



St. Vincent de Paul School

Weekly Note From Mrs. Stewart

Ordinary Time
Jan. 26, 2012



Calendar Update

Jan. 26

Parents Association Meeting, 7:30 pm

Jan. 27

Non-uniform Day
Called to Protect Class for
7th Graders

Jan. 28-Feb. 3

Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 29

Open House 9-noon
Select Choir Sings 11:30

Jan. 30

School Rosary 9:30

Jan. 31

All School Skating
9:30-11:30

Feb. 1

Visitor Lunch
A-H 11:30-12:00
I-O 12-12:30
P-Z 12:30-1:00

Feb. 2

CSW Mass 9 am

Feb. 3

All School Read-In
10:40-11:10

Dear Parents,

The Parents Association Meeting is tonight, January 26. I hope you plan to attend. The topics for my presentation during the meeting are report cards and PowerSchool possibilities. We would like your feedback on report card proposals. Please join us for the meeting so we benefit from your ideas during the round table discussion.

Registration forms were sent home last week. I will do everything possible to assist current families who are in financial need with the registration fee and tuition assistance for next year. We do need expected enrollment numbers for budget planning and new registration planning, so please don't hesitate to call me if you have having any difficulty at this time.

I met with the School Commission Budget Committee earlier this week. We are committed to making it possible for all of our current families to afford St. Vincent's as well as any other parish families wanting to send their children to our wonderful school. The best way to help us do this is to invite families to attend the Open House on Sunday. Don't forget to give prospective families the Open House card with your name on the back!

The laptops in the portable cart are being used everyday by students. It's great to see students actively engaged in learning with this technology. The computers are used for reading and math as well as in science and social studies classes. Due to increased use of laptops in the classrooms, teachers have requested that our fund-an-item this year at the auction to be a 2nd cart with laptops. I will include some photos next week so you can see students in action.

With prayers of thanksgiving for our wonderful faculty/staff, students and parents,

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.

Raffle Reminder

Thank you for turning in your raffle ticket stubs and monies! Remember the raffle will be held 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.

Use the Open House post card! 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!

Catholic Schools Week Special Events

Rosary: All School Rosary, Jan. 30 at 9:30 am
Join us if you can!

Skating: Permission slips for the all school skating event on Tuesday, Jan. 31, were sent home on Monday with a special edition note. We will be going skating in the morning this year from 9:30-11:30. We could use extra hands at 9:30 to help the little ones with skates. If you want to skate, please join us.

Visitor Lunch: The Visitor Lunch is on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Be sure your child knows if he/she is having a visitor. I don't want any child to be in tears that day. There is no hot lunch on Visitor Lunch Day. Children and/or visitors need to bring a lunch.

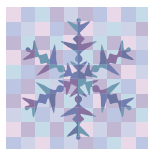
Mass: All School Mass, Feb. 2, 9 am

All School Read-In: Feb. 3, 10:40 Join us if you can!

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
- *Our school community during CSW

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.



Faith. Academics. Service.
Catholic Schools

"Faith leads us beyond ourselves.

It leads us directly to God."

—Blessed John Paul II



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 9:30-11:30

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, 10:40-11:10



Inclement Weather

A few reminders....

If we need to close or delay the start of school due to inclement weather, we will post the closure/delay on the school website (left hand side) and on KING, KIRO, AND KOMO TV. I usually try to make the call by 6 am if possible. If you do not have access to the internet or TV, let me know.

- We do not follow Federal Way’s schedule. You need to look for St. Vincent under private schools.
• If we are delayed, it will always be a 10:30 start. Please do not drop off students prior to 10:15 on late start days and be sure that some faculty/staff are here before you do drop off your child. If you don’t see any cars, that’s a good indication school is closed.
• If we are delayed, there is no hot lunch. Students need to bring a lunch on late start days.
• If we are delayed, there is no before school Extended Care.
• If you don’t want to wait through the list of private schools on the TV screen, check the station website. It is usually listed on the websites within 15 minutes of notifying the station.

Please do not call the school on late start days, I need to keep the phone lines open so I can communicate with teachers/staff.

* Want to receive a text alert *
* when we have a late start or *
* closure? Go to KING TV and *
* sign up to receive text alerts! *

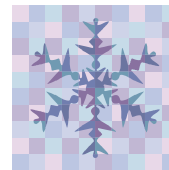
Think: NO Snow, NO Snow, NO Snow!

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