



# ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WE INSPIRE. WE CHANGE LIVES.

December 1, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We began this week with the ancient echo of, 'O come O come Emmanuel'. The days of preparation for Christmas offer many ways to reflect on the great gift of God's presence in the world. The students are quick to tell of ways they see the presence of God in life. Today our 4<sup>th</sup> graders reminded us that the Gospel tells us the Kingdom of God is within, and, that signs of God's Kingdom are joy, peace, and love in our hearts. Even the meaning of Emmanuel proclaims, 'God is with us.' In the midst of darkness in life, it is God who is the source of the joy, peace, and love that we can carry in us, and give to others.

The news:

- **Basketball season** has begun. PRACTICE IS TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS at 3:30PM and 5:00PM. This year we have enough students to offer boys Grades 5,6,7,8 basketball. The turnout of interested girls has been very small, and we are trying to place girls who want to play, at other nearby Catholic schools who are trying to fill their slots. Hopefully next year's numbers will allow Pallotti to offer Grades 5,6,7,8 boys and girls teams!
- **CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Our Christmas show is next week, Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 PM in the Pius XI High School Theatre. Students must be in the Green Room by 6:40 PM. Pius XI High School requires masks when seated in the audience. Seating is not limited. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with everyone through the singing, acting, and dramatic display of our students.
- **NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10** the day after our Christmas show. Each year we take this break after the hard work of 2 days of dress rehearsals and the evening public performance.
- **FRIDAY NOON DISMISSAL becomes a part of regular school schedule beginning this Friday, December 3.** The October 27<sup>th</sup> 'Announcement of the Change' letter is attached again for your reference.
- **'A Christmas Carol' at the Pabst Theatre:** Grades 2,3,4,5 will have the opportunity to attend a professional theatre production downtown Thursday, December 2.
- **Grade 8 Retreat:** Tuesday, December 14 the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be away on retreat.
- **Christmas Feast:** Our Food Service Program will offer a special Christmas Dinner for our students on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. This will also be a 'Dress Up' day for Christmas, if students choose.
- **Christmas Break:** School closes for Christmas Break at Noon on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and reopens Monday, January 3, 2022.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Cards will be in the mail early the week of December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Peace and all Good,

Jeffrey Johnson



October 27, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Tasks, expectations, and requirements for school operations continue to increase every year. A common **scheduling practice in many schools** has been to provide a day each week when the many extra tasks given to schools can occur in a more timely manner than in the evening and after school.

Over the past few years, the idea to have a weekly Noon Dismissal to devote to critical work for faculty and staff has been suggested as a way to address the ever increasing need for time. The school board, school and parish administration have been discussing the model of a 12:00 Noon Dismissal once a week for the school to focus on tasks such as:

1. Professional Development Trainings and Seminars
2. Accreditation work
3. Faculty Meetings
4. Assessment design, review, and interpretation
5. Mentoring and Teacher project meetings.

We are looking at **implementing a 12:00 Noon Dismissal each Friday** for this reason. The faculty will still be in school after 12:00 for accomplishing the purposes named.

This 'built-in' weekly dismissal for students will be a time to complete work from that week at home, for parents to connect with their child's learning, and to confirm that they are current in their academic work. Targeted attention to planning and follow through helps to prevent the situation of a student reporting that they are several weeks behind. This is a time, too, when parents can weekly reach out to teachers using the range of electronic modes available. This can serve as a complement to daily communication opportunities like our community prayer dismissal time.

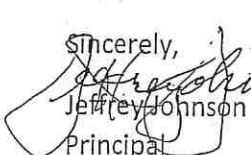
Future calendars will **NOT** have periodic early release days throughout the year. Professional development days will not appear sporadically. Friday afternoons will be established as the block for scheduling those events. Families frequently express difficulty to plan for P.D. days, early release days, and unannounced early releases. Planning will be more consistent and mainstreamed for all.


St. Vincent Pallotti's *compliance with DPI required minimum minutes of instruction per week* exceeds the State of Wisconsin and Archdiocesan requirements. Even with a Friday Noon Dismissal each week, our school still far surpasses minimum time requirements for instruction.


**Finally, Fridays are a school day, 7:45AM to 12:00 Noon. There will be tests on Fridays, and the full Core Curriculum will be taught. Being in school on a Noon Dismissal Day is required.**

We are projecting implementation of this schedule after Thanksgiving Break beginning Friday, Dec. 3.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Principal

  
Fr. Thomas Manjaly  
Pastor

  
Elizabeth Crespo, Darren Hill  
Co-chairs of School Advisory Commission



# DECEMBER 2021st. Vincent Pallotti FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR: Laura Ruiz-Reyes

## LUNCH



1/2 pint of milk served with every meal  
Menu is subject to change without notice. Due to factory shortages, some items may not be available as planned.



**Nutrition Tip:** Include whole grains. Aim to make at least half your grains whole grains. Look for the words "100% whole grain" or "100% whole wheat" on the food label. Whole grains provide more nutrients, like fiber, than refined grains.



MONDAY



Pepperoni Bosco Stick  
Marinara Sauce  
Mixed Fruit

6

TUESDAY

Egg, Sausage, and  
Cheese Muffin  
Hash Brown  
Diced Pears

7

WEDNESDAY

French Toast Sticks w/  
Syrup  
Sausage Patty  
Hash Brown  
Cinnamon Applesauce Cup

1

THURSDAY

Cheeseburger  
Pickles  
Diced Peaches  
Strawberry Cup

2

FRIDAY

Ham Slider  
Potato Chips  
Fruit Snack  
Applesauce Cup

3

National Cocoa Day

Corn Dogs  
Mac & Cheese  
Tender Corn  
Diced Pears

13

Walking Beef Taco

14

Popcorn Chicken  
Tator Tots  
Green Beans  
Mixed Fruit

15

Christmas Feast!

Baked Ham & Pineapple  
Twice Baked Potato  
Broccoli & Cheese Sauce  
Dinner Roll Holiday Dessert

16

National Maple Syrup  
Day

PB&J Unrustable  
Sun Chips  
Applesauce Cup

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Christmas Break

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