



ST. VINCENT  
DE PAUL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# Viking Newsletter

May 7, 2026

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **MAY VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - RESPONSIBILITY**

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

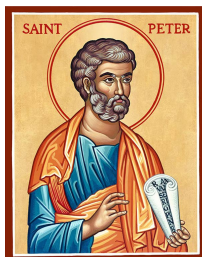
# RESPONSIBILITY

Being reliable in your duties and accountable for your actions

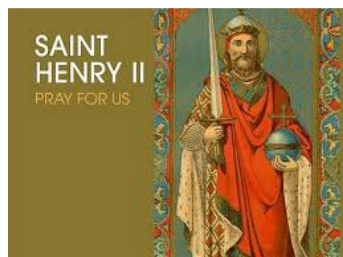


- Taking time each day to show your love of God through prayer and thanksgiving.
- Speaking respectfully to classmates, avoiding gossip, and encouraging others.
- Choosing to forgive someone who hurt them instead of holding grudges.
- Offering time, talents, or possessions with others, especially those 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. Peter



**3rd - 5th**  
St. Henry II



**6th - 8th**  
Blessed Bartolo Longo



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# COUNSELOR'S *corner*

## A MEANINGFUL END TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

The end of another school year is around the corner, which can be both exciting and bittersweet for many. As children begin to transition, new or big emotions may appear as this change occurs. Below are some helpful tips to make the transition a smooth one for your child and family.

- 1. Keep routines consistent** – This time is often filled with fun and unexpected activities. Keeping your home routines and bedtime as consistent as possible will help your child maintain a sense of normalcy they can count on. A consistent bedtime will also help them regulate their emotions and manage change.
- 2. Find closure** – Helping your child say goodbye to their teachers and classmates can create a positive end to the year. Encourage them to make a card for their teacher or classmates, sharing their favorite memories or thanking them for all they have done. This simple act can help prepare your child to move forward into summer.
- 3. Reflect, pray, and celebrate** – This time provides an opportunity to reflect with your child on their year. Discuss their successes, challenges they have overcome, and the important lessons they have learned. Pray in gratitude to God for the lessons, blessings, and growth your child experienced this past school year. Lastly, celebrate your child's wonderful accomplishment of completing another year of school and the arrival of summer!

If you would like to learn more ways to help ease this transition, please check out the link below.  
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/buddy-system/202405/how-parents-can-help-kids-at-the-end-of-the-school-year?msockid=215baa3ffd3b68160dd1bc48fcbd69f0>

## VIRTUES IN ACTION

The virtue for May is **Responsibility** – being reliable in your duties and accountable for your actions.

Ways you can help your child learn responsibility -

- **Encourage Accountability:** Help them understand the impact of their choices. Use stories or real-life examples to discuss the difference between responsible and irresponsible behavior.
- **Assign Age-Appropriate Tasks:** Give your child specific, manageable tasks such as tidying their room or helping with household chores. Increase complexity as they grow.
- **Teach Stewardship:** Teaching children to manage their money, time, talents, and possessions through budgeting, saving, and giving helps them understand that these are God-given gifts, meant not only for their own benefit but to serve others.

Wishing You a Safe and Blessed Summer

Kelly Bailey

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School Counselor

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## THANK YOU

The Faculty and Staff would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Women's Guild and our school and parish community for the outpouring of love during Teacher Appreciation Week. We were overwhelmed by the showering of appreciation.



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## MUSICAL TICKETS

Thursday, May 7th, 7:00pm

Friday, May 8th, 7:00pm

Saturday, May 9th, 7:00pm

\$10/adult, \$5/student, under 4 free.

Purchase tickets below or tickets can be purchased at the door with cash or check made out to St. Vincent de Paul.



St. Vincent de Paul School presents

# Annie JR.

May 7, 8, 9 @ 7:00pm  
in the St. Vincent Gymnasium

Tickets



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## ALL SCHOOL FIELD DAY

Monday, May 11th

We will host an all-school field day and picnic to celebrate a fantastic school year. Students will compete against each other in several fun activities.



This will be an out-of-uniform day with students wearing the chosen color for their grade. Students may wear shorts of a modest length and t-shirts of their team color. No swimsuits however a change of clothes is recommended due to water games.

### Colors:

K - white kindergarten t-shirt

1st - blue first grade t-shirt

2nd - yellow

3rd - red

4th - purple

5th - orange

6th - green

7th - black

8th - pink

Schedule:

9:30-11:00am - 5th-8th graders will compete

11:00-11:45pm - All School Picnic

1:00pm-2:30pm - K-4th graders will compete

Students will also get to celebrate their academic growth with inflatables during the day.

**FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need your help to run our field day games! If you are able to assist with field day please contact Ms. Carew: [mcarew@svdpvikings.com](mailto:mcarew@svdpvikings.com)

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**ALL SCHOOL PICNIC**

**Monday, May 11th**

**11:00-11:45pm**

In conjunction with our all-school field day, we will host an all-school picnic on our playground and field.



Menu:

Hot Dog on Bun

Chips

Fresh Fruit

Cookies

Lemonade/Water

There will be no charge for lunch that day! We will make accommodations for our students with dietary needs. If your child has any dietary needs we are unaware of, please get in touch with the school office. Students who do not want this lunch may bring a cold lunch.

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**UPCOMING AFTERCARE REMINDERS**

**Thursday, May 14th** - Aftercare closes at 5:00pm for 8th Grade Graduation

**Friday, May 22nd** - Last day of school, no aftercare

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**ART PORTFOLIOS**

**Keep an eye out for student art portfolios coming home!**

We have had an awesome year in art class. At the beginning of the year students created art portfolios, both on paper and digitally. Students will be bringing home their paper portfolio which is a collection of everything they have created throughout the year. Everyone has worked hard on

learning new concepts and techniques and are very proud of all the work and effort put into their art.

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## FAMILY PREPAY LUNCH ACCOUNT & INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

With the end of the school year near, please check your family lunch account and incidental expenses balances.

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

Click on the Financial tab

"**Prepay**" section of your home page will indicate your family lunch account balance. Please be sure to add money to your lunch account to cover all lunch costs.

"**Balances**" section of your home page will indicate not only your payment plan for tuition/fees but also the **Incidental Expenses** owed. All billing for athletics, field trips, clubs/organizations, Care, etc. is done in FACTS and will show in the incidental expenses box. Please be sure to pay any incidental expenses balances promptly.

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## Lunch Menus

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## FIRST LEGO LEAGUE REGISTRATION

4th - 8th Grade

Wednesday, May 14th - 2026-2027 Interest Form due

First Lego League is not just about building with Legos! What will your child gain? Students will:

- work as a team to design, build and program an autonomous LEGO Spike Prime robot
- plan and present an innovative solution to a project during competitions
- practice teamwork by following the FLL Core Values.



The SVdP FLL teams are diverse teams made up of a maximum of ten St. Vincent de Paul students. Team members must be between the ages of 9 and 14 and in 4th-8th grade during the 2026-2027 school year. To give you and your child an idea of the robot portion of FLL, the following video shows the robot game missions from last year's season:

[https://youtu.be/ErDj8myl\\_Tg&t=268s](https://youtu.be/ErDj8myl_Tg&t=268s)

[Student Interest Form](#) is to be emailed or returned to the school office by Wednesday, May 14th for students to be considered for next year's team (including past team members).

**We need your help!**

Parents, please consider volunteering to help coach FLL if your child is interested. Some years we have enough students for two teams, but only have enough coaches for one team. Coaches do not have to have engineering or robotics experience!

If you have questions about FLL, please feel free to contact us at [svdpfll@gmail.com](mailto:svdpfll@gmail.com)

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**MEDICINE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

Please remember to pick up any medicine, epi-pens, inhalers, etc. stored in the school office. During the summer any medicines that are expired will be thrown away. Parents are responsible for the disposal of their child's expired epi-pens or inhalers.

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**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ALL-SCHOOL MASS & EARLY DISMISSAL**

Friday, May 22nd

10:15am - All-School Mass  
11:30am - Dismissal, no aftercare



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**SCHEDULE SCHOOL PHYSICALS, DENTALS, AND EYE EXAMS**

Remember to make your appointments early for the physicals, dental, eye exams that are required before the FIRST day of school next year.

