



St. Vincent Ferrer

January 14, 2022

Dear SVF Families,

Happy Friday! If your students are tired, it is because they have been working so hard since they have returned to school after break! We are hoping that this 3-day weekend allows our students to rest and recharge and return to school on Tuesday refreshed and ready to keep working hard.

I know that it can be concerning to receive emails regarding COVID cases here at school. While we have had had some cases, please know that our overall number of cases is still relatively low for our school, especially compared to the number of cases in other schools. Once again, much credit goes to our students who have done everything they can to follow the protocols we have set forth, our families for reinforcing all of this, and to our staff, who set the examples and expectations. We have been blessed that our staff has remained healthy, and it is our hope that we can continue with in-person learning as long as it is safe to do so, and we have the staff necessary for our school.

We are continuing to be vigilant in our COVID prevention measures. While nothing is 100%, we continue to remind our students about safe practices in regard to mask wearing, physical distancing, and hand washing. We have spaced our students out further at lunch. This isn't easy, because it does not allow for as much conversation, but currently, we feel it is a necessary added layer of protection to keep our students healthy. I keep telling the students to "hang in there-this is temporary." Additionally, we are returning to mask-wearing during recess, for the time being. We appreciate that as families, you have been doing your part and keeping your children home when they are not feeling well and informing us regarding positive diagnoses and exposure. I know this is challenging for everyone but thank you for your commitment to the safety of our school community. **If your child has a positive diagnosis over the weekend or after school hours, please email Mrs. Dunkley immediately so that she can begin the contact tracing process.**

You may be aware that some of the guidance regarding "up-to-date vaccinations" has recently changed. A student's vaccination status is no longer up to date if it has been more than 5 months since the last vaccination. This has the greatest effect on our 12-15-year-old students that received their 2nd vaccine prior to September. If it has been longer than 5 months since the 2nd vaccine, a student would need to quarantine from school if exposure took place outside of school. If the exposure took place at school, the student does not need to quarantine from school, but should quarantine from activities outside of school. Certainly, the new guidelines are confusing and ever changing, but I am happy to help anyone who has questions.

In the meantime, please continue to send your child with 2-3 masks and a water bottle per day, and please keep your child home if s/he is not feeling well. Please send a copy of your child's vaccination card once s/he has been vaccinated. Thank you for all you do to help keep our community safe.

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

LUNCH MENU FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17TH:

Monday, February 17th: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, February 18th: French Toast / Sausage / Fruit / Drink
Wednesday, February 19th: Popcorn Chicken / Smiley Fries / Fruit / Drink
Thursday, February 20th: Cheese Coney / Chips / Carrots / Drink
Friday, February 21st: LaRosa's Cheese Pizza / Fruit / Drink

DINE-OUT AT FERRARI'S-FEBRUARY 6TH AND 7TH:

Due to the ongoing community spread of COVID-19, the annual St. Vincent Ferrer PTO Spaghetti Dinner has unfortunately been canceled. However, in lieu of the event, Ferrari's Little Italy and Bakery is hosting a Dine Out to benefit the SVF PTO on **Sunday, February 6th (from 4 pm to 9 pm) AND Monday, February 7th for lunch (11:30 am to 2:30 pm) and dinner (5 pm to 9 pm)**. Ferrari's will donate 20% of all sales (including alcohol) to our PTO- **this includes Dine In, Carry Out, Bakery Items, AND Gift Card purchases**. Reservations are suggested, and please remember to mention St. Vincent Ferrer PTO when you visit (*flyer coming soon*)!!
Thank you for supporting the St. Vincent Ferrer PTO and Ferrari's Little Italy!

SNOW DAYS:

It is only a matter of time before we have inclement weather that causes us to cancel. In the event of a delay or closure, we will send out a One Call to our school families, which you will receive via email and phone call or text. Additionally, it will be listed on the school closings for channels 5, 9, and 12. We also try to have it posted on our school Facebook page. There are many ways that you will be informed.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) TUITION GRANTS

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting K-8 tuition assistance grant applications for the 2022-2023 school year. The application period will run from now through February 6th, 2022. Please go to www.catholicbestchoice.org for more information and/or apply at <https://factsmgt.com/>.

LOOKING AHEAD—SCHOOL REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF JANUARY:

SVF School registration will begin during the last week of January for our current families and then open to the community in the beginning of February. We are anticipating that our PreK and Kindergarten programs will fill quickly, so if you know someone looking for admission in those two grades, please spread the word. Your endorsement is our best advertisement!

PARKING LOT REMINDER: Please be sure to pull up as far as possible in the pick-up line at the end of the day. If you have students in grades 1-4, it is especially important that you pull up as far as you can and utilize the circle in front of the church to allow for more space. Thank you for your help to allow this to run smoothly.

Have a great weekend! We will see you on Tuesday!

God Bless you all,

Mrs. Mikki Dunkley
Principal, St. Vincent Ferrer School