



ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Viking Newsletter

August 21, 2025

WELCOME BACK

What a great start!

Thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We have had a wonderful first week of school. I hope you could feel a spirit of positivity in the air, and your child came home excited for a new adventure! We ❤️ our Viking Family!

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BUILDING UPDATES

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

- ✓ New WiFi infrastructure and access points
- ✓ Upgraded carpet entries
- ✓ Newly resealed parking lot
- ✓ Freshly painted entry, office, and gym area
- ✓ Repaired and refinished flooring
- ✓ Newly trimmed trees
- ✓ Concrete repairs and regrading
- ✓ Updated outdoor crucifix
- ✓ New chairs for the computer lab and library

Thank you to the Women's Guild, PHD Services, Bob Willi, and our Buildings and Grounds Committee for all of their support in these projects!

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!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

There will be **no school** on Monday, September 1st in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.



PARENTS ARE WELCOME AT RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

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.



LUNCH INFORMATION

Cost of Lunch

\$4.00 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 Lunch Letter, Instructions & Application 25-26

Reduced Lunch Letter, Instructions & Application 25-26

NWEA MAP GROWTH

Fall Testing Dates: August 18th - September 5th

All students will complete 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 2025-2026

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

Updates include:

- **Attendance** - change in school start time to 8:15am
- **Aftercare** - change in ending time to 5:30pm
- **Delinquent Tuition and Fees Payment Policy**
- **School Wellness Plan**



SCHOOL PICTURE & FALL SPORTS PICTURE DAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

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 NEWS

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 15th.

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 20th.
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5TH & 6TH GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

SVdP Athletics is looking for coaches for our 5th and 6th grade girls basketball teams. For more information or to volunteer please contact Alex Elger, AD, at athletics@svdpvikings.com.

PEORIA NOTRE DAME NEWS

Join us for the annual ShamROCK on Friday, August 22nd beginning at 5:00 pm in the PND parking lot. This family friendly event will include introductions to our fall sports teams with scrimmages happening throughout the evening. The event will also feature live music from 3 and a Half Men, food and drinks, ice cream and sweets, kids activities, a beer tent for adults, and more!

This year there will be LOWER PRICING! Tickets will be \$5 per person, \$10 for couples, and \$20 for families. Food and drinks from



Alwan and Sons will be available for purchase separately at the food tent.

Show off your school pride by wearing your grade school spirit wear! The attendees wearing spirit wear from the school with the most representation will receive a free treat from our Sugar Shack!

To avoid the long line at the ShamRock entrance, purchase your tickets online now at <https://pndhs.ejoinme.org/PNDShamROCK2025>



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