



FIREHAWK TALK ...

St. Vincent de Paul School's Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome Back!!

Welcome Back!! We are so excited to have our students back in the school building!! With so much happening over the course of the summer, we are looking forward to starting off the year with as much normalcy as possible.

Our SVDP Summer Camp held a few weeks ago was a great success and the kids did an awesome job of stepping into the new expectations that are being asked of them, like wearing masks, using hand sanitizer and washing hands regularly, and social distancing. With that in mind, we know that our teachers and children are ready to get back to learning, even if it means a little more "teacher eyes" and efforts as we go. Jesus is walking the journey with us. We know He has us by the hand and will be guiding us through the day to day activities. Trust in Him, and we got this!

Blessings~
Denise Ray
St. Vincent de Paul Principal

Back to School Night!!

St. Vincent will be holding our Back to School night on Aug. 10 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Come meet the teacher and drop off your supplies!! We are asking that you wear a mask as you enter the building, and that families come on the staggered timeline below. All will need to be aware of social distancing as we move through the open house. Firehawk Club raffle tickets will be available during the open house. Please look for your family envelope. Thank you to Jamie Hackbart for offering to put these together for us and running the raffle!! Questions, please call and let us know.

5:00- 5:30 PM

- Boldt
- Bolling
- Breiner
- Busse
- Cookus
- Dyer
- Dybdal
- Easterday
- Erwin
- Frisbie
- Hackbart
- Holliday
- Hollman
- Howe
- Johnston
- Kinnamon
- Kitt
- Kolterman
- Kouma
- Kouma-Kraska

5:30-6:00 PM

- Lopez
- Lund
- Maca
- Makey
- Masek
- Mayo
- Murman
- O'Brien
- Oborny
- Owens
- Perry
- Santo
- Sanner
- Spangler
- Summa
- Tunge
- Wintz
- Wobken

Responding to God's Call, we the community of St. Vincent de Paul, dedicate ourselves with love to the spiritual growth and academic excellence of our children to prepare them for the journey through this life to the Kingdom of Heaven.



Early Dismissal on Our First Day August 13, 2020 ~ Buses Run

- ◆ Students may begin arriving at 7:40 AM
- ◆ Students may go to the Social Hall – picked up by teachers at 7:50 AM
- ◆ Tardy bell rings at 7:55 AM
- ◆ Mass at 8:10 AM
- ◆ Early dismissal at 1:30 PM
- ◆ Regular dismissal is at 3:28 PM



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Covid-19 School Information:

Face Coverings:

- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul students will be required to wear a face covering when they enter the school building in the morning.
- ◆ The school will furnish one face covering per student. Parents may wish to send an extra one with their student so they have a backup.
- ◆ While in the yellow and orange levels of the Risk Dial as per Four Corners, masks will need to be worn by all staff and students when we are not able to maintain a 6 foot of separation from other students and staff.
- ◆ Risk Dial at yellow will allow students to take more breaks with mask wearing in the classroom as long as we have the 6 ft. social distancing in place.
- ◆ Risk Dial at orange will need students to be more diligent with mask wearing in the classroom.
- ◆ At the Green level, face covering use will be recommended.
- ◆ Masks can be removed at lunch, recess, P.E. and possibly music when 6 ft. social distancing is in place.
- ◆ Face coverings will need to be worn when small group instruction is taking place.
- ◆ Preschool students will be provided with a mask from the school, and will be asked to wear it in until they get their temperature taken. If they are under 100.4, they will be able to remove it if wanted as they enter the classroom.

Four Corners Community Information available on Zoom

Every Thursday at 1:00 pm, Four Corners holds a Zoom meeting that has community information regarding certain sectors that report for their area. Much of the information is in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, and how the community is responding to it. If you are interested in listening in, the zoom log on information is below.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/773658013?pwd=d2dVa2RmM3ptVUh6bWQ4b1RpUFRidz09>

Meeting ID: 773 658 013

Password: 988845

Important Notes about Our Day!

Arrival:

- ◆ All students will be entering the school through the main church doors.
- ◆ Students who are arriving by bus, will be let out at on the north parking lot, but closer to the median, where they can walk to the church entrance and enter there. We will not have bus students go through the recess doors at this time.
- ◆ Students and community members will need to social distance as much as possible from each other as they enter the building.
- ◆ We will have the doors open as much as possible to avoid touching door handles.
- ◆ We are limiting the number of adults who come in and out of our building. If a parent must accompany a student into the building, we are asking that you have a mask on and have a temperature check at the entrance.
- ◆ A staff member will be taking temperatures of all students at the entrance of the school.

Dismissal:

- ◆ Students who are being picked up by car, will dismiss in staggered groups at the end of the day.
- ◆ We will social distance as much as possible.
- ◆ Students who are being picked up by parents who are parking in the lot and walking up to get them, will dismiss out the recess doors.
- ◆ Students who are riding the bus home, will be waiting in the Social Hall until the bus arrives.

Dismissal Questionnaire

Please fill out the questionnaire in the link below and bring it to Back to School Night or on the First Day of School. We need this information to know how your student will be getting home!

