



St. Vincent de Paul School

Weekly Note From Mrs. Stewart

Epiphany
Jan. 5, 2012

Calendar Update

Jan. 6

School For Grades K-4

No School For Grades 5-8,
Teacher Recommendation
Day

Jan. 10

Geography Bee, 10:30

Jan. 11

Mt. St. Helens Class Mass,
10:30

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**

Epiphany of the Lord!



Dear Parents,

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany Jesus, how may we help you in this new year?

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday. My favorite part of the break was being able to take my time, not having to rush to go anywhere or do anything. I hope you enjoyed some quality time with your family as I did, taking time to rest. We move into January at full speed, especially as we approach Catholic Education Week. Here we go!

I was delighted with the Christmas Concert and Grandparents Tea. The music was awesome! It was nice to hear the band and the children's voices! Thanks to Mrs. McCarl, Mr. Larkins, the teachers and children for their dedication to making the evening so special. We enjoy having visitors at our school, especially grandparents. I loved watching the children and grandparents interacting during the tea; the introductions were so cute. Thanks to all parents who helped with the event.



Look for information about Catholic Education Week, Jan. 28—Feb. 4, in the note. This is a special week for us as we celebrate with Catholic schools across the nation. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.

Our 8th graders will be attending the Mass for Life and March for Life in Olympia on Jan. 17. The 7th and 8th graders will be completing Respect for Life essays this month and students in grades 1-6 will turn in Respect for Life posters. (Poster information is in the envelope.) Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for inviting us to participate in the Respect for Life essay and poster contests and to the parish for inviting the 8th graders to attend the Mass and march.

With much hope for a wonderful New 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.

Honor Band Auditions

Honor Band auditions take place in the Kennedy Catholic band room on a first come basis. Band students received information about auditions.

Clarinets, saxophones, oboes, drums:

Monday, Jan. 9, 6-7:30 pm

Flutes, bells, all brasses:

Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 5-7:15 pm

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

All raffle ticket stubs and monies are due **Friday, January 6**. Thanks for your support. Please contact Genny McFarland.

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.

Help us sell our school to parish families!

Students, teachers, parents, and parishioners, are our best marketers! 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 in two weeks.) You can give the prospective family a tour and tell them about St. Vincent's.

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 the enrollment!

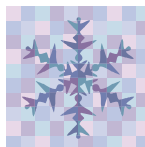
Respect for Life Poster/Essay Contest

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 are in the envelope today. Posters are due **Jan. 20**.

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.



Oops! The Parents Association Meeting is Jan. 26th.

I left it off the January calendar.

"All things must come to the soul from its roots, from where it is planted."

—*St. Teresa of Avila*



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

The National Catholic Education Association’s

Top 10 Reasons

to

Choose Catholic Schools

1. Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in faith
2. Balanced curriculum that includes art, music and fitness
3. Emphasis on moral development, service to the others and leadership skills
4. A 99 percent graduation rate
5. Strong preparation for further education
6. Safe and disciplined environment
7. Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential
8. Individual attention in a caring community
9. Commitment to technology use to enhance education
10. Good stewardship of resources

**Share the good news
with those interested
in St. Vincent’s!**



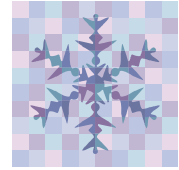
CYO Volleyball

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!**

Thanks
to our many parent
volunteers.
We love you!



We need help during recesses!
Please let Mr. Dizon know if you can help!
Dress for the weather!
Daily 9:55-10:30, 12:05-12:50, and 1:30-1:45

**Volunteers Needed for
Catholic Education Week
Open House, Jan. 29, 9-noon**

Please check & sign below to help with the following:

- Helping set up for coffee and donuts 8-9, Jan. 29
- Helping with coffee and donuts from 9-noon, Jan. 29
- Helping clean-up after coffee and donuts, 12-12:30, Jan. 29

Please check & sign below to serve as a greeter during the Open House.

- Greeter, 9-noon Jan. 29

Visitor Lunch, Feb. 1

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

Name _____

Any changes?

Keep your emergency information current.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

CYO 5th Grade Girls Volleyball

Coach is needed.

Please contact April Robb if interested.

253-861-0582

aprilrobb@yahoo.com or

me454kc@gmail.com

This space is for your comments and suggestions: