



St. Vincent de Paul School

Weekly Note From Mrs. Stewart

Ordinary Time
Jan. 12, 2012



Calendar Update

Jan. 13

Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly, 9 am
Called to Protect Class for 7th Graders

Jan. 16

No School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 17

8th Graders will attend the March for Life Mass and Rally in Olympia. **This is a change of date.**

Jan. 19

Parents Association Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

Jan. 20

7/8 Grade Dance, 3-5 pm
Called to Protect Class for 7th Graders

Respect for Life Posters are due.

Jan. 26

Parents Association Meeting, 7:30 pm

Jan. 28-Feb. 3

Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 29

Open House 9-noon

Dear Parents,

We are preparing for Catholic Education Week. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service. In just three words, this theme expresses what Catholic schools are all about. It's wonderful to celebrate CEW along with all the other Catholic schools in the nation.

We are proud of our school, and the teachers are excited to have the opportunity during Catholic Schools Week to share what our students are learning and what they have accomplished. We hope you plan to walk through the school during the Open House on January 29. The Open House is for current families as well as new families. We hope you plan to attend and invite a prospective family to join you. Be sure to give them the Open House postcard and sign your name on the back. If the family gives me the card, I will treat you to a Starbucks card. If you know a family with a pre-k aged child, be sure to tell them about our newly forming pre-k class. We need 18 students to confirm Pre-k!

Registration forms were sent home last week. I know that the economy is still a concern, so if you are having difficulty with the fee at this time, please call me. For budget planning and new registrations, we need expected enrollment numbers.

We have been allowing students to use e-readers (Nook and Kindle) for reading books. Due to the variety of new and updated devices, we now have a policy on personal electronic resources. This policy is in the envelope. It is subject to change as technology improves and changes.

With prayers of hope for a wonderful year,

Wanda

Our mission and vision

We are a faith-filled Catholic school that promotes academic achievement and spiritual development for our students and their families. This is reflected through worship, learning, support of each other, and service to the community.

Our vision is to be the best Catholic school we can be by continually seeking to improve our curriculum, teaching skills, and learning environment.

Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs)

- A Faith-filled Catholic
- A Life-long Learner
- An Active Community Member in a Global Society

Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grants

Anyone wishing to apply for tuition assistance for 2012-13 will need to complete an on-line application for a Fulcrum Foundation Grant. The deadline to complete the application and send the required documents to me is **February 1, 2012**. The Fulcrum deadlines are final, so I wanted to let you know well in advance of the dates. If you think you need assistance, please don't hesitate to apply.

Respect for Life Poster/Essay Contest

The theme for this year's contest is "Human Life, a Gift from God." 7/8 graders will follow their teachers' directions for their essays. Directions for the grades 1-6 posters were in the envelope last week. Posters are due **Jan. 20**.

Parents of 8th Graders!

The original date we were given for the March for Life Rally was Jan. 18. **It is Jan. 17.** Mrs. Vance, 3 of our parents, the 8th graders and several parishioners will leave at 8 am on the 17th for Olympia. They will attend Mass at 9:30 and then go to the capitol building for the rally. Archbishop Sartain will celebrate Mass.

Raffle Reminder

Thank you for turning in your raffle ticket stubs and monies! Remember the raffle will be held in 2 weeks at the Parent's Association meeting on Thursday, January 26th at 8:00pm! We have 500 tickets left to sell. Wouldn't it be great if we could sell 100% of the tickets ordered! Please let me know if you are able to help sell the remaining tickets. Thank you, Genny McFarland

Help us sell our school to parish families!

Parents! We need your help!

We hope that you will invite families who might be interested in our school to the Open House on Jan. 29 from 9-noon.

Look for the Open House post card in the envelope next week. Write your name on the back of the card and give it to a prospective family. If the family gives me the card at the Open House, I will treat you to a Starbucks gift card!

If the family registers and attends in the fall, you receive a month's free tuition.

Increasing our enrollment is one means to help keep tuition costs down. Help us build our school community!

Hello Parents and Student,

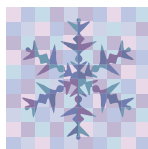
Please continue clipping Campbell soup labels. Through the Labels for Education we purchase the outdoor recreation equipment. In addition to soup labels, the Labels for Education Program also partners with Pop Secret, BIC, Swanson, GLAD, Dannon and many other products. See <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/How-to-Earn/Participating-Products>.

