

July 2023

Dear SV Parents and Guardians,

It is exciting to know we are all at St. Vincent preparing to say: "Follow Me As I Follow Christ" by following the bible quote from John 8:12 which states, "Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Our 23/24 theme song is by Rend Collection titled: "My Lighthouse."

1. We are excited to provide SV families with a new SIS system for the 2023-2024 school year. We will be using a Rediker SIS system. Along with this being an efficient way for families to stay connected, all back to school forms will be done online going forward. As soon as we are ready to launch the system, notification will be sent to the email we have on file for parents. We appreciate your patience throughout this transition.
2. **ES (Pre-K- 6) Back to School Night is Thursday, August 10th from 3:30-6:30PM.** Students may bring in their school supplies and meet their teacher. Pre-K- 6th grade students will take their school pictures (students may wear a nice outfit and uniforms are optional) in the cafeteria and pick up their student planner in their classroom. Student planners will include the Family and Student Handbook for the 2023/2024 school year. There will be a form attached for parents and students to sign and to be returned on the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
3. Cheekwood Studios will be St. Vincent Catholic Schools photographer for the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited for this partnership and look forward to working with Cheekwood throughout the school year.
4. **Jr/ Sr High Book Day is August 10th from 3:30PM-6:30PM in the High School Gym.** This includes taking school pictures in the gym. ***All students must wear their SCHOOL UNIFORM and be well groomed (this means following dress code regarding hair length, hair color, facial hair, etc)*** for their fall picture. These photos are used for many outlets. We will have another opportunity in the SPRING to take pictures in an outfit of choice. Schedules can be viewed via Jupiter in August OR we can provide you with a copy of your schedule at Back to School Night. Students 8-12 were provided with their schedule for this school year. You will not receive books on this night. You will receive and cover books on the first day of class. This will be a time that you may bring supplies and assemble your lockers. There will be a table in the gym that Kleenex, paper, paper towels, etc from the general supply list may be placed on (please do not put these items in your locker). School t-shirts will be given out in the first few weeks of school.
5. **7th Grade & Jr/Sr High NEW Student Orientation** will be Thursday, August 10 at 6:45PM in the High School Gym. The student and **AT LEAST** one parent must attend. A sign in sheet will be at the entry of the gym. Please be thinking of any questions you may have as we want to ensure the smoothest transition possible into the new building and school year.
6. **9th Grade Coalition Meeting:** If you have not signed up for the SV in-person meeting on August 23, please do so ASAP by reaching out to mwheeler@svdepaul.org. If you are unable to attend the meeting on August 23, at least one parent must attend one of these meetings at another location. A list of dates has been sent to all 9th grade families. If you need this information sent to you again, please contact Mrs. Wheeler at mwheeler@svdepaul.org.
7. **ALL SCHOOLS K-12: AT LEAST ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT.** STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN WITH THEM K-12. Parents will have the opportunity to add funds to lunch accounts at Back to School Night.
 - a. The Family and Student Handbook/Planner will be given at Back to School Night. There is a form that will be handed out at back to school night that **must** be signed by the parent and student and turned in on the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**
8. **IMMUNIZATIONS for Kindergarten, 8th Grade, and 12th Grade MUST BE TURNED IN BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** These can be brought to Back to School Night.

9. **All incoming Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th Grade, and 9th Grade students MUST have an up-to-date physical TURNED IN BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. These can be brought to Back to School Night.** The physical form can be found on the www.svdepaul.org website under “K-12 Parent Forms”. This form was also sent to all families in May. Again, if you have any questions regarding the required physical, please email Nurse Kelsey at svenurse@svdepaul.org.

10. 23/24 FEES:

- a. Tuition Commitment Form/Registration fee: \$100 PER FAMILY will be charged to your FACTS account on September 1 IF FORM WAS TURNED IN BY MAY 6.
 - i. Tuition Commitment Form/Registration fee: \$150 PER FAMILY will be charged to your FACTS account on September 1 IF FORM WAS TURNED IN AFTER MAY 6.
- b. Book/Technology Fee of \$200 per person will be charged to your FACTS on September 1, 2023.
- c. Retreat Fees will be charged to your FACTS on September 1, 2023.
 - i. Grades 9-11: \$30 per student
 - ii. Grade 12: \$175 per student

Grades K-6: Please use an envelope for all money turned in at the beginning and throughout the school year noting your child’s name, teacher name and description of payment on the outside of the envelope for proper documentation and tracking. This includes any deposits into your child(ren)’s lunch account and making payments for Before/After School Care at the HS Book Day/ES Back to School Night.

11. **We have been informed that there will not be free lunch provided. Students may bring their lunch from home OR lunch cost will be as follows:**

Elementary Student \$3.75
JR/HS students \$4.00

12. **Please remember that if you wish to leave medication at the school for your child, the appropriate paperwork must be completed in order for the medication to be at the school.** All medical paperwork can be found on the svdepaul.org website under “K-12 Parent Forms”. If you have any questions regarding medical paperwork, please email Nurse Kelsey at svenurse@svdepaul.org

13. The **MANDATORY** High School Fall Sports and Activities Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 30. This should be attended by AT LEAST ONE parent/guardian of athletes that will compete in High School BAND, FOOTBALL, CHEERLEADING, CROSS COUNTRY, and VOLLEYBALL Mr. Stobart and Mr. Schumer will meet everyone as a group and then groups will meet individually.

SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 16th.

Elementary Bell Times

7:30 First bell – Student drop off begins
7:45 Second bell -- School begins
2:40 Dismissal

High School Bell Times

7:42 First bell -- School begins soon
7:45 Second bell -- School begins
2:45 Dismissal

Lastly, we hope the remainder of the summer is wonderful and full of fun, family, and love. We are looking forward to a great year at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Schools!

Sincerely,

Zachary Stobart, Head of Schools
Diane Unterreiner, Elementary School Principal