



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Faith • Academics • Service

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School.

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and by the Western Catholic Educational Association, is a Catholic school committed to offering the highest quality education in a Christian environment. For Catholic families, we are committed to fulfilling your expectations for your child's religious formation in the Catholic faith. For those not of the Catholic faith, we are confident that the Christian dimension of educating the whole child is a major consideration in your seeking out St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School.

You will find that we hold high expectations for our students and their behavior, both in the classroom and on the playground. We want them to feel confident and secure under our guidelines which are based on mutual respect and consideration for others.

You will find parents who are actively involved in St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School sharing with us their time and talent to ensure a quality program both within the school and in the community. Our parents make the effort to help new families quickly and easily feel a part of the school community.

With the advantage of an extremely strong faculty, a varied curriculum, and supportive parents, St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School is able to offer an educational experience that has become increasingly difficult to find: a top-level academic program integrated with Catholic values. This combination offers your child a multi-dimensional education.

Your choice of the right school for your child is an important one. We look forward to meeting you.

God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Roffmann
Principal

MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic elementary school, our mission is to provide an education within a faith-filled community in which all students develop skills as caring and compassionate Christians, critical and creative thinkers, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners.

PHILOSOPHY

Students enter St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School as unique children of God with individual talents and backgrounds. In partnership with parents, as the primary educators of their children, the faculty and staff are committed to guiding students in reaching their full academic potential through a Catholic curriculum emphasizing spiritual, intellectual, physical, creative, and social development. Through this student-centered learning we encourage students to develop a positive self-image and strengthen their Christian values within the Catholic community.

Curriculum

Religion
Reading/Literature
English
Spelling
Handwriting
Mathematics
Advanced Mathematics
Social Studies
Science/Science Laboratory
Art
Music
Physical Education
Library
Computer
Jr. High Electives:
 Art Enrichment
 Book Club
 Computer Technology
 World Cultures and Current Events

Extra-Curricular Programs & Activities

National Junior High Honor Society
Fieldtrips
Art and Essay Contests
Junior High Speech and Debate Team
Junior High Drama Club
Eighth Grade Retreat
4th through 8th Grade Band
PEAK Pal Program
 (People Engaged In Acts of Kindness)
5th and 6th Grade Marathon Club
Westside Relays
Community Programs
Learning Center
Delta V Math and Rocket Club

Tuition Rates 2011-2012

<u>TUITION PLAN A</u>		<u>TUITION PLAN B</u>		<u>TUITION PLAN C</u>	
1 child	\$ 5,128.00	1 child	\$ 5,878.00	1 child	\$ 6,628.00
2 children	\$10,000.00	2 children	\$10,750.00	2 children	\$11,500.00
3 children	\$14,102.00	3 children	\$14,852.00	3 children	\$15,602.00
4 children	\$17,948.00	4 children	\$18,698.00	4 children	\$19,448.00

TUITION PLAN INFORMATION

Tuition Plan A- Base Tuition

- must be a registered member of St. Vincent Parish and have donated \$480.00 (\$40.00 per month) from January 2011-December 2011

Tuition Plan B- Base Tuition + \$750.00

- registered member at all other Catholic parishes

Tuition Plan C- Base Tuition + \$1,500.00

- non Catholic families or those who are not registered at a Catholic parish

Fee Rates 2011-2012

\$335.00 fees per child (**non-refundable**)

\$60.00 supply fee for **kindergarten, first and second grades only**

\$385.00 Building Fund Assessment (**per family**) (**non-refundable**)

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School

Conditions and Criteria for Admission

Students and their families must be committed to the value and purpose of Catholic education. All students are expected to participate in religious exercises which are part of the Catholic tradition of prayer and liturgy.

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School admits students of any race, color, sex, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students in this school. St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, athletic, or other school administrated programs. Consideration will be given to children of St. Vincent employees.

Students are accepted into St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School in the following order:

- A. Brothers and sisters of children already in St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School.
- B. Children of active families registered in St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

The following are the criteria used to determine what is meant by an "active parishioner" at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

1. They attend Saturday/Sunday Mass on a consistent basis.
 2. They regularly contribute to the financial support of the parish by means of the Sunday envelope system.
- C. Catholic families in other parishes
 - D. Non-Catholics

An assessment test is given to all applicants in all grades who are chosen by the above priorities. Before the principal makes the final decision, the principal and teachers consider the results of this test. Because of the class size and the work required, we must be sure that a child entering our school will not become frustrated or overwhelmed and become unable to achieve academically and/or socially. Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age before December 2nd. (For the 2012-2013 school year kindergarteners must be 5 years of age by November 2nd.)

Many times we do not know until late August or the first of September about openings that might occur. **If, after filling out an application, you have not heard from us by the first week in September, you can assume no openings exist. You will be contacted by us only if there is an opening.**

Before a child is accepted, a personal interview with the parents or guardians will be scheduled with the principal.

If your child is not accepted this year, he/she will be put on our waiting list and his/her application will remain on file.

Any requirements for special needs to assist the student's learning will be discussed and reviewed to determine whether St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School has the facilities and expertise to provide the needed special assistance.

Our school is not government funded; therefore, we must charge tuition and fees. Both the tuition and fees are an obligation you, as parents, take on when your child/children are accepted into the school. We also require parents to support other fund-raising activities either directly promoted by the elementary school or by the Parents and Friends Organization (PFO), our parent fund-raising group. Tuition can be paid in full at the beginning of the year; monthly, from August to May; or at specific intervals during the school year by arrangement with the school administration.

Every parent is automatically a member of PFO. This group holds several fund-raisers during the year to help with the financial support of the school. It is due to this group and parish support, that our school is able to exist at the tuition that we charge. Therefore, we expect each new family to participate in this organization.

The rules and regulations of the school are basically set down in the St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook. By being accepted into St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, you and your child/children have accepted both the course of study, the philosophy of the school, and the rules and regulations that govern the school.

Accreditation

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and by the Western Catholic Educational Association. Our school is accredited through June 30, 2014.

Religion

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School teaches the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic faith. Catholic values are modeled and encouraged so that students learn to exhibit them in their own lives. Prayer is an integral part of this experience, and all students help plan and participate in our various liturgical prayer services. If your child is accepted to

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, he/she will be taking a course of study which includes religion that is approved by the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

Uniforms

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School students enjoy a comfortable, neat looking uniform. Both parents and students agree that the benefits of wearing our school uniform are many. Uniform dress erases any distinction of economic differences among students. The leveling effect of uniforms allows students to put their energy into more relevant issues and helps promote age-appropriate behavior or attitudes.

School Day

The school day begins at 8:15a.m. Kindergarten is dismissed at 2:30p.m. and grades one through eight are dismissed at 3:00p.m.

Application Procedures

1. All completed applications must be returned in person.
2. Complete the application for enrollment and return it with a copy of your child's **latest report card, birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, immunization record and current year standardized test scores.**
3. A non-refundable fee of \$30.00 per family will be charged when an application is returned.
4. School Office Hours:
 - Monday through Friday 8:30a.m. – 3:00p.m.
 - Lunch Hour: 12:20p.m. – 1:00p.m.
Office Closed