Kindergarten

- Physical Exam (all immunizations must be up-to-date with verification of lead screening)
- Dental Exam
- Eye Exam

2nd Grade

- Dental Exam



6th Grade

- Physical Exam (all immunizations must be up-to-date with verification of lead screening)
- Dental Exam

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## SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR 2026-2027

The school supply lists for all grades for 2026-2027 year can be found on our website [here](#).



SVdP Women's Guild offers the option to order prepackaged school supply kits for each grade. These kits can be delivered directly to the school if ordered by July 17th. Click [here](#) for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Storefront

ORDER HERE

Order Before:  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

[www.mwsupplycentral.com](http://www.mwsupplycentral.com)

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## STAFF UPDATES

As we near the end of the 2025-2026 school year we bid some of our staff goodbye and warmly welcome new staff.

**Kindergarten**

We are excited to see our increased enrollment in kindergarten! We will have 2 kindergarten classes for the 2026-2027 school year. Ms. Cassie Miller will rejoin Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Woolley in kindergarten.

### **First Grade**

Mrs. Joanna Finch will be moving to second grade to accommodate two sections. We welcome back a Viking alum, Ms. Jenny Campbell, who brings a lot of teaching passion and experience to our first grade.

### **Fourth Grade**

We wish Mrs. Kraft the best as she moves onto a new endeavor. Ms. Taylor Rankins, an excited new graduate from ISU, will teach fourth grade next year.

### **Middle School**

We thank Mr. Benjy Miller for his service in our middle school and campus ministry. We are currently seeking a teacher to replace him as Middle School Social Studies and Religion Teacher.

### **Special Services**

Mrs. Lohr will transition into a well-deserved retirement after 28 years at SVdP. We are so grateful for the many, many hats she wears in our school community. Her dedication is commendable. We are currently seeking a teacher to replace her role. In addition, our Title 1 Reading tutor, Mrs. Simon, is retiring. We thank her for the many gains she helped our students make in reading. Bringing a great deal of expertise and excitement, Mrs. Courtney Ziegler will take her role for the coming year.

### **Music**

Thank you to Mrs. Cramer, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Hansen for filling in temporarily for music this year. We have hired an awesome new music teacher for the coming year, Ms. Lottie Heckman.

### **Kitchen Staff**

After 20 years of dedicated service in our kitchen, Mrs. Dutart is retiring. We will greatly miss her! Mrs. Ginny January will step into the kitchen manager role.

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## **EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISERS**

SVDP ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

# GIVE BACK NIGHT

Food, refreshments and  
pre-summer family fun!

Portion of sales from 5:00-9:00pm  
will be donated to  
St. Vincent de Paul School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Catch the SVDP Class of 2026  
serving from 6:00 to 8:00pm



5 PM - 9 PM

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Sheridan Nursery is teaming up with  
St. Vincent de Paul School this May!

Get ready to beautify your yard this Spring at Sheridan Nursery  
& help support the

### **SVDP 8<sup>th</sup> grade class graduation activities**

Come to Sheridan Nursery (Sheridan Road & Alta Location) and make a purchase. SVDP 8th grade class will receive 10% of your purchase on flowers, pots, shrubs, trees, gift certificates, and more.

(excludes landscape services as well as labor and delivery costs)

*\*This coupon cannot be combined with any other sales/promotions offer.*

### **VOUCHER MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount of sale: \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your support***

**This offer is good from April 24th –May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**



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## ATHLETIC NEWS

### 2026 SPORTS REGISTRATION

5th - 8th Grades

Due Friday, May 22nd



Please register for all sports your child will participate in next school year online now.

***Be sure to complete NEW waiver, handbook, concussion forms for the 2026-2027 school year. Completions for present school year are not accepted.***

- Visit [Athletics Registration](#)
  - Complete and submit the required online forms (waiver, handbook, concussion).
    - These three forms only have to be completed & signed **once** for **all** activities **EACH** school year.
  - Turn updated IESA sports physical into school office.
    - Make sure both parent and athlete sign their physical.
  - Participation fees will be invoiced once the sport season begins.
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# PARISH NEWS

## PEORIA PAROCHIAL SOCCER ASSOCIATION (PPSA) - FALL 2026

Soccer registration for the Fall 2026 PPSA season has started! We hope you will join us for another fun season of parochial soccer. Please read all the information closely, so that all the appropriate forms are completed and returned.