<https://mystvincentschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Dismissal-Questionnaire.pdf>



Lunch:

Lunch will be served for all students at 11:25, but we will spread the students out a little more in the social hall. We will seat as many students to a table as safely as possible, while at the same time trying to keep them from being directly across the table from another student. Because we will be using the table space differently, this will mean that one class per day, on a rotation basis, will either eat in their classroom, or outside when weather permits. At this time, the rotation will look like this: 4th has Monday, 3rd has Tuesday, and 2nd has Thursday. We are trying to keep kindergarten and 1st in the regular eating area at all times. Students will wash hands prior to coming into the lunch room, and will also social distance while waiting in line to pick up their food. We will dismiss one class at a time for recess. Sanitizer will be available for the students after lunch. One other note on lunch, since Seward Public supplies our hot lunches, we may see some modifications from them if they would happen to go to a staggered schedule sometime in the year. This essentially would mean that hot lunches would be more of a sack lunch than a hot lunch. We will make sure to keep families informed of any changes that happen.

Recess:

Morning recess times will be discussed with teachers when we get together for our in-service time next week. For afternoon recess, the students will be kept in their classroom grades and we will rotate them on the playground by area. We will rotate this everyday so children get many different areas throughout the week. There will be pre-teaching of the concept of what social distancing on the playground will look like for children, as it is completely natural for children to want to interact together. Afternoon recess is directly after lunch. Students will wash their hands after recess when they reenter the building.

In the classroom:

Students will remain with their homeroom classmates as much as possible for the day. In the classroom each student will have his/her own supplies to use. Students will be taught about safety measures such as hand washing, proper use of face coverings, social distancing and monitoring /reporting how they feel (symptom checking). St. Vincent will utilize a touchless thermometer. We will take temps at the entrance when students arrive, and if needed throughout the day. Teachers will have the ability to give students a break from their face covering when needed. We will also take face covering breaks throughout the day. During these breaks, students will remain at least 6 feet away from each other. We have installed a new bottle filler for water bottles. Please remember to send your child with a water bottle that is labeled.

Specials:

Yes, students will have specials! Mrs. Holliday will come to the students in their classroom to provide instruction in computer and Spanish. On PE days, she will either be in the Social Hall, or outside with the students. Mrs. Jilig will either take the children outside for music class, or use the music room for instruction. Your child's teacher will communicate their classroom's specials schedule so you know which special is on what day.

Volunteers and Visitors to School:

SVDP School always wishes to convey a welcoming and warm environment, however because of the present circumstances, we will be limiting the amount of visitors who come into the school. This is for the safety of all students and employees in the building. Our volunteers are a big part of how our school runs efficiently. We will be keeping volunteers consistent throughout the week, and ask that they follow all policies of our return to school plan. Signs will be posted that will alert those who are coming in for school business, that they must have a mask on to enter, and need to stop in the office to check in.

Lunch Accounts:

You are welcome to add money to your child's lunch account in the school office. Student lunch is \$2.70 and milk is .30.

20th Anniversary at St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul School will be celebrating its 20th year of the founding of the school this year!! We will have more information coming soon.

Parent Forms for School

Updated school forms can be found on our website: www.mystvincentschool.com. Click on 'Parent Information' and then 'School Forms'. If you need a registration form, or any other form for the upcoming school year, you can access those from our website. Supply list is attached to this email too.

Used School Uniforms

We have used uniforms that will be set out at Back to School night on August 10th. If you could use a few gently used items, we will have them ready for you to look through.

Preschool Updates

We have a few openings in our morning sessions for preschool. One in our Mon.-Friday and two in our Tuesday- Thursday session.

Both sessions are from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. If there is a transportation need for taking the child back to daycare or to home, we have a van that will transport for you. The enrollment form and waiver with this note. There is a fee for this service.

Extended Daycare Registration Form

Ms. Rebeca Rerucha will be back heading up our Extended Daycare Program for the 2020-21 school year. We have begun taking registrations for this service. Then enrollment form for this year can be found here: Extended Day Enrollment 2020-2021. If you would like to reserve a place for your student/s in our program, please fill out the form and return to the school office, church office, or drop in the collection basket at Mass. A link to a sign up calendar for the months of August and September is below for you. Both of those are due back to the office by August 10. We will start our extended daycare program on the first day of school, which is a 1:30 dismissal. Rebeca is looking forward to seeing familiar faces from last year, as well as some who are new. We look forward to serving you and your families in this program.

<https://mystvincentschool.com/august-september-calendar-2020/>

Whats Coming Up? August 2020

10-12	Faculty In-service Days
10	Back to School Night/ Preschool Open House 5:00 – 6:00 PM Time change
13	First Day of School 1:30 Dismiss
14	M-W-F and M-F Preschool begins
15	Assumption
18	T-Th Preschool begins AM session
25	PTO Meeting Teacher Information Night 6:30 pm.
25-26	DIBELS Testing
28	Picture Day (T/Th preK come in starting 8:15)

Message from a Saint...



*The source of justice
is not vengeance
but charity.”*

- St. Bridget of Sweden