



St. Vincent Ferrer

January 8, 2021

Dear SVF Families,

Welcome back to school on the first week of 2021! It was so good to see everyone's smiling eyes! (we call that a "smize" around here. 😊) It was a week of hard work, and I think everyone is ready for a restful weekend.

Here is what you need to know for the week ahead:

MASK REMINDERS: As we come back from break please remember that we have guidelines for mask usage. The masks may be any color, or printed, but may not have slogans or writing unless it is part of a logo for our school or for a sports team. Masks need to be school appropriate. Please be sure your student has 3 clean masks each day: one for AM, one for PM, and a "just in case" spare. And finally, **please review proper mask wearing with your student!!!** As we enter into the winter months, we want to be sure our school is as safe as possible. If it seems as though your child's mask is under his nose or down his chin, it is not effective! The mask needs to cover the mouth and the nose to be effective. If your child's mask will not stay up, please find some masks that fit. If your child has problems with mask wearing, please discuss this with him and talk about the importance of proper mask wearing. As our theme states, "We Belong to One Another;" let us do what we can to keep each other safe!

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER!!!! We try to get our kids out for recess as often as possible. This is important for their brains-physical activity helps them stay focused. It is important for their physical well-being- we aren't moving as much as we were, and our kids benefit from the exercise. It is important for their health-we are trying to get the kids out in the fresh air as opposed to having recess indoors. The kids need to come to school dressed warmly and with the correct outerwear. While I know we have a fair number of kids that do not think they need a coat, I assure you that they do. Our playground is wide open and therefore windy, and 20 minutes is a long time to be outside without a proper coat. Thank you for supporting our staff in this matter.

FRISCH'S DINE OUT ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH FROM 4:00 UNTIL CLOSE The Frisch's, located at 9070 Plainfield Road in Cincinnati, OH will be hosting a dine out to benefit our PTO on Monday and Tuesday of next week. 20% of food and drink sales will go to support the PTO when you present the flyer that is attached. Thank you to Frisch's for their generous support!

THE YEARBOOK COULD USE YOUR HELP! The SVF Yearbook Advisor would love your help with collecting photos for this year's yearbook. With COVID- 19 limitations, remote learners, and the lack of typical events and activities, it is difficult to photograph every student, so we would LOVE your help! Here are some ideas of photos to submit: first day of school, remote learning, sports activities, Halloween, and any other activity related to school. Please upload your photos to our Shutterfly/ Lifetouch Share Site (Instructions attached) or email stvincentferreryearbook@gmail.com. Thank you for your help!

INTERIM REPORTS WILL GO OUT NEXT FRIDAY Interim grades will be posted for student in grades 1-8 on Option C next Friday. You will receive paper next Friday that you will need to return stating that you have viewed your child's grades on Option C. Please be sure to check your child's grades so that you are up to date on your child's progress. This allows use to work together as a team for the best interest of your child. Kindergarten students receive paper copies of their interim reports if there is a concern.

ED CHOICE AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION As the recipient of an Ed Choice Scholarship from the state of Ohio, you are required to sign the Ed Choice check when it is received in the parish office. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we realize that it is more difficult for many of you to physically be present in the office to sign the check. During this time of pandemic, we are choosing to use the attached authorization forms to allow us to deposit the checks without your signature. If you choose to give us permission to deposit the checks without your signature, please complete the attached AUTHORIZATION form and return it to the parish office. At any time you may withdraw the authorization by completing the WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORIZATION form. The parent/guardian with the name on the check must be the person to sign this form. Please contact Kathy Abele, kabele@svfchurch.org, with any questions. Thank you for choosing SVF School to educate your child!

AND FINALLY, THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US IN THE LOOP If your family needs to quarantine, or your child would test positive for COVID, please inform the school immediately so that we are able to keep accurate records. It is necessary for us to calculate the return to school dates with the guidance of Hamilton County Public Health Board, and your assistance is greatly appreciated in making the process go more quickly.

Have a restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing the kids' "smizes" on Monday.

God Bless you all,

Mrs. Dunkley

Principal, St. Vincent Ferrer School