



ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK VIKINGS

Back-to-School 2026-2027

A MESSAGE FROM MS. HOGAN

Dear Viking Family,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

It is with great joy and gratitude that I welcome both our returning families and those joining St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School for the very first time. Whether you have been part of our Viking family for many years or are just beginning your journey with us, we are truly blessed that you are here.

The beginning of a new school year is always filled with hope and anticipation, but this year brings an especially exciting spirit of renewal. We are grateful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our school community, including the addition of several outstanding new faculty and staff members who will share their talents, faith, and passion with our students. We are also thrilled to welcome our new pastor, Father John, whose leadership, enthusiasm, and love for Catholic education have already brought great energy and excitement to our parish and school. We look forward to the many ways God will work through him as we continue growing together in faith.

As we begin this new year, we remain committed to our mission of forming saints and scholars. Every lesson taught, prayer shared, act of kindness, and challenge to overcome is an opportunity for our students to grow closer to Christ while developing the knowledge, virtue, and confidence they need to fulfill God's plan for their lives.

Throughout the summer, our faculty and staff have been participating in training, preparing classrooms, planning engaging learning experiences, and praying for each student who will walk through our doors. We eagerly await the laughter, curiosity, and joyful spirit that will once again fill our hallways.

Together, let us embrace this new year with hearts open to God's grace and with a shared commitment to excellence in faith, academics, and service. May SVdP continue to be a place where every child is known, loved, challenged, and inspired to become the saint God created them to be.

Please take a few moments to carefully review the information below to help ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year. I am looking forward to all that God has in store for our Viking family during the 2026-2027 school year.

May God bless you and your family, and may this be a year filled with joy, growth, and abundant blessings.

In the love and service of Christ,
Ms.Hogan

NEW FACULTY & STAFF

We are excited to welcome new staff to our Viking family and use the gifts of current and former staff in new ways!



Mr. Joe Beaudry
Middle School Social Studies
and Religion
[Staff bio](#)



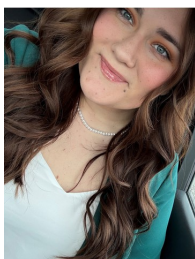
Ms. Jenny Campbell
1st Grade Teacher
[Staff bio](#)



Ms. Maureen Carroll
Special Services
[Staff Bio](#)



Ms. Lynn Gibson
Preschool Aide
[Staff bio](#)



Ms. Lottie Heckman
Music Teacher
[Staff bio](#)



Ms. Ginny January
Kitchen Manager
[Staff bio](#)



Ms. Taylor Rankins
4th Grade Teacher
[Staff bio](#)



Mrs. Courtney Ziegler
Reading Tutor
[Staff bio](#)



Mrs. Ale Zwicky
Preschool Aide
[Staff bio](#)

OTHER CHANGES

- **Kindergarten:** With the addition of a second kindergarten classroom, Ms. Miller will return to kindergarten.
- **Second Grade:** Mrs. Finch will teach second grade to accommodate two sections of second grade this year.
- **Middle School:** Ms. Spiller will add 5th grade science to her teaching role and Mrs. Nauman will take on 5th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion & Campus Ministry.

IMPORTANT DATES

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL K-8

Meet & Greet

August 13

5TH GRADE & NEW 6TH-8TH FAMILIES:
WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL
@ 5:00 PM IN PARISH HALL

ALL OTHER FAMILIES:
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM OPEN HOUSE



Meet your teacher, greet your friends & unpack your supplies.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - 11:30 AM DISMISSAL

Tuesday, August 18th

8:15am - 11:30am

Aftercare will be available the first day of school. A sack lunch is required for care students on ½ days of school.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

SCHOOL START TIME

School start time is **8:15 AM**.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

School begins: 8:15am

Dismissal: 3:15pm (Kindergarten 3:10pm)

Wednesdays:

School begins: 8:15am

Dismissal: 2:30pm (Staff Development)

Drop-off

Drop-off in the morning will begin at 8:00am. There will be 2 drop-off/pick-up locations.

