



St. Vincent Ferrer

November 17, 2023

Dear SVF Families,

Welcome to the first full week of the second trimester! Today, we celebrated our junior high students receiving honors for the first trimester at our Junior High Honors Breakfast. Congratulations to the 63% of our students in grades 6-8th grades that attained First, Second, or Merit Honor Roll. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade are bringing home their 1st trimester report cards today. Please be sure to review your student's report card and set goals for the 2nd trimester. You may keep the copy of the report card, but you will need to sign the report card envelope and return it on Monday.

As a reminder, Thanksgiving Break begins next week. There will be no school on Wednesday, November 22nd through Sunday, December 26th. We will return to school on Monday, November 27th. Have a beautiful and blessed Thanksgiving!

LUNCH INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday: Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Cheese Pizza, or PB&J

Tuesday: Thanksgiving Dinner-Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans and a Roll, or a PB&J Sandwich

Please note that fruit and vegetable options, along with a choice of white or chocolate milk, are available each day as a part of the cost of lunch.

A Note from the Cafeteria Staff:

Parents, as you know we have a snack cart that is available during lunch period for grades 4-8. However, we do also always offer extra entrées, veggies, fruit, and warm pastries as well. Whatever is left in the warmer from 1st lunch is available for the students in second lunch to purchase. Even though all Our food (including snacks) is whole grain and in compliance with state health standards, the extras do include things like donuts, cookies, muffins, etc. If parents of students grades KG-3 are seeing extra charges on lunch accounts, it is because your child is buying extra food. Extra entrees are \$1.50, pastries are \$1.00, single cookies are \$0.50 and extra fruit or veggies are \$0.50. Please discuss with your children what they can and cannot buy. Thank you for choosing our lunch program; we truly appreciate it. Your children are wonderful and make our job fun.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE HOLIDAY MARKET A SUCCESS!!!:

Thank you to all the vendors, volunteers, and shoppers who made the 7th annual St. Vincent Ferrer PTO Holiday Market a HUGE success!!! We had an amazing turnout, and we hope that you all had a great shopping experience! We hope to see you again next year!

COLLECTION FOR NEEDS FOOD PANTRY, THANKSGIVING PARADE & Soccer Game: We are having a collection of items for the NEEDS Food Pantry in Kenwood. Each class has an assigned item for donation. We are collecting items from now until November 21st. On November 21st, we will have a Thanksgiving Parade at 1:00 in the school parking lot in which each class creates a float displaying the items they are donating. The winning class will receive the *Coveted Golden Gourd!* After the parade, there will be a soccer game for grades 5-8. Students in other grades will watch the game. Popcorn will be sold by Student Council. Parents are welcome to come and watch. More details to follow. *Please see the attached flyer for details about the collection.*

SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS COMING TO SVF ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 1st!!!

On Friday, December 1st, the SVF PTO will be sponsoring Santa's Workshop for our students to shop for loved ones. For a successful event, we need your support - we need many volunteers on the day of the event, but also leading up to it. Please consider signing up today!

Santa's Workshop Volunteers (<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0C49ADA72DA7FBC07-46123995-santas>).

A shopping list and letters about Santa's Workshop will be coming home with the students after the holiday break. Please be sure to check their backpacks!

We are accepting donations of holiday gift bags and clear Scotch tape (or similar type) to wrap the gifts the students purchase. Please send in your donation by Wednesday, November 29th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact SVF PTO!

YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD CAN BENEFIT OUR PTO!

With Kroger Community Rewards we receive a percentage of all purchases connected to our account. If you haven't already linked your Shopper's Card to SVF, now is the perfect time to do it! *Please follow the directions in the attachment to register your card for SVF PTO.*

We are looking for helpers for Playground Duty

Our dedicated volunteers that help on the playground help make everything run so smoothly. We would love to have your help, too! Here is the link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4AA9AD2EA1F49-45717777-recess#/>

Also, you can email Neysa Wendle at neysa.wendle@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

If you have questions about any of the above information or for the PTO in general, feel free to reach out to saintvincentferrerpto@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD:

Early Childhood Information Night is Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00 in the Library:

We invite you to join us for an information session to learn about the early education programs offered at St. Vincent Ferrer School. St. Vincent Ferrer School offers a high-quality, faith-based Early Childhood program for students in Preschool, PreKindergarten, and Kindergarten. PreK teacher and Early Childhood program director, Theresa Morman, Preschool teacher, Beth Sebens, and Kindergarten teacher, Nicole Ash, will provide an overview of the programs, share insights on the benefits of preschool and signs of kindergarten readiness. The registration process will also be outlined. Principal, Mikki Dunkley, will also be available to answer any questions about enrollment and our program for grades 1-8. If you do not have little ones ready for Preschool, PreK, or Kindergarten, please feel free to pass this along to anyone that you know that may be interested. Your word-of-mouth endorsement is our best advertisement. *Flyer attached.*

Art Spark has great opportunities for our little artists! Please see the attached schedule for Art Spark's sign ups for their next session. Also, if you are looking for ways to keep your child busy over Christmas Break, Art Spark is offering winter camps at their studio on Loveland-Madeira Road.

Looking for simple ways your children can learn the gift of service to others? Be a part of making sandwiches for Our Daily Bread!



WHAT: Our family of parishes is offering a simple, yet valuable, outreach SANDWICH MAKING! Help feed the hungry in Cincinnati in partnership with Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in OTR. Perfect for helpers of all ages

WHEN: 2nd Sunday / Every other month

WHERE: Deliver donations and/or sandwiches to the refrigerator in the Jaspers Room Kitchenette at SVF. Drop off before or after any weekend Mass.

HOW: Make 10 sandwiches using white bread (no other bread variety please). Individually package each sandwich in a seal top plastic sandwich bag. Place individually wrapped bags back in bread bag for each transport. Make 10, make 20, make 30—no amount too small or too big of an offering. All are welcome to help. **Sign up for our first date on Sunday December 10 with the link below.** Questions-contact Bill Mountel.

Here is the link where you can sign up: https://bit.ly/OurDailyBread_AS_SVF_2023_24

Have a wonderful weekend!

God Bless,

Mrs. Mikki Dunkley

Principal, St. Vincent Ferrer School

“Faith in action is Love. Love in action is Service”

-St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta

School year theme 2023-2024