



ST. VINCENT  
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# Viking Newsletter

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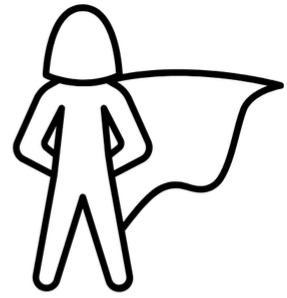
## SCHOOL NEWS

### **JANUARY VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - FORTITUDE**

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 42 of the parents' guide for more ways to live out the virtue at home.

# FORTITUDE

Being brave and strong in the face of trials



- Taking time each day to show your love of God through prayer and thanksgiving.
- Speaking respectfully to classmates, avoiding gossip, and encouraging others.
- Choosing to forgive someone who hurt them instead of holding grudges.
- Offering time, talents, or possessions with others, especially those in need.
- Treating teachers, parents, and classmates with dignity, seeing Christ in every person.
- Being a peacemaker in conflicts and creating an atmosphere of love and respect.
- Welcoming new students or visitors warmly.

**"I give you a new commandment: love one another  
as I have loved you." John 13:34**



**PK - 2**

St. Bernadette



**3rd - 5th**

St. Joan of Arc



**6th - 8th**

Sts. Paul Miki & Comp.



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# COUNSELOR'S *corner*

## THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER - JANUARY

Hello, my name is Kelly Bailey, and I am the school counselor at St. Vincent de Paul. I'm excited to have the opportunity to work with you and your child this year.

I earned my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Ohio University and my Master's degree in School Counseling from Bradley University. These degrees led to opportunities to work as a teacher in Peoria Public Schools and as a school counselor in Dunlap Schools.

I look forward to sharing my passion for social-emotional learning and partnering with students, staff, and families to help create a safe, supportive learning environment where all students can succeed. My goal is to support students' academic, spiritual, social and emotional growth—helping them cultivate heroic virtues, become lifelong learners, and grow into responsible individuals.

Warmly,  
Kelly Bailey  
[kbailey@svdpvikings.com](mailto:kbailey@svdpvikings.com)  
School Counselor

## VIRTUES IN ACTION

The virtue for January is fortitude - being brave and strong in the face of trials.

Ways you can help your child build fortitude:

- Assign age-appropriate tasks that require effort
- Praise their effort and perseverance, not just results.
- Don't solve all their problems, allow them to overcome small obstacles by themselves.
- Tell and share stories - Read stories about courageous figures or saints like David and Goliath or Joan of Arc. Share your personal experiences- parents are the best teachers!
- Remind them that God is with them during those difficult moments.

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## NWEA MAP ASSESSMENT

January 5 – January 23

On Monday we kicked off our Winter NWEA MAPS Assessment with a "*To the Heights*" theme! Each student has set a personal MAP goal and has been working throughout the first semester on

their action plan to reach the goal. Teachers have been providing interventions to help students reach this goal as well. In addition to their personal goals, we have a school-wide goal of increasing our overall scores in reading to 71% and math to 69%. We can't wait to see how our students go TO THE HEIGHTS!



Please be sure your children get a good breakfast and plenty of sleep during our testing window, and inquire about their goals and outcomes.

# ONLINE ENROLLMENT

## ONLINE REENROLLMENT FOR 2026-2027

Great news! SVdP reenrollment for your child/ren is easy!

Be on the lookout for the online procedure for all preschool and K-8 student reenrollment in your email inbox next week!

## TUITION AND FEES FOR 2026-2027

Tuition and fee rates have been updated for the 2026-2027 school year.



**Preschool Tuition and Fees 2026-2027.pdf**

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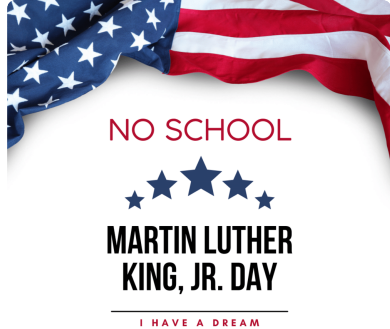
**K-8 Tuition and Fees 2026-2027.pdf**

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**NO SCHOOL - JANUARY 19th**





There will be no school on Monday, January 19th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

## FINANCIAL AID REQUIREMENTS FOR 2026-2027

All families seeking tuition assistance through the parish for the 2026-2027 school year MUST first apply for the John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship (JLS). That application will be used to determine financial assistance both for JLS and parish scholarships provided through our school endowment.



## John Lancaster Spalding SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

\$700,000 in scholarship funds were allocated to students across the Diocese of Peoria for the 2025-2026 school year!

### PROTOCOLS

- ✓ K-8 student enrolled in a school within Diocese of Peoria
- ✓ Awards are for one school year only
- ✓ Need-Based Scholarship
- ✓ Active member of the parish, in good standing

**APRIL 24, 2026**



Contact your school for more information!



<https://www.cdop.org/john-lancaster-spalding-scholarship>



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## Lunch Menus

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### SCHOOL SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Gabe the 2025-2026 SVdP Spelling Bee champion, and runner-up CJ! Gabe will compete in the Scripps Regional Competition in February. Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee contestants and best of luck to Gabe and CJ!



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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We will celebrate our rich tradition in formation of faith, academics, and service during Catholic Schools Week. There will be a chili supper, open house, book fair, grandparent luncheon, and many more activities to celebrate! More information to come.

# SAVE THE DATE

## SVdP CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS

JAN. 24-30

### BOOK FAIR

All purchases  
benefit our  
school!

JAN. 25

### OPEN HOUSE & DONUT SUNDAY

After 9AM &  
11AM Masses

JAN. 30

### GRANDPARENT LUNCHEON

Reservation  
forms to come!



### GRANDPARENT LUNCHEON

Friday, January 30, 2026

SVdP Parish Hall

#### HOT LUNCH OFFERED:

- Chili w/ Crackers, Corn Bread Muffin, Fruit Cup, Chocolate Chip Cookie
- Milk, Water, and/or Coffee
- \$4.00/lunch

[RESERVATION FORM LINK](#)

#### ALL FAMILIES INCLUDING THOSE HAVING COLD LUNCH AND THOSE WITHOUT SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Complete and return the [reservation form](#)
- Send completed form with cash or check payable to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School.
- Form due: **Friday, January 16th**

Refer to [email](#) for more information.



## 2025 TAX DOCUMENTS

2025 Tax Documents for Tuition and Before/After Care are ready to be printed off in your FACTS Account. Hard copies of these documents are not sent home with your students. In order to print your tax documents please follow the instructions below. If you are looking for 2025 church contributions, you will need to contact the parish office to receive that information at [svdppeoria@hotmail.com](mailto:svdppeoria@hotmail.com) or call 691-3602 x251.



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

- ☞ Click on the Financial tab
- ☞ Click on the Financial Home tab
- ☞ Click on the View Details tab
- ☞ Click on the View Payment Summary tab (please make sure that "2025" is the year selected)

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## ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR NEWS

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### SCHOLASTIC BOWL

Registration due Friday, January 16th

Registration for 2026 Scholastic Bowl is underway! Scholastic Bowl is essentially a trivia team for 6th-8th graders that competes against area schools. In order to prepare for this year's season please complete the [Scholastic Bowl Registration Form](#) by Friday, Jan.16th. Any questions about Scholastic Bowl please contact Senor Polillo at [lpolillo@svdpvikings.com](mailto:lpolillo@svdpvikings.com)



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## PEORIA NOTRE DAME NEWS

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### PND SCHOLASTIC BOWL - 6TH GRADE

Wednesday, January 21st

Our sixth graders will be attending a field trip to Peoria Notre Dame High School for their Scholastic Bowl Day.





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