



St. Vincent de Paul School

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MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What are the hours of school?** School begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.
2. **What is the average class size?** The average class size is 25 or 26 students. The exceptions are the first grade (which has 30 students), the kindergarten (which has 25 students) and most math classes (which average approximately 20 students).
3. **How do I qualify for the in-parish tuition rate?** New families must be registered with the parish by September 1st prior to open registration for the year of application. Families receive the parish tuition rate because they participate regularly at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, attend weekend Mass, have signed and returned a sacrificial giving card to the parish office, and contribute regularly through their Sunday envelopes.
4. **How do I make payments on my tuition?** Tuition is collected by a company called SMART. Parents are given three different payment options: a lump sum (due in September), a three-payment plan (September, December, and March), or over eleven months (July through May). Payments may be made with a coupon book or through automatic withdrawals.
5. **Is having my sacrificial giving card returned and using my Sunday envelope mandatory?** In order to receive the in-parish rate, it is a requirement as a St. Vincent parishioner to turn in your sacrificial giving card. The Sunday financial obligation is a minimum of \$10 per week from June through May. Your contributions are tracked by the parish office when you use your Sunday envelope.
6. **What are the fundraising and service time commitments?** Fundraising and service time are integral elements in keeping tuition costs down and bringing about a spirit of community and cooperation. A family with one child is required to raise \$500 and a family with 2 or more children is required to raise \$625 through various fundraising options. Service time is 35 hours for each family.



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7. **What are the fundraising and service time opportunities?** Parents Club offers a wide array of fundraisers. Families can participate in the raffle, the Holiday Bazaar, the Auction (our largest fundraiser), grocery certificates, and Scrips. The percentage of funds applied toward the fundraising commitment varies according to the fundraiser. Service time opportunities vary from working in the classroom or on the playground to helping on fundraisers to gardening on the weekends.
8. **What extra curricular activities are available?** A variety of activities are available at St. Vincent School. Band is offered to students in grades 5-8 through the Kennedy High School Band program. Students can also become involved in the Student Crew, the speech team, the math team, and in creating the yearbook. Many students participate in the C.Y.O. basketball and volleyball programs that are offered through our parish or in different sports offered through the Boys and Girls Club located nearby.