You will need to return:

1. [SVdP Registration Form](#)
2. [PPSA Waiver](#)
3. [PPSA Parent Concussion Form](#)
4. [Coach Volunteer Form](#) (optional)
5. [SVdP Soccer Socks Order Form](#) (optional)

Registration is open until **Friday, June 12th**. Forms and money can be returned to the school or parish office. Late registrations cannot be guaranteed a place on a team.

If you have any questions, please contact Abbey Dailey, Soccer Coordinator, at [abb2me@gmail.com](mailto:abb2me@gmail.com) or 309-255-2579.



# TOTUS TUUS

Summer catechetical experience


- ✓ FUN AND GAMES
- ✓ FANTASTIC STAFF
- ✓ DAILY MASS
- ✓ CATECHESIS

The Totus Tuus summer catechetical program is a week long parish mission for Catholic youth in grades 1st-12th. It is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 **JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**DAY PROGRAM (1ST-6TH)**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9 AM - 2:30 PM**  
**TEEN PROGRAM (7TH-12TH) SUN-**  
**THURSDAY 6:30 - 8:15 PM**

**REGISTER TODAY AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

 **Totus Tuus Registration.pdf** [Download](#)  
466.9 KB

## YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Open to 7th & 8th Students  
 Monday, July 6th - Friday, July 10th



All seventh and eighth grade students are invited to volunteer and help during the day at our Totus Tuus week. If you are available please complete the [Youth Volunteer Form](#) and return to Mrs. Nauman, coordinator.

## SECRETARIAT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Secretariat of Catholic Education is pleased to share that the *Second Lady's Summer Reading Challenge* is an exciting initiative designed for children in grades K-8, running from **June 1 to September 5**. This challenge invites Catholic schools across the nation to support the development of a strong reading culture among students and to encourage children and families to engage in reading over the summer.

To help you get started, we've attached detailed information, including suggested reading lists and tips for motivating young readers.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help make this summer reading journey enjoyable and rewarding for everyone involved!

### Secretariat of Catholic Education I

I United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

3211 Fourth Street, NE I Washington, DC 20017-1194

Tel: 202-541-3132 I [CatholicEducation@uscceb.org](mailto:CatholicEducation@uscceb.org)



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## JIM CARLSON SUMMER ST. JUDE BASKETBALL CAMP

Monday, June 29th - Thursday, July 2nd

1st - 6th graders

Jim Carlson, former head basketball coach of Peoria Notre Dame High School will be directing his annual summer basketball camp for St. Jude Midwest Affiliate at SVdP's school gym.

Girls (1st - 3rd) and Boys (1st - 6th) [Registration Form](#)

Girls (4th - 8th) [Registration Form](#)

Please return all registration forms and money to:

Country Financial

c/o Jim Carlson

4726 N. Sterling Ave.

Peoria, IL 61615

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## PEORIA CITY - DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR PPSA

Peoria City is preparing for its fifth season of competition in USL League Two, North America's premier pre-professional soccer league.

The Peoria Parochial Soccer Association (PPSA) shares many of our club's values, including a mission of teaching, fostering and promoting the sport of soccer in the Peoria area.

With that in mind, we are proud to offer all the PPSA participants and their families the opportunity to attend Peoria City games at discounted ticket prices. Please find below a promo code created specifically for the families of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, which will provide a **12.5 percent discount** on all Peoria City season and single-game tickets purchased online through [PeoriaCitySoccer.com](http://PeoriaCitySoccer.com). You may apply the below code during the checkout process throughout the spring and summer.



**Promo Code:** SVDP26

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PRAY. LEARN. LEAD. TOGETHER.

## Upcoming Events

*in  
May*

MAY 8	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM
MAY 11	All School Field Day & Picnic
MAY 12	Adoration, all day
MAY 14	8th Grade Awards Ceremony @ 2:15 PM Graduation Mass @ 5:30 PM
MAY 15	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM
MAY 19	Adoration, all day
MAY 20	K-7th Awards Assembly @ 1:45 PM
MAY 22	Last Day of School All School Mass @ 10 AM Dismissal 11:30 AM - NO Aftercare Report Cards emailed



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