Thank you for your continued support!
Labels for Education Coordinator,
Mrs. Joanne McWilson

Please pray for:

- *Our students and their families
- *Our school faculty and staff
- *Our parish community
- *Those who are ill
- *Those who have lost loved ones
- *A wonderful new year

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.



Faith. Academics. Service.
Catholic Schools

"After the gift of life, the best gift we can give our children is the gift of a Catholic education."

—Bishop Nicholas Dattilo



Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 28–Feb. 3

“The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is ‘Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.’ The theme expresses three priorities that make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. Children learn about faith, not just basic Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. They concentrate on academics, which in Catholic schools are held to the highest standards, so they can reach their highest potential. They practice service, giving time, talent and effort to help others, as an expression of both faith and good citizenship. This combined focus on faith, academics and service prepares students for full and meaningful lives.”

The National Catholic Education Association

We have daily themes and events each day.

- Jan. 28/29 **Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Parish**
Student Lectors at all Masses
- Jan. 29 Open House, 9-noon
- Jan. 30 **Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Community**
All School Rosary, 9:30
- Jan. 31 **Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Students**
All School Skating at Pattisons
- Feb. 1 **Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Nation**
Visitor Lunch
Student’s last name begins with A-H 11:30-12
Student’s last name begins with I-O 12-12:30
Student’s last name begins with P-Z 12:30-1:00
- Feb. 2 **Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers**
All School Mass, 9 am
- Feb. 3 **Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Vocations**
All School Read-In, 2-2:45

Ask Mrs. Stewart....

**Is the one-month free tuition for the price of one child or all children in the family?*

The one-month free tuition would be figured based on the referring family’s tuition. If you have two children, the two-child rate would be divided by 11 months, if you have three children, the three-child rate would be divided by 11 months.

**How many children will be in the pre-k class?*

We need 18 students for the first pre-k class!

**How many children will be in k next year?*

The maximum number is 25. We would like to have 20.



8th Grade Math Team Competition

The Fifth Annual Middle School Math Contest was held Saturday, December 10, 2011, at Thomas Jefferson High School. St. Vincent de Paul 8th grade Math Team participants were Juan Bernal, Peter Fantozzi, Jack Breese, Andrew Gonzalez, Mathew Sposari, Amanda Robb, Alex Le, Connor Loats, Ben Johnson, and Taylor Flaherty. Congratulations to all who participated and competed in this event.



CYO Volleyball

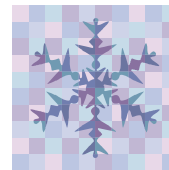
Registration forms are available in the school office. Registration forms are due **Jan. 23rd.**

Attention Volunteers!

Volunteers must have a background check, verification of the current Safe Environment Training/Course Update, Volunteer Agreement and Indemnity form on file in the school office. **If you have any questions, please call the school office. We want and need our volunteers!**

Safe Environment site <http://seattle.setanet.org>

Thanks
to our many parent
volunteers.
We love you!



Any changes?

Keep your emergency information current.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Stewardship Pledge Cards

Cards were due to the parish office by January 1, 2012. This is a requirement for families receiving the in-parish tuition rate. Thanks for returning your card.

This space is for your comments and suggestions:

Volunteers for Catholic Education Week

We now have plenty of volunteers. Thanks for helping.

Open House, Jan. 29, 9-noon

Helping set up for coffee and donuts 8-9, Jan. 29

Annie Miramontez Susan Asadi
Michelle Kovecs

Helping with coffee and donuts from 9-noon, Jan. 29

Bei Bernal Annie Miramontez
Karen Fantozzi Trang Koch
Jove Hyde Michelle Kovecs

Helping clean-up after coffee and donuts, 12-12:30, Jan. 29

Annie Miramontez Marie Hackenberg
Jove Hyde Michelle Kovecs

Greeter, 9-noon Jan. 29

Marie Hackenberg Candice Kim

Visitor Lunch, Feb. 1

Helping decorate for the visitor lunch, 8:30-11:30, Feb. 1

Marcia Ducusin Susan Asadi
Jocelyn DeTorres Jerrie Cadelina-Chung
Julie Gronski Marie Hackenberg
Annie Fomai Jove Hyde