

# VIKING NEWSLETTER

February 22, 2024

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the outpouring of love, prayer, and support, and your patience and flexibility with changes as we navigate the loss of one of our beloved students. There is so much faith, strength, and goodness in our school community, and we know all that is good comes to us as a form of God's love. We ❤️ our Viking Family!



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## RESPONDING IN FAITH TO DIFFICULT TIMES

When suffering exists, it is natural for us to question. I wanted to share with you two great videos that help us to make sense of suffering.

The first video answers the question - Is this part of God's plan or does He will this?

Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen?



**WHY DOES GOD  
LET BAD THINGS HAPPEN?**

The second video is a great resource for older kids, describing why God allows the world to be broken.

The Real Answer to Why God Allows Suffering



**"WHY DOES  
GOD ALLOW  
SUFFERING?"**

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**LENTEN OBSERVANCES**

Are you looking for a way to celebrate the season of Lent with your family? Our parish is offering additional Adoration and Confession times, Masses, and Stations of the Cross during Lent.

# Return TO THE Lord

## Adoration

### TUESDAYS

8:15am - 6:00pm

### WEDNESDAYS

5:30pm - 7:00pm

## Confessions

### TUESDAYS

4:30 - 5:30pm

### SATURDAYS

3:00 - 4:00pm

## Mass & Stations

### FRIDAYS

Mass at 5:30pm

Stations of the Cross  
immediately  
following Mass.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE

### SECURITY UPGRADES

We have added two security upgrades to our buildings to enhance our safety measures. Additional cameras were added as well as new video and audio buzz-in door systems.

#### Front School Doors

- Exterior front doors will now remain locked
- Buzz in and provide your name for entry

#### Before and After Care Door

- Exterior care door will now also be locked during care hours
- Buzz in and provide your name for entry

#### Church Doors

- Exterior doors will now be locked during All School Masses after the start of Mass at 9:20 AM
- Buzz in and provide your name for entry

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### ONLINE REENROLLMENT FOR 2024-2025

Due date extended to March 1st

Please be sure to complete your child/children's reenrollment for next school year in [Family Portal](#).

# PRE-K - 8TH GRADE REENROLLMENT



## REENROLL ONLINE:

- 🖱️ Log on to Family Portal  
(District Code : SVDP-IL)
- 👆 Click on the Apply/Enroll
- 👆 Click on the Enroll/Reenrollment
- 👆 Click blue hyperlink that appears:  
"Click here to open Enrollment"



**PRE-K PREENROLLMENT DUE FEB 2ND**  
**K-8 REENROLLMENT DUE FEB 23RD**

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## GROUP YEARBOOK & VOLLEYBALL PICTURES

**Monday, February 26th**

Group yearbook pictures will be at 8:30 AM in the small gym. Students who participate in American Heritage Girls or Cub Scouts should wear their scout uniform or sash that day.

Students participating in volleyball should bring their uniform for pictures as well.

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## MUSICAL AUDITIONS

**Thursday, February 29th & Friday, March 1st**

**3:30-5:30 PM**

**Mr. Miller's classroom**

The 16th annual St. Vincent de Paul spring musical, "Frozen Jr", will have auditions for any interested 5th - 8th grade students. Anyone who previously signed up will be moved to next week at the same



time slot. Sign up for auditions [here](#) and complete the [audition form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Miller at [bmiller@svdpvikings.com](mailto:bmiller@svdpvikings.com).

## Lunch Menus

### EIGHTH GRADE NET RETREAT

Friday, March 1st

We are excited to host a National Evangelization Team ([NET](#)) who will lead our 8th graders in a retreat day for Confirmation. Please keep them in prayer that day.

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### GLOW PARTY RESCHEDULED

Rescheduled for Wednesday, March 6th

We are so proud of our students, faculty, and staff for making considerable gains in achievement on our Winter NWEA MAP Assessments.

We met our school-wide growth goals of a 2% increase in reading and math! Our school-wide growth is as follows:

- Math – 2% growth
- Reading – 7% growth
- Language – 2% growth
- Science – 2% growth

To celebrate, our students in K-8 will participate in a Glow Party!

**Out-of-Uniform:** That day students may wear neon shirts/sweatshirts, accessories, socks, and shoes with uniform bottoms, sweats, or jeans.

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### OPTIONAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, March 7th

1:00-3:30 PM

Individual teachers will contact parents to schedule a conference if they believe a conference is warranted. If you want a conference with your student's teacher please contact that teacher to schedule a specific time.



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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

Thursday, March 7th - 11:30 AM dismissal

Friday, March 8th - No School



Thursday, March 7th is a 1/2 day of school due to Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences. Dismissal will be at 11:30 AM.

Aftercare will be available. Parents should provide a lunch. School Mass is scheduled for 9:15 AM on Thursday, March 7th. There is no school Friday, March 8th due to staff development.

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## ATHLETIC NEWS

### TRACK SIGNUPS for 5th - 8th GRADERS

Practice begins Tuesday, February 27th

It is time to sign up for the 2023-24 St. Vincent de Paul Girls and Boys Track Team. Signup should be completed by **Friday, March 8th** via the [Athletics](#) website.

[First-time Users Instructions](#)

[Track Signup and Information 23-24](#)

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### JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING SCHOLARSHIP

Friday, April 26th - Applications Due

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the diocesan endowment fund will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled or intending to enroll in grades kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.



Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained [here](#).

Consult the detailed [protocols and procedures](#) and [checklist](#) for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

Apply here: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.



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DE PAUL**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
PRAY. LEARN. LEAD. TOGETHER.

## Upcoming Events

*in  
February  
& March*

FEB 23	All School Mass @ 9:15AM
FEB 26	Group Yearbook Picture Day
FEB 27	Adoration, all day
MAR 01	All School Mass @ 9:15AM Reenrollment for 24-25 Due
MAR 04	All School Chaplet of Divine Mercy @ 2:35 PM
MAR 05	Adoration, all day
MAR 07	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM 1/2 Day of School - 11:30 AM Dismissal Optional Parent/Teacher Conference
MAR 08	No School - Staff Development Day End of Quarter 3



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