



Vincent Academy News

August 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year! The year is off to an excellent start! Thank you to the families who were able to join us at the Back to School BBQ and on Wednesday, August 15 for our first "Family meeting". These will be held weekly on Wednesday mornings at 8:15am in the MPR. This is a time for us to reinforce our **Safety First, Learning Always** message and celebrate student success. Please take note of this Principal's newsletter which will come out once a month and will be posted on our website, as well!

Sincerely,

Monica Rasmussen
Co-Principal

Anzella Jones
Co-Principal

Please mark your calendars:

Tuesday, Aug. 28 - Back to School Night 2-5 @ 5:30pm

Thursday, Aug. 30 - Back to School Night TK-1@ 5:30pm

Monday, Sept.3 -- NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Sept.4 -- 1st PAC(Parent Advisory)Meeting @530

Thursday & Friday, Sept.20-21-- Teacher Home visits with Progress Reports.

Back to School Night 2018-2019:

Vincent Academy is proud to invite all families to Back to School Night! This is an opportunity for teachers to provide a short summary of the learning activities planned for your student this school year. Please make every effort to attend. Grade 2-5 will be on Tuesday August 28, and TK-1 will be on Thursday August 30.

Lunch:

Lunch menus can be located on our website or in the main office, should you have any questions about what is being served. Please also refrain from sending glass bottles, soda or hot chips to school with your students. For safety around allergies, we remind students everyday that sharing is not allowed, and we ask that you echo this rule.

Lost and Found:

Please take the time to write your student's name on their clothing, especially their sweatshirts and coats.

Late Arrivals:

To ensure safety, we kindly request that if you must be late in the morning, please be sure to bring your student to the main office so we can record their attendance.

Parent Advisory Council News:

Please plan to attend our first Parent Advisory meeting on September 4 at 5:30pm in the MPR. There are many ways you can get involved on campus this year and we hope to see everyone here for that meeting, it is the day after Labor Day, so want to make sure you mark your calendar!

English Language Proficiency Assessment CA:

All students who are designated English Language Learners will begin initial ELPAC testing this week. Inquire in the main office for more information.

Pick up and Drop Off:

Thank you to all families for your attention to safety at drop off and pick up during our first week of school! We kindly invite all families picking children up afterschool to come inside and sit on a bench around campus and enjoy the community and the flowers without interrupting your child's class. Many teachers plan closing community circles at the end of the day for the class to debrief their learning and build relationships. Every minute matters!

After School Program

After school fee (\$65) is due on **September 7** and beginning on **Monday, September 10 a late fee will apply**. Any questions about payment, please contact the Interim ASP Director Saalihah Mays; (510)452-2100 or smays1@vincentacademy.org

Please take note that beginning on January 1st, Vincent Academy will raise the fee for afterschool program to \$75 per family to improve programming, maintain program continuity and effectively support our students.

Music and Art:

Music and Art classes begin this week for all classes TK-5. We are so pleased to have Ms. Rhonda back from Cantare con Vivo and Mr. Sam as our visual arts instructor.

Turnaround Arts News:

Remember that Vincent Academy is one of 27 schools nationwide to receive the Turnaround Arts grant to ensure our children have access to the arts. We are anticipating the identification of a prestigious artist to sponsor our school. You will be the first to know when this person is identified! Thank you to all families who have signed and returned signed media releases to take part in the various art events that will take place this year. We encourage you to follow Vincent Academy on social media, as well as Turnaround Arts CA, one of our own has already been highlighted on their page!

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turnaroundartsnational We're rolling out the red carpet as our students head back to school this fall. Shout out to Princess Jaylah! 🎀 @vincentacademy #backtoschool #artsforchange #equity #education #teachers #teach

Visiting Campus:

We recognize that at times, parents may need to speak with their child during the school day, in this case, come to the office and we will call the student out of class. If items left at home need to be dropped off, please bring them to the office and we will ensure the child gets it.

If you would like to arrange a visit to your child's class please follow these guidelines:

- All visitors must sign in and out at the office to receive a visitor badge.
- Drop in visits are not allowed.
- Arrange with the teacher a convenient time in order to maintain our learning environment.
- If possible, permission to visit will be given at the time of the request or within a reasonable amount of time.
- Thank you for entering and leaving the class as quietly as possible.
- Keep the visit within 30-60 minutes.

Following is a list of all teachers and room numbers and emails:

	Teacher	Email:	Room
TK	Lauren D'Alessandro	Idalessandro@vincentacademy.org	204
K	Alyssa McCaskell	amccaskell@vincentacademy.org	206
K	Jennifer Quint	jquint@vincentacademy.org	207
1	Summer Kennedy	ckennedy@vincentacademy.org	203
1	Lisa Williams	lwilliams1@vincentacademy.org	205
2	Rachel Albrecht	ralbrecht@vincentacademy.org	210
2	Genna Clark	gclark@vincentacademy.org	202
2/3	Kayla Haines	khaines@vincentacademy.org	208
3	Nick deHaes	ndehaes@vincentacademy.org	209
4	Kerstin Groop	kgroop@vincentacademy.org	301
5	Ryan Stone	rstone@vincentacademy.org	304