



**St. Vincent de Paul**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Know  
and celebrate our  
Catholic Faith,*

*Love  
God and our  
neighbor,*

*Serve  
as disciples of  
Jesus Christ.*

**December 1, 2014 School Newsletter**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 <b>DAY 5</b> Trimester 2 begins  Advent Prayer Service, 7:45 AM 5CE & 5KM	2 <b>DAY 6</b> 1st Grade Field Trip: Charlie Brown Christmas  Confession: 8th Grade, 9:00 AM	3 <b>DAY 1</b> 8:00 AM Mass, 3DS  Cherubim Choir	4 <b>DAY 2</b>	5 <b>DAY 3</b> Report Cards issued	6 Christmas Bazaar
7 Christmas Bazaar	8 <b>DAY 4</b> 8:00 AM Mass 7th/8th Grade <i>Immaculate Conception</i> Praise Choir	9 <b>DAY 5</b>  Dave Whatmuff Day of Prayer	10 <b>DAY 6</b> Advent Prayer Service, 7:45 AM 4DM  Band Orchestra Concert: 7:00 PM	11 <b>DAY 1</b> Kindergarten field trip: <i>Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer</i>  4th Grade field trip: <i>Best Christmas Present Ever</i>  Science Explorers	12 <b>DAY 2</b>	13 Breakfast with Santa
14 Girls Basketball try outs 5:30-7:30 PM, Gym	15 <b>DAY 3</b> Magazine Drive Pig Race 9:00 AM	16 <b>DAY 4</b>	17 <b>DAY 5</b> 8:00 AM Mass 8CC Cherubim Choir	18 <b>DAY 6</b> Advent Parties K-4 at 12:30 PM	19 <b>DAY 1</b> Advent Parties Grades 5-8  Advent Program 12:30 PM  Last Day of School before Christmas	20

## From the school office

### New Student Survey Form 2015 – 2016

Please fill out and return this [survey form](#) if you will have a **NEW** Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grader who will attend St. Vincent de Paul School in the 2015 – 2016 school year. **\*\*\* Please do not complete this form for any students currently enrolled at St Vincent de Paul School; it is only for new students attending St. Vincents next year.**

### Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found table in the school hall before the end of each month. We will be donating any items left in the lost and found at the end of every month to Goodwill.



## From the school office (continued)

### Great American Magazine Drive

Our magazine drive kicked off on Wednesday, November 12th. Most popular among the students were the “bling ducks” and the “swag bags”. Don’t forget that magazine orders were due on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be distributed on Tuesday, December 2. St. Vincents will receive 40% of each subscription sold. Did you know that you can renew or order subscription all year and St Vincents will get credit for them? Simply log onto [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) and use the SVDP school code 2639292.



### Drop off/Pick Up Procedures Reminder

Now that winter is upon us, we wanted to remind you of a few of our parking lot policies:

- All students should be dropped off and picked up in front of Regan Hall. If a parent needs to come into the school, please drop off your student, park and then walk in using our crosswalks.
- All students should exit and enter on the curb side. Parents should not be getting out of the car when dropping off. If a parent needs to get out of the car, please follow number 1.
- Please remember to have your name sign on your passenger side visor. This helps make pick up quicker. If you are in need of another sign, please let [Mrs. Griffith](#) know.

These rules are put in place for the safety of all. Please let us know if you have any questions.

### School Calendar Revision!



A revision was made to our 2014 – 2015 school calendar in August. Our last day of school before Christmas break is **Friday December 19th**. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2015. We apologize for the confusion.

### Staff Christmas Gift Donations

It’s that time of year to start thinking about staff Christmas gifts. Once again, the Sunshine Committee will be collecting donations from parents to purchase gifts for the faculty and staff. Let’s show our appreciation and thank the people who play a large role in our children’s lives every day. We encourage monetary donations and will pool the money together then divide it among the faculty and staff. You can send a check or cash in an envelope marked “Staff Christmas Donation” and/or “After School Staff Donation” to the school office. Please consider a donation so **ALL** faculty and staff will be remembered this holiday season. **The deadline for all donations is Monday, December 8, 2014**



## Prayers for Support

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### Please pray for the health of:

**Richard Mattox**, grandfather of Kaitlyn Mattox

**Bassem Armaly**, grandfather of Grace, Emma & Zachary Lowe

**Dennis Hofmeister**, grandfather of Gwen & Elise Myhre

**Ralph VanHeel**, grandfather of Gavin & Callista LaMott

**Joellen Rucke**, grandmother of Ryan, Ali, Megan & Lauren McNamara

**Mike Winn**, husband of Mrs. Jean Winn

**Mitch Swirtz**, great uncle of Blake & Noah Frazer, Lindsey & Lily Reise & Charley, Luke & Jake Sawicky

**Tom Wahl**, great uncle of Natalie Gooley



### **Congratulations!!**

Congratulations to Haley Sanem and her family on the birth of Haley's baby sister, Skyler Nicole, born on 11/15/14.



## Save the Dates

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### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014.**

#### **SAVE-THE-DATE**

- Enjoy a hot breakfast buffet
- Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Leave your wish list in the North Pole mailbox
- Shop in the Elves' gift shop for mom and dad
- Create fun crafts with Santa's helpers

**Saturday, December 13**

**8:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Come join us for a fun  
filled morning!**



Cost: \$10 per adult and \$8.00 per child (3 and under free). Buy your tickets in the school office or after Masses on November 29-30 and December 6-7.



#### **Advent Prayer Services:**

Advent Prayer Services will be held on:

- Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 CE & KM
- Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 4DM
- Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2BLM

All services will be held in the gym at 7:45 AM. All are welcome to attend.

