



Sabre Scoop

Friday, September 15, 2023



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF
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Virtues in Practice – Year of Charity

St. Vivian uses the Virtues in Practice program from the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia as part of our faith program. *Virtues in Practice* is a program for children in grades pre-school through eight to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. It is set up in such a way that a whole school studies the same virtue each month, to provide a whole-school (and at home, whole-family) focus. The program covers 27 virtues over a three-year cycle, with 81 saints held up as models of the virtues.

The month of September celebrates charity. The saints that we will model are St. Gertrude, St. Vincent de Paul, and Ven. Laura Vicuna. At the end of September, at the last school Mass on September 27, we will recognize one student from each homeroom, kindergarten through grade 8, that best exemplifies charity. The student receives a certificate and an out of uniform pass.



To demonstrate our virtue of charity, we will host a donation collection for Pregnancy Center West from September 18-22.

We are collecting new items – diapers, baby wipes, soft/lightweight baby blankets, and size 0-3 onsies.

Please send in items to your child(ren)'s homeroom any time during September 18-22. Items are much appreciated!!! We will deliver the items to Pregnancy Center West after the collection ends. Thank you for your support!

Curriculum Associates |  **i-Ready**

I-Ready Diagnostic Testing

All students in grades 1st through 8th have been testing in I-Ready reading and math.

Kindergarten will begin next week. We plan to send family reports home with our first trimester progress reports on Friday, September 29.



Free/Reduced Priced Lunches and Paid Lunches

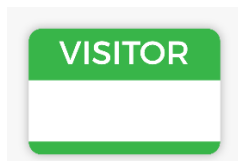
If you have not completed a free/reduced price lunch application, your child(ren) is/are being charged the full price of \$3.75 per lunch when they purchase lunch. You will receive an invoice for those lunches. You may apply for free/reduced price lunch at any time. Applications can be found on our school website at <https://mystvivan.org>.

The first invoice for lunches purchased at school will be sent home at the end of September with students.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORMS

We must have emergency medical authorization forms on file for each child in order to be able to treat him/her should something happen. Please complete the form and return it to the office ASAP. Students who return the form on/by Friday, September 29 can earn an out of uniform pass. Homeroom teachers will send home copies of the form.



School Visitors, Appointments to Speak with Staff

Parents, guardians, and all non-students or non-staff must stop at the office and get a visitor's badge to be in the building. We appreciate that parents and others want to visit classrooms or students or speak to teachers, however, these visits can frighten the students and staff. While your child(ren) know who you are, others do not and it can create a scary situation, particularly for the children.

If you want to speak with a teacher or staff member, please make an appointment via email, a phone call, or even Class Dojo message. Teachers have an obligation to attend to all of their students. If adults show up to speak to a teacher and keep them from class, that keeps everyone in the class from moving on with a lesson and learning. While we understand and appreciate that everyone wants issues resolved quickly, we cannot interrupt the learning of all. We do have obligations that we must meet per state guidelines. Please do not surprise teachers with visits. They do have free periods throughout the week to meet and talk. Thank you for your understanding.



SAFE PARISH Reminder: To volunteer within the school, you need to be compliant in Safe Parish. You also need to acknowledge the updated Child Decree and stay up to date on the quarterly videos. You will not be approved to volunteer unless you are compliant within the program. Courtesy Emails are sent as reminders from the Safe Parish program.

If you are a new family or not registered in the Safe Parish program, please go to: www.aocsafeenvironment.org to register and complete the initial training. You will need the passcode, **protectcincy**, to enter the Archdiocese site as a new registrant. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

*Anyone 18 or older must be Safe Parish trained before he/she can volunteer with the students. Safe Parish training can be found online. **SafeParish™** is a learning management platform that provides a broad array of training, education, information, and programs for Catholic organizations. It is a child and workplace safe environment program specifically designed for Catholic entities. **Every person in a position which requires contact or interaction with youth or vulnerable adults must complete the SafeParish™ edition of Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse training session before they are permitted to work or volunteer within any of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati parishes, schools, or institutions.** No one under the age of 18 is permitted to complete the training. To access or register for your SafeParish account go to <http://www.aocsafeenvironment.org>.

Click [here](#) to access the **SafeParish™** registration instructions.



