-reads/

 **(309) 677-2510**

 **americareads@bradley.edu**

 **Burgess Hall 104, Smith Career
Center, 1400 W Main St, Peoria,
61625**



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Upcoming
Events
*in
August &
September*

AUG 24 -
SEPT 4

Fall MAPS Testing - K-8th Grades

AUG 28

All School Mass @ 9:15 AM

SEPT 01

Adoration, all day

SEPT 04

All School Mass @ 9:15 AM

SEPT 07

No School - Labor Day Holiday

SEPT 08

Adoration, all day

SEPT 11

All School Mass @ 9:15 AM

SEPT 14

All School Rosary @ 2:35 PM



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