Families can drop off all of their children at the location of their oldest child:

- Middle School Entrance: 5th – 8th Grade
- Front School Entrance: K-4th Grade

All students will gather in the small gym upon arrival at school.

Dismissal

All parents must park facing the school building to pick up students at the same location as drop-off.

NORTHMOR & UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Updated construction information:

- W. Northmoor Road is closed to all traffic from N. University Street to N. Saint Mary's Road on the east side of the intersection. The closure is expected to remain in place through September, weather permitting.
- Eastbound W. Northmoor Road traffic at N. University Street will only be permitted to turn right/southbound or left/northbound onto N. University Street.
- N. University Street remains reduced to one lane of travel in each direction from W. Cherokee Lane to the entrance of the North University Post Office.
- All entrances to St. Vincent de Paul are re-opened.
- No left turn allowed when exiting St. Vincent de Paul parking lot to University.

LUNCH INFORMATION

Cost of Lunch

🔗 Please note hot lunch price increase for 2026-2027:

\$4.25 Hot lunch (milk included)

\$1.50 Extras

\$0.60 Cold lunch milk

Cold Lunch

Those who bring a sack lunch may purchase milk each day for \$0.60. 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.

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

Hot Lunch 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

A friendly reminder email will be sent every Sunday to any families that have a low balance (<\$10) or a negative balance in their lunch prepay account. Please be sure to add money by that following Monday.

LUNCH MENU

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 reapply before their status is changed and they are charged for lunches.

Free and Reduced Lunch Letter, Instructions & Application

BEFORE & AFTER CARE



All Care registration was completed in your enrollment packet. If your plans change anytime during the school year and you need our Care program please complete the [Care Registration Form](#) and return to the school office.

The Care costs are:

Registration Fee: \$40 for first child, \$10 each additional child

Hourly Cost: **\$5.50** first child, \$1.00/hour for additional children

Please note the increase in hourly cost for the first child for care.

Care will be available for students in grades preschool – 8th beginning the first day of school. Please drop your Before Care students off at the Care door to the right of the school front doors in the morning. If any student comes to school before 8:00 AM, they are to go to Care and you will be billed.

Beforecare start time changed to: 6:45 AM

Aftercare end time is 5:30 PM.

SVdP's Care Director:

Ms. Megan Kelly

mkelly@svdpvikings.com

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you purchased the pre-packaged school supply kits (Grades K-8) through the Women's Guild program, they will be available in their homeroom at our Meet & Greet.

The SVdP school supply lists can be found [here](#).

DRESS CODE

The full dress code policy can be found [here](#).

DRESS CODE REMINDERS:

No watches will be permitted.

SHOES: BOYS AND GIRLS

- ATHLETIC SHOES
 - Any combination of white, gray or black athletic shoes
 - No additional colors allowed
- DRESS SHOES
 - Brown, black, gray or navy dress shoes only
- Toes and heels of feet must be covered
- NOT PERMITTED:
 - Heels over an inch.
 - Clogs, sandals, mules, crocs, slippers or moccasins etc.
 - Hiking, hunting, UGG, or any type of boot (Boots are for outside only on rain or snow days).
 - No glitter or light-up shoes allowed

SOCKS: BOYS AND GIRLS

- **Solid white or black** socks
- No emblem, logo or brand name (small visible manufacturer's name is acceptable; however, no color allowed)
- Socks must be visible above the tops of the shoes.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

[Parent Student Handbook](#)

The following updates were made to the Parent/Student Handbook for 2026-2027:

- **Cost of Hot Lunch** - increase to \$4.25
- **Beforecare** - change in start time to 6:45am
- **Identity Protection**
- **AI Policy**

HEALTH RECORDS

DUE BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th

[Health Record Requirements & Forms](#)

Kindergarten Students

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

Dental Exam

Eye Exam

2nd grade Students

Dental Exam

6th grade Students

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

Dental Exam

5th-8th Student Athletes

A sports physical is required to participate in SVdP athletics and is valid for 13 months.

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)

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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