## Save the dates (continued)

### Advent Program: Carriers of the Light



Grades K-4 will be presenting **A Very Special Night** on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the church.

This is a “non-uniform” for K-4 students, and they are expected to be in their “Sunday best” clothes. All in our community are invited to share in bringing the light of Jesus.

### Science Explorers

**Thursday, December 11th.** Click [here](#) for the waiver.

### **Rocky Science Adventures!**

Join Science Explorers as we investigate our collection of geodes, pyrite, quartz and more. We will explore the difference between rocks and minerals with hands-on experiments. Plus, use your own rock id kit while “mining” for gem stones that you will take home. This fun, hands-on class will bring the rock-hound out of you!

*Maximum of 40 students per date.*

**Grades K-5**  
Thursday, December 11, 2014  
**1:45-3:30 PM at \$16/Student**  
Science Room  
*Great for Families*



## Activity Updates

### Cross Food Drive

St Vincent Paul School’s Student Council recently conducted a food drive for CROSS. Thank you for your generosity. Mrs. Morri’s 4<sup>th</sup> grade class collected the most items and received a prize for their classroom. Thank you for your generosity to all who participated.

### Give to the Max Day

St. Vincent de Paul School was very excited to participate in the exciting 24-hour annual Minnesota Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 13. With your generosity we raised over \$2,000. That money will be used to purchase snow shoes for our students and to update physical education equipment. All donations, big or small were very much appreciated. Thank you!!

### Principals of the Day

Tommy & Anna Hausman are shown here completing one of the of the many duties they had during their recent **Principal of the Day**, which was made possible thanks to their parents, Jed & Tara Hausman, at the 2014 Auction for Education.



# Activity Updates

## 7th and 8th Grade Community Service Projects

Throughout the first trimester the students in Junior High were asked to complete three hours of service for the community and in turn reflect on the service that they completed. In all, the **students served over 325 hours in the Church and the neighborhoods surrounding our parish school.**

“After doing this project, I believe I have been made a better person in small ways, and even though the ways are not huge or important, small things can benefit more than you’d think. This is what I’ve learned from doing these hours, even though your position in the world today does not seem like much of, well, anything! Most of us feel that we are just average, unimportant people in the world that can never have any real influence, like all of the amazing, brilliant people we’ve heard and read about.

Really, though, our lives are quite the opposite. In our small ways of helping, we can make a world of a difference. Even though our names will never be scrawled in bold across the headlines of a newspaper, or people rejoicing worldwide at what we’ve done for them, we’ve made the world a better place by being there. This is what I’ve learned, gotten and been influenced by this project, the mere fact that no matter how little we are, we truly make a big difference.”

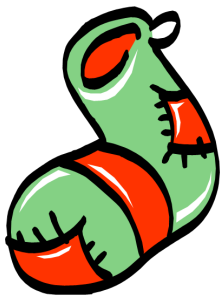
-Stephanie Holmgren

Throughout the next two trimesters the students in seventh and eighth grade will continue to complete service hours in the parish and neighborhood and reflect on their hours of service.

“Working at the nursing home has inspired me to volunteer more often. It has also helped me to realize that there are always multiple ways in which the community around us needs help. Volunteering is a big part of what makes up our communities. In fact every community revolves around volunteering. If no one volunteered many activities that happened around us wouldn’t be able to happen. If everyone volunteers around their own community it would bring all of society closer together.”

-D.J. Floresch, completed his service work at St. Therese

## Christmas Donation Opportunity



### Toasty Toes: Socks are needed for the Basilica of St. Mary’s Shoe Ministry

We are collecting new socks for the Basilica of St. Mary’s Shoe Ministry, and our *donations are down*. Please get into the holiday spirit by giving new socks to people in need.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Socks are the number one requested item at homeless shelters. They are the most needed, but least donated article of clothing. Nothing feels as good as a new pair of socks, especially for someone used to wearing damaged, dirty or no socks at all.

Gr. K-5 students please bring men’s socks.

Gr. 6-8 students please bring women & children’s socks.



**Drama Club's performances of SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK last weekend were showstoppers!**

Performances were held at Totino-Grace's theater, complete with lights, microphones, and a custom set design.

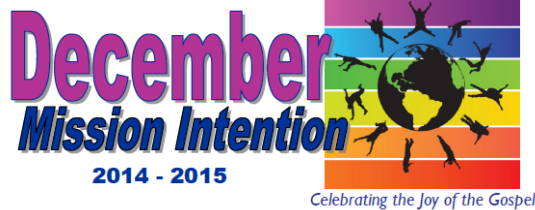


A huge thank you to all the parents who supported their students throughout the last few months, the last week for Tech rehearsals, and this past weekend's shows!

And a special thank you to our AMAZING directors, Amanda, Meg, and Peytie!

**Check out these links!**


Click [here](#) for the December Mission Intention



SVDP HOLIDAY NIGHT OUT  
**\*Special Performance to Support SVDP\***  
 THURSDAY DECEMBER 4TH: 6:00 PM  
 YELLOW TREE THEATRE  
 OSSEO, MINNESOTA



Click [here](#) for more information about this fun opportunity!



**FAITH**  
 "Faith of our Children: A Partnership of School and Home"  
 SPEAKER: Mr. Jeff Cavins  
 WHEN: December 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
 WHERE: Totino-Grace Gymnasium  
 TOTINO-GRACE HIGH-SCHOOL SPEAKER SERIES FOR PARENTS ALL ARE WELCOME.  
 The Speaker Series is FREE and open to the public.

Click [here](#) for more about this speaker.