



St. Vincent Ferrer

November 19, 2021

Dear SVF Families,

We had a great first week of the 2nd Trimester! I am so proud of how our students are working, while next week is a short week, we have much that is planned for those two days. Once we come back from Thanksgiving Break, the time will fly as we head into Christmas break. Please be sure to read the newsletter in its entirety so that you know all the details.

This week's newsletter has a lot of information. Please be sure to carefully read all of the news so that you know what is coming over the next several weeks.

PAPER COPIES OF REPORT CARDS ARE BEING SENT HOME TODAY: Please look for your child's report card when they arrive home from school today. This is a great time to sit down with your child and review with them what they are especially proud of and in what areas they need some growth. If tardies have been a problem in the first trimester, please work with your child to come up with a plan for timely arrivals to school each day. We want to set the standard of excellence and strong work ethic for our students. Please keep the report card, sign and date the envelope, and send it back no later than Tuesday, November 23rd.

VACCINE AND QUARANTINE REMINDERS:

As you continue to schedule vaccine appointments for your children, please remember to inform the school. If your child will be leaving school for his or her appointment, please be sure to email both Mrs. Dunaway and the classroom teacher. Also, please give yourself plenty of time to arrive at school to pick up your child. While we will do everything possible to have your child ready at the correct time, please know that there is a lot going on in the school office and in the classroom, and the additional comings and goings of vaccination appointments may make our schedule more hectic than normal. As your child becomes fully vaccinated, please let us know and email us a copy of his or her vaccination card. This is helpful information in the event that we need to do contact tracing. Thank you for your help in this matter.

While we certainly hope that everyone has a healthy Thanksgiving, please be sure to inform Mrs. Dunkley if your child becomes COVID positive over the Thanksgiving Break. You can notify Mrs. Dunkley via email at dunkley_m@svf-school.org. I will do my best to notify families as soon as possible if there is an issue.

WINTER FLOWER SALE UPDATE: PICK UP ON SATURDAY:

CONGRATULATIONS Hornets! We are happy to report that we reached our all-school goal of 300 items sold and students will be treated to cocoa and Christmas cookies! We sold 357 items for a profit of \$1,642! We appreciate your support!

Flowers will be available for pick up this Saturday, Nov. 20, from 2-4 pm in Hamilton Hall. Masks are required.

***If you are able to help before or during pick-up, please use the sign-up genius in the email from your homeroom parent, or you can contact Marguerite Showalter at mafshow@gmail.com.*

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR...IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

It's that time of the year again...time to start arguing with your child about wearing a coat to school. We go out for recess as long as the outdoor temperature is 29 degrees or higher. Please make sure your child has a coat, hat, and gloves or mittens as it gets colder. Yes, I know they don't like to wear coats, but no, that doesn't stop them from complaining about being cold. Your child will be going outside, whether or not they have the proper winter attire. Thank you for your support as we head into the winter months.

LUNCH MENU:

Monday, November 22nd - Popcorn Chicken, Smiley Fries, Fruit and a Drink = NEW MENU ITEM!

Tuesday, November 23rd - Cheese Coney, Chips, Carrots, and a Drink

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER-PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT:

- **SVF and All Saints St. Vincent DePaul Collection November 8-19th-EXTENDED UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND.** SVF and All Saints schools are joining forces to collect items for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. We are asking our students to donate the following items: Size one and Size 6 diapers, wipes, wrapping paper, cooking oil, seasonings, and new or gently used coats. The two school communities will be sharing these donations with the St. Vincent DePaul Society to help care for our needy neighbors during the winter months. Please see the attached flyer for details.

JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS: Please mark your calendar for the Junior High Honor's Breakfast on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:30. This year, we are pleased to once again invite parents to join us. If your child made Honors for this Trimester, there should be an invitation in the report card envelope. We look forward to seeing you there!

STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE SPONSORING A SCHOOL-WIDE THANKSGIVING KICKBALL TOURNAMENT FOR GRADES 1-8, AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23:

Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide Kickball Tournament on Tuesday afternoon. Students may wear a Thanksgiving costume for the tournament. (Think pilgrims, turkeys, etc.) Snacks will be sold, and the proceeds will go to support the SVF Student Council. Please make sure your child has a beach towel to sit on if they do not usually have one here at school. Please make sure your child is wearing proper

outerwear on Tuesday so that they can be warm while watching the games. ****SEE the attached flyer for details!**

PTO Says THANKS!

Thank you to all the bakers, shoppers, vendors, and volunteers who helped make our 5th annual Holiday Market a HUGE success! We hope you all had a great shopping experience, and we hope to see you all again next year!

LOOKING AHEAD: PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH 7:00:

Are you or someone you know interested in our PreK or Kindergarten classes for the fall of 2022? Please join us for the PreK and Kindergarten information night on Tuesday, November 30th. Mrs. Morman, Mrs. Ash, and Mrs. Dunkley will be leading participants in an informational session about our Early Childhood Programs. Please RSVP to Mrs. Dunaway at Dunaway_c@svf-school.org to let us know if you plan to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SANTA'S WORKSHOP ON DECEMBER 3RD:

Santa's Workshop is Friday, December 3rd! We need your support! We need many volunteers on the day of the event, but also leading up to it. If you can help, use the link below to sign up! We are still in need of donations of holiday wrapping paper, gift bags and clear Scotch tape (or similar type) to wrap the gifts the students purchase. Please send in your donation by Wednesday, Dec. 1st. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45ABA72CA7F85-santas>

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

It's hard to believe that we are already talking about Christmas, but the Christmas Concert is just 5 weeks away. Given the fact that the pandemic's effects are still very real and present, we have made the decision to present a recorded Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00. Thanks to the new livestream system that we have at the church, we can have our Christmas Concert recorded during the morning of December 15th. Each class will have their performance recorded, and the entire concert will be available on the SVF Church website at 7:00 in evening of December 15th. In doing this, we are able to provide an opportunity for you and your extended families safely watch our children celebrate the Christmas season through music. Additionally, the concert will be available on the website for an extended period of time. We are thankful that the SVF parish has these capabilities and that we are able to use this technology to provide these experiences in a most challenging time. More details to follow as we get closer to our concert.

We have made the decision to allow our students to wear "concert dress" to school on December 15th for the recording of the concert. As you are choosing what your child is going to wear, please keep in mind the following points:

- This is concert dress, and it is NOT a dress down day. No sweatpants, t-shirts, or casual clothing. Think "church clothes."
- Your child will not be changing out of his or her concert clothes. Therefore, please make sure it is something that is playground appropriate. In other words, if you are counting on your child to

wear that adorable Christmas outfit to church and Grandma's house, be sure that you are ok with her going down the slide in it. 😊

- Your child may change shoes that are playground appropriate.
- Please be sure that your child's outfit adheres to out of uniform dress code as specified on page 33 of the school handbook. Clothing should be school appropriate and modest in nature; skirts and dresses should be to fingertip of middle finger when hands are at sides, there should not be spaghetti straps, sweaters should be worn if dresses are sleeveless, and cleavage should not be showing.

Have a wonderful weekend, and we will see you on Monday.

God Bless You All,

Mrs. Mikki Dunkley

Principal, St. Vincent Ferrer School