Ed Choice Authorization Form

Attached to the newsletter you will find the Ed Choice Authorization Form. If you applied for an Ed Choice scholarship, please complete an authorization form and send it to the office. This allows the school to get paid for your child(ren)'s tuition. Once you complete the form and send it in, the state will direct deposit the tuition payments. Please complete this form as soon as possible. Contact Alice Derrick with any Ed Choice questions. Alice.derrick@stvivian.org



Option C

In order to see your child(ren)'s grades, you can log into Option C, our grading management system. Go to <https://signin.optionc.com/>. Your user name will be the email address on file at the school – the one where the Sabre Scoop newsletter is sent. Check the box that you are an

authorized user and then you can select reset password. You will receive an email with instructions on setting up a password.



Schedule a Shadow Day at Mercy McAuley!

Now is the time for 8th graders to register for a Shadow Day at Mercy McAuley! Mercy McAuley's shadow days are full school days to provide eighth graders with a real day in the life of a Wolf! Eighth graders will be paired with a Student Ambassador for the day and will attend classes, tour the school, meet teachers, students and school leaders, and will experience the school spirit at an assembly or Mass. Eighth graders will also enjoy lunch in the cafeteria, a sample from White Oak Coffee House, and giveaways. Parents are encouraged to stay for coffee and discussion with Mercy McAuley leaders when dropping their daughter off to shadow. Register at www.mercymcauley.org/shadow.

Register for Mercy McAuley's HSPT Prep Course

Mercy McAuley offers a 4-week prep course to help 8th graders prepare for the High School Placement Test (HSPT). Taught by Mercy McAuley Math Teacher Mrs. Sam Duncan, the course covers academic content on the test, familiarizes students with test format, teaches test-taking strategies, and eases apprehension about the test. There is a \$100 fee for the 4-week course, which is from 9 – 11 a.m. on the four Saturdays leading up to the test: Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, and Nov. 11. Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/HSPTprep.

Admissions Timeline & Important Events for Class of 2028

Eighth grade families are encouraged to visit www.mercymcauley.org/ClassOf2028 for all of the important details regarding the admissions process – including application deadlines, the link to register for the HSPT, Shadow Day, Open House, event registrations, and more!

Mercy McAuley Grade School Sports Nights

Grade school girls are invited to experience the excitement of Mercy McAuley Athletics at the school's Grade School Sports Nights! All grade school girls will receive free admission to the games along with snacks and giveaways! Registration is not required.

- Grade School Volleyball Night – NEON THEME!

Tuesday, September 19

Festivities begin at 6 pm. Varsity game begins at 6:30 p.m.

- Grade School Soccer Night – LUAU THEME!

Monday, September 25

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. Varsity game begins at 6 p.m.

Register for Mercy McAuley's Open House!

Future Wolves and families of all grade levels are invited to see all that Mercy McAuley has to offer at its Open House on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 1 – 3:30 p.m. To ensure your tour is as personalized as possible, registration is strongly encouraged at www.mercymcauley.org/OpenHouse.



Visit Purcell Marian High School and learn more about Where You Belong!

- **SHADOW VISITS** - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays - **September 12 through December 14**
- **IB EXPERIENCE DAY** - 8th graders gain a deeper understanding of the International Baccalaureate Program with a day full of IB courses, tailored to allow your student to feel the IB difference. - **Friday, October 6**
- **PARENT INFO NIGHTS** - Wednesday, **October 11 at 6 pm** and Wednesday, **November 15 at 6 pm**
- **ATHLETIC GRADE SCHOOL NIGHTS** - **Football** Friday, September 8 • 6 pm | **Volleyball** Thursday, September 21 • 6 pm | **Girls + Boys Soccer** Thursday, September 28 • 5 pm (Girls) and 7 pm (Boys)
- **OPEN HOUSE** - Tour the Castle and meet our “Outstanding Among All” students and faculty. **Sunday, November 12 • 1 pm-4 pm**
- **PRIORITY REGISTRATION DEADLINE** - **Friday, December 1** (link to apply: <https://www.purcellmarian.org/admissions/the-admissions-process/>)
- **Visit <https://www.purcellmarian.org/ibelong> to learn more and to schedule your visits!**



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Our fall picture day is Friday, October 6. Students may wear appropriate out of uniform attire and be photographed that day. You will be able to pre-order pictures on <https://mylifetouch.com> with the picture day ID, **EVT9BMB93**.