

To: Parents and Guardians of St. Vincent de Paul Faith Formation

From: Sister Joanne

Date: Week of September 23

Re: Welcome Back! Arrival and Dismissal Procedures, Calendar, Text Alerts, Attendance

Welcome Back!

It is with heartfelt gratitude and joy that we welcome back all of our new and returning families. Thank you for making faith formation a priority for you and for your children. The phrase we have adopted this year is: **Every Day, Every Class, Every Student, an Encounter with Christ.** Let us together help our children to meet Christ!

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Please enter through the back or front doors of the Bingo Hall. If you arrive after the children are already in their classrooms, the doors will be locked and you will need to enter by ringing the bell on the door near the office. We ask that you sign your children in and then they can go to class.

We ask that all children stay at their tables in the Bingo Hall until the closing prayer is complete. Parents of children in Grades Kindergarten through 6 must come into the building to pick up children.

If your child needs to leave early, you **MUST** come into the building to sign them out. No child will be dismissed from a classroom to the parking lot.

Outside doors will be locked during class for safety reasons, and will be opened 15 minutes before the conclusion of class.

Calendar

There are printed calendars available for you to pick up when you bring your children to class this week. If you don't pick one up, it is online at svdparish.org under the faith formation tab. Please keep this handy so that you will know when classes will be meeting.

Text Alerts

We now have the capability to send you text alerts about important meetings, cancellations due to weather and other important information. If you receive one, it will be an important message.

Attendance

Attendance at Class and Weekly Mass is very important. We expect all students in grades 7 through 10 to attend Mass every week, and not to miss classes. We understand that illnesses and family gatherings sometimes come into play. We ask that elementary students miss no more than 3 classes. If you are preparing for a Sacrament, you will have to make up classes with Sr. Joanne if more than 3 classes are missed.