

Letter from the Head of Schools and Elementary School Principal

Dear St. Vincent Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and thank you for choosing St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Schools for your child.

I am so excited to enter my first year here at St. Vincent de Paul Schools as Head of Schools and Secondary Principal. Just a little background about me--I was born and raised in Southeast Missouri. St. Ambrose in Chaffee was my home parish as a child. I was formerly a high school English teacher and the principal of St. Augustine School in Kelso, MO. I look forward to making my home here in Perryville at St. Vincent de Paul.

We are welcoming new staff at the High School this year as well. Drew Garvey and Brandon Roth will teach Religion. Austin Patek will teach Chemistry/Physics. Mary Richardson has transferred from the Preschool to English Language Arts in the high school. Nicole Wibbenmeyer will return as a Social Studies teacher. Crystal Tomlinson has transferred to Art. Please continue to keep all of our teachers in your prayers for a strong school year.

Finally, Our theme for this school year is: "Led By The Spirit!" and our theme song is: "Everywhere I Go" by Tim Timmons. My goal is to maintain the rigorous educational and spiritual atmosphere that has been a standard here at SVDP for many years. I look forward to working with you, Fr. Geders, and Mrs. Unterreiner to make your child's educational experience the best it can be.

May God Continue to Bless St. Vincent de Paul Schools,

Sarah Cato

Head of Schools, Secondary Principal



Dear St. Vincent Elementary Families,

I am excited to continue to serve as the Principal for St. Vincent Elementary School. It is going to be an amazing year and we are ready to welcome our students and families back to share our faith. We are prepared to be led by the Spirit according to the bible verse from Psalm 26:3, "Your mercy is before my eyes; I walk guided by your faithfulness."

Now that I am entering my fourth year as the SV elementary principal, I am looking forward to our continual growth and success for our students, school and parish. I extend a special welcome back to all of our returning students and a warm welcome to our new students.

We are delighted with our returning elementary teachers and Krista Roth transferring to be our coordinator and lead teacher for our new full day preschool. Also, we are excited with the following joining our elementary staff for first grade: Danielle Bishop and Brianna Boland. Finally, we are happy to have Terrie LaRose as our 5th grade teacher joining in with the 5th/6th grade team.

Please know that my door is always open to help everyone find their success at SV!

Blessings,

Mrs. Diane Unterreiner

SV Elementary Principal



Dear SV Parents and Guardians,

1. ES (K-6) Back to School Night is Thursday, August 12th from 4-7PM. Students may bring in their school supplies and meet their teacher. Kindergarten – 6th grade students will be able to take school pictures in the cafeteria and pick up their student planner in their classroom. Student planners will include the Student/Parent Handbook for the 2021/2022 school year. There will be a form attached for parents and students to sign and to be returned on the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**. You may pick up

your child's welcome letter from their teacher and Football Pools after the weekend St. Vincent Parish Masses on Saturday, July 31st and Sunday, August 1st.

2. **7th Grade & Jr/Sr High NEW Student Orientation** will be Thursday, August 12th at 6:15PM 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.
3. **9th Grade Coalition Meeting:** If you have not signed up for a virtual or in-person meeting, at least one parent must do so. The only available in person meeting at St. Vincent is August 5 at 7PM in the High School Library. 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.
4. **HS Book Day is August 12th from 2PM-6PM in the Cafeteria.** This includes taking school pictures in the cafeteria. Students may dress up in appropriate attire (no spaghetti straps, strapless shirt, inappropriate images/wording etc. OR dress in school uniform. Schedules can be viewed via Jupiter OR we can provide you with a copy of your schedule at Book Day. This will help in your selection of books for the year. This will also be a time that you may bring supplies, cover your books in the hallway, and assemble your lockers. The Student Planner will be handed out at Book Day. There will be a table that Kleenex and paper towels from the general supply list may be placed on (please do not put these items in your locker).
5. The Jr/Sr High School Handbook will be found on the school website at www.svdepaul.org. There is a form that will be handed out at book day that **must** be signed by the parent and student and turned in on the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**.

BOOK DAY SCHEDULE

- 1:30PM-2PM: Senior Class MTG in Gym
- 2-3PM: Senior and Junior- Books and Pictures
- 3-4PM: Sophomore and Freshman- Books and Pictures
- 4-6PM- 7/8th Grade- Books and Pictures

If the above designated time doesn't work for you, you are welcome to come at one of the other time slots.

6. **IMMUNIZATIONS for Kindergarten, 8th Grade, and 12th Grade MUST BE TURNED IN BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** These can be brought to Book Day/Back to School Night. **If you have received the Covid-19 vaccination, please provide proof of vaccination to the office.** If you have any questions regarding required immunizations, please email Nurse Kelsey at svenurse@svdepaul.org.
 7. **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 Book Day/Back to School Night. The physical form can be found on the www.svdepaul.org website under "K-12 Parent Forms". Again, if you have any questions regarding the required physical, please email Nurse Kelsey at svenurse@svdepaul.org.
 8. **ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF 7-12** will be **required** to wear their ID badge on them at all times throughout the school year. This will be part of the SV Dress Code Policy and if not worn, will have the same consequences as other dress code violations.
- St. Vincent will provide an SV lanyard to all students that has the school colors/name on it however if students want to purchase their own lanyard they are more than welcome as long as it is appropriate (no profanity, inappropriate images, alcohol/tobacco, etc)
9. St. Vincent Junior/Senior High School will return to the bell schedule that was used pre-COVID. See handbook for more information.
 10. **If you have not already paid the book & technology fee of \$100.00 per child, it is due at Book Day/Back to School Night as stated on Tuition Commitment Form. This can also be processed via FACTS (preferred). Grades K-6: Please turn Book Fee into your child's classroom teacher with your child's name, teacher name and book fee on the outside of the envelope. You may deposit money into your child(ren)'s lunch account if needed (second entrees, extra milk,snacks, etc). Lunch will be free again this year however second entrees, extra milks, etc are NOT free. Parents may make payments for Before/After School Care at the HS Book Day/ES Back to School Night.**

11. **The Free and Reduced Lunch Application is not just about lunch!** Even though our lunches are free this year for all students, we still need to collect this information. The F&R application helps all of our students receive access to new learning resources. Some students also are eligible to receive tutoring services based on academic need. Our teachers receive access to professional development opportunities and our school is receiving grants that provide COVID relief based on some of this data-- all which is kept **strictly confidential**. **Because this form is so important to fill out, we are offering a free dress down pass to**

all SV students in the family if the form is completed and mailed or handed into the office by August 31. This form will be given to all students the first week of school and emailed to families.

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. All Parents: Jupiter Grades- We will be using www.Jupitered.com for grades and important info for parents. *For those that are NEW to St. Vincent, your access information has already been emailed to you. If you need this information again, please email Mrs. Wheeler at mwheeler@svdepaul.org. Those of you moving from the SV 6th to 7th grade will continue to use your current password.*

Do you want to know when your child gets a grade lower than a ‘C’ or is absent/tardy? Once you have logged in, go to the left side of the screen and click “settings”. Then click on the boxes you wish for notification purposes. You can also sign up for text alerts under settings.

14. Parents: We use Jupiter DAILY, so please make sure we have your correct email address on file. Please check your email **daily** for updates, info, and announcements.

15. SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 17th.

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,

Sarah Cato, Head of Schools

Diane Unterreiner, Elementary School Principal