



ST. VINCENT  
DE PAUL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# Viking Newsletter

August 22, 2024

## 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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## EXCITING UPDATES

### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

We are so grateful to generous donors who allowed us to beautify our school chapel! The beauty in this sacred space helps to lift the minds and hearts of the faithful towards God.



## TCI Social Studies Curriculum

We are implementing a new social studies curriculum in 2nd through 8th grade. TCI's interactive social studies programs integrate proven teaching strategies and meaningful technology to engage students and foster their love of learning.

In a TCI classroom, students go beyond memorizing dates and facts. They construct arguments, analyze primary sources, interact with images and videos, and participate in rich discussions through TCI's inquiry-based approach to learning.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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#### Note Updates:

Thursday - Saturday, May 8th-10th

Spring Musical

**Thursday, May 15th**

Last Day for 8th Grade

8th Grade Graduation at 5:30pm

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## NO SCHOOL - September 2nd



There will be **no school** on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

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## 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.



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## LUNCH INFORMATION

**Reminder:** No soda or candy from home is to be brought to school as part of their lunch.

### **Cost of Lunch**

\$3.50 Hot lunch (milk included)

\$1.00 Extras

\$0.50 Cold lunch milk

### **Cold Lunch**

Those who bring a sack lunch may purchase milk each day for \$0.50. Late lunches must be labeled with the student's name. Students who have forgotten their lunch should check with the office on their way to lunch. If a parent chooses to send fast food/restaurant food, the child will be asked to eat in the office conference room with a friend.

### **Program**

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 24-25**

## **Reduced Lunch Letter, Instructions & Application 24-25**

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## **NWEA MAP GROWTH**

**Fall Testing Dates: August 19th - September 6th**



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.



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## ADMINISTRATION OF ALL MEDICATION

**All prescription and non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications require written authorization from the student's health care provider (licensed to prescribe the medication) as well as written parental consent for the office to dispense.**

[Administration of Medication Policy](#)

If your child requires staff to administer inhalers, medicine, including any other-the-counter medicines, please complete the [School Medication Authorization Form](#) and return to the school office with their medication.

### Medication Storage Requirements:

#### *Prescription Medication*

- stored in original container
- labeled with:
  - student name
  - medication name
  - dosage and instructions
  - pharmacist name

#### *Over-the-counter Medication*

- student name
- medication name
- suggested dosage (as labeled by the retailer)

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## 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.

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## PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025

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

Updates include:

- Diocesan Opioid Antagonist Policy added
  - AI added to cheating
  - Revisions to bullying policy
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## SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

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.

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## 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](#).

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## TUITION INFORMATION

### Using 529 to Pay K-12 Private School Tuition

A 529 college savings plan is a qualified tuition program, sponsored by a state or state agency, designed to allow families a tax- advantaged way to save for college. In recent years, the State of Illinois has allowed parents to use this tax savings for K-12 tuition.

Even if a parent doesn't plan to use a 529 for tax-free growth feature, they can put their tuition payment into the 529, wait the 10 business days, and then take it back out to pay tuition. This will get them a state income tax deduction just for doing this extra step before (or after as order doesn't matter) paying their tuition.

This is a cost free feature and allows you a tax break!

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## ATHLETIC NEWS

### WELCOME NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

We are excited to share that Alex and Megan Elger will join Ms. Carew as Athletic Directors. See the attached introduction from Alex and Megan Elger.



**Megan and Alex Elger AD Introduction.pdf**

[Download](#)

280.2 KB

### 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, Softball, and Girls' Basketball.

- 1) Cross Country, Golf, and Softball sports physicals should have been turned already.
- 2) Girls' Basketball sports physicals must be turned into the school office on or before Friday, September 6th.

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 21st.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL - signups due by Friday, September 6th

Girls' Basketball is open to all 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls and registration **MUST** be completed by Friday, September 6th via the St. Vincent de Paul website for Athletics. Click [here](#) to register. On the registration page, check the boxes noting you and your child will read and accept the IESA Concussion Policy, the SVdP Athletic & Extracurricular Handbook, and Parent/Guardian Consent and Liability Form.

Any questions, please email [athletics@svdpvikings.com](mailto:athletics@svdpvikings.com)



## PEORIA NOTRE DAME NEWS

Join us for the 2024 PND ShamROCK on August 23 beginning at 5:00 pm in the gym, faculty/staff parking lot, and athletic fields. The event will include PND athletic team scrimmages, live entertainment, food, drinks, kids activities, ice cream, and MORE!

To avoid long lines, get your tickets early at <https://pndhs.ejoinme.org/PNDShamROCK2024>

*Join us for*

# The ShamROCK

## INTRODUCING PEORIA NOTRE DAME'S FALL SPORTS TEAMS

### Location

PND Athletic Fields,  
upper parking lot

### Food

Alwan and Sons Meat Company  
grilled sandwiches, chips, and sodas

### Entertainment

Live band: 3 and a Half Men

### Kids Activities

Balloon animals, face painting,  
tinsel hair, and caricatures

### Beverages

Brewers Distributing Co.  
beer and seltzer tent

**Friday  
Aug. 23  
2024  
5 - 10 p.m.**







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Upcoming  
Events  
*in  
August &  
September*

AUG 23	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM
AUG 27	Adoration, all day
AUG 30	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM
SEPT 02	No School - Labor Day Holiday
SEPT 03	Adoration, all day
SEPT 06	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM



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