

# VIKING NEWSLETTER

February 8, 2024



#### **THANK YOU**

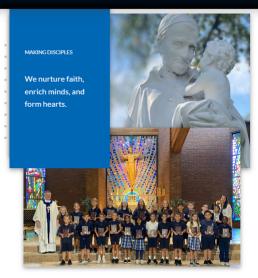
Thank you to all who made our Catholic Schools Week such a success! Our faculty and staff put in such creativity and effort so that all students and families were able to experience the joy that exists here at SVdP.

Thank you also to the Women's Guild who kicked off Catholic School's Week with the delicious Chili Supper and rounded out the

week with our Book Fair. To the many parents who volunteered for all Catholic Schools Week events, espcially our Grandparent's Lunch, we thank you!

## **NEW WEBSITE**

Be sure to check out our new website! Find lunch menu, newletters, forms, technology links and all of your other common needs under **Current Families**.



## WELCOME TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Welcome to our Viking family! Come experience how our spiritual, academic, service, and extracurricular programs work together to form our students into leaders within a Christ-centered community! Witness how we are providing excellence in academic achievement in a faith-filled environment. Every child entrusted to us is unique, has inherent dignity, and has diverse talents and experiences to enrich our school community. We nurture in each child a sense of belief and belonging. The St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School experience is one of unity in which genuine care is shared between the school family-students, parents, school staff, parishioners and benefactors. We are thrilled to share with you a truly vibrant Christian community in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria where we

PRAY, LEARN, LEAD, TOGETHER.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

#### **GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO MRS. KRAFT**

Congratulations to Mrs. Kraft, our awesome third-grade teacher, who was recently was awarded a \$1,000 grant through the PNC Foundation! Grant funding is awarded to a teacher's proposed project that seeks to:

Improve and enhance a classroom's academic environment
Align to student learning objectives
Engage students directly and actively
Encourage creative and interdisciplinary experiences for students



Mrs. Kraft will use her grant funds to create an interdisciplinary project on the life cycles and transformation of butterflies.

#### **ROLLER SKATING PERMISSION FORM**

Due Friday, February 9th

Please print, complete, and return the <u>permission form</u> to your child/children's <u>homeroom teacher</u> marking shoe size.

#### Shoe Size Guidelines:

- Use whole sizes only
- Boys: use same shoe size, round up for half sizes
- Girls: size down one size, round down for half sizes
- Juvenile sizes available for <u>youth</u> shoe sizes ("J")

The \$11.00 fee for this skating unit will be billed through the FACTS system.

#### **ROLLER SKATING HELP NEEDED**

We need your help with our skating unit! Please contact Ms. Carew at <a href="mailto:mcarew@svdpvikings.com">mcarew@svdpvikings.com</a> to help. All volunteers must have completed <a href="Safe Environment">Safe Environment</a> training. Younger siblings are not able to attend.



#### **Times and Classes**

#### <u>Mondays</u>

10:45-11:30am - 4th Grade 12:15-1:00pm - 1st Grade 1:00-1:45pm - 2nd Grade

#### <u>Tuesdays</u>

1:00-1:45pm - 1st Grade 1:45-2:30pm - 3rd Grade

#### <u>Wednesdays</u>

9:15-10:00am - 4th Grade 12:15-1:00pm - Kindergarten

#### <u>Thursdays</u>

10:00-10:45am - 3rd Grade 12:15-1:00pm - Kindergarten

#### **Fridays**

1:00-1:45pm - 2nd Grade

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION

#### Saturday, February 10th

Our second graders will make their First Reconciliation at 10:00 AM. We are excited for our students and families to receive the deep love and mercy God has for them in this sacrament. Please keep our second graders in your prayers.





### **Lunch Menus**

#### **OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**

Tuesday, February 13th

Thank you to all who attended our pack the place night over Christmas break! The student attendance earned us an out of uniform day on Tuesday, February 13th. This would be a great day to pull out your red or pink for Valentines Day.

#### **Guidelines for Out of Uniform Days:**

- Clothing appropriate for school may be worn, however no holes in any clothing.
- Hemlines for dresses, skirts, and shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the middle of the kneecap.
- No pajamas
- No leggings
- No hats of any kind
- No overly exposed shoulders or middrifts
- No open toed/open backed shoes or slippers
- No garments not in keeping with modesty and the teachings of the Catholic Church

#### **VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Tuesday, February 13th

With Valentine's Day on Ash Wednesday, we will have class parties on Tuesday.

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

Wednesday, February 14th

Please join us for our all school Mass on Ash Wednesday at 9:15am.



#### **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, February 19th

There will be no school in observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday

## **PARISH NEWS**

#### **USHER AND GREETERS NEEDED AT MASSES**

At every Mass, we pray the St. Vincent de Paul VOCARE prayer. Within this prayer, we thank God for our founding members who laid the foundation for the parish, school, and family we have today. We too, are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure. Please consider giving your time at our weekend Masses by volunteering to be an usher or greeter.

#### **Usher Responsibilities:**

- Arrive to Mass 15 minutes early
- Helping parishioners find an open seat
- Determining who needs communion brought to them
- Completing the collection (starting mid-February we will be going back to ushers completing the collection and baskets will be removed at the doors)
- Handing out bulletins at the end of Mass if greeters are not present
- Cleaning up the church after Mass by making sure pews are in the up position and replacing books into their holders

#### **Greeter Responsibilities:**

- Arrive to Mass 15 minutes early
- Wear a smile and welcome people coming into Mass
- · Assist in handing out bulletins at the end of Mass

#### Sign Up one of Two Easy Ways:

Click on the following signup link:
 <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA5A629A3FE3-47366773-stvincent">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA5A629A3FE3-47366773-stvincent</a>
 Email Keith Plavec at <a href="mailto:kjplavec@mstutz.com">kjplavec@mstutz.com</a>

#### Does your Mass schedule often vary?

No problem. You can look at the signup and see what works best for your schedule.

Please consider the gift you and your children have received by the many sacrifices our founding parishioners have made. We challenge and invite you to prayerfully consider the ways you can be more involved in our parish.

## **ATHLETIC NEWS**





## Upcoming Events

February

FEB 09	All School Mass @ 9:15AM Roller Skating Permission Forms Due
FEB 10	First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade 10AM – church
FEB 13	Adoration, all day
FEB 14	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:15AM
FEB 16	All School Mass @ 9:15AM
FEB 19	No School - Presidents' Day
FEB 20	Adoration, all day
FEB 23	All School Mass @ 9:15AM Reenrollment for 24-25 Due



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