



St. Vincent Ferrer

April 1, 2021

Dear SVF Families,

What a blessing it has been to celebrate Holy Week with our students this year! When I reflect on the past year and I think back to last year's Holy Week during a time of such uncertainty, it is a beautiful reminder of how far we have come in a year. What a gift it has been today for our students to be a part of the all-school Lenten Retreat. Over the course of this year, there have been challenges and changes that we never imagined, but the renewal of spring and the hopeful "turning of the Covid corner" feels like such a blessing. Thank you to all our families for helping us stay strong as a school community.

As a part of this week's newsletter, you are receiving next year's calendar. Please bear in mind that one of the lessons of the pandemic is that we can sometimes need to change due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope to add many dates for PTO events, and we will be able to do this as state guidelines are updated. Thank you for your patience.

As we prepare for next school year, it is difficult to know what safety measures will still be in place as a result of the pandemic. Questions about face coverings, required social distance, and quarantine requirements will probably not be answered until sometime during the summer. As always, our students' and staff's safety is our primary concern, and we will continue to look to the CDC, the State of Ohio, and Hamilton County Public Health to provide the best guidance on all matters related to the pandemic.

At the same time, we are also fully committed to providing the best possible education for all our students. We are proud that we have been able to provide a quality remote learning option this year as a response to a crisis situation. However, we are mindful of the fact that the best possible education takes place in the classroom. Therefore, with the start of the 2021-22 school year, **St. Vincent Ferrer will no longer offer a long-term remote option.** Depending on the guidance that we receive on quarantine requirements, we will work to develop policies and procedures for those students who are required to quarantine as a result of the pandemic.

Here are a few things you need to know for the weeks ahead:

SRPING DRESS CODE CHANGES BEGIN TODAY: The first day that the dress code allows shorts is today. Please be sure that your child's shorts are long enough to be considered "Bermuda length" as the dress code specifies, and please be sure that they are not too tight. As of today, boots are no longer allowed as a part of the dress code.

SPRING T-SHIRT CONTEST!!!! Our PTO is sponsoring a contest to design a t-shirt with our theme for the year “We Belong to One Another.” Please see the attachment about how your family can participate. We are looking forward to your amazing designs!

YOU CAN STILL ORDER SPRING FLOWERS: Our Spring Flower Sale is wrapping up, but there is still time to order. The online store is open until April 9th. Please know we appreciate your support of our PTO fundraiser.

SVF PARISH IS NOW LIVESTREAMING MASS! We are happy to announce that SVF now has “Livestream” capabilities in the church. For those unable to attend Mass in person, we offer livestreaming services where you are able to view Masses at SVF online. Simply go to our website, www.svfchurch.org, and click on “View SVF Mass.”

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE: Please know that all SVF families are welcome to participate in Holy Week services, regardless of your parish or faith tradition. All services will also be livestreamed.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7pm

Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at Noon

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 1:30pm

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:45pm

Easter Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am

THE YEARBOOK WANTS YOUR PICTURES!!!

The Yearbook Advisor would love pictures of students from our recent snow days, sporting events, AND the 100th day of school! **Pictures of remote students (from 1st AND 2nd trimester) AND Junior High students are especially needed!** Please send pictures to stvincentferreryearbook@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD.....DINE OUT AT QUATMAN’S CAFÉ ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22 FROM 4:00-9:00. Do you enjoy a good cheeseburger? Join us at the SVF Dine-out at Quatman’s Café n Norwood on April 22nd. 20% of sales will go back to SVF.

Have a Blessed Easter with your family and a wonderfully relaxing Easter Break!

God Bless you all,

Mrs. Mikki Dunkley

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