



Vincent Academy News | December 2019

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of 2019! We hope you had a nice Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Holiday Break. Please read this bulletin to find out about some of the exciting happenings at Vincent Academy and think about how you might get more involved!

Sincerely,

Monica Rasmussen

NO SCHOOL:

***1:30 dismissal on Dec. 20**

December 23- January 7

Students return on January 7

**Jan.14- PTAC Meeting 5:30pm in
Library**

PTAC Speaker Series- Mark your calendar:

The speaker series will kick off on **Tuesday January 14**. We are honored to have Dr. Bean come to talk to parents and care-givers about any pediatric health care related topics, including healthy eating and ADHD. We will have childcare, a pizza dinner, free dress pass for students and a raffle for a gift card for all who attend!

Please mark your calendars:

December 3: Kinder field trip to Bay Area Children's Theatre

December 3: A's Reading Rally

December 10: Haines and Dicenso field trip to Bay Area Children's Theatre

December 12: 1st grade field trip to Bay Area Children's Theatre

December 12: 5th grade Envision Middle Grades- dinner and meeting 5pm

December 16: Winter Concert Performance- Families Welcome! 9-10am

December 19: Winter Concert Performance- Families Welcome 9-10am

Winter Concert

Students are already preparing for the Vincent Academy Winter Concert! This year we will have the Winter concert on two separate days to allow as many families to come as possible. **The Winter concert will be on Monday December 17 and Thursday December 20 from 9-10 on both Monday and Thursday.**

Enrollment Efforts:

We are currently increasing our efforts to attract more families to Vincent Academy. We are seeking your input and support to get the word out about the great things happening at Vincent Academy. For example, we could use volunteers to bring fliers and brochures around to various locations around Oakland, give a few hours on a Saturday to sit at a table and talk with potential families about our school. If you are interested, please contact Ms.R (510)452-2100. *Please fill out the attached Intent to Return Form and return to your student's teacher*

Mobile Dentist: Coming to Vincent Academy January 17! Return the permission form if you want your child to be seen!

Beat the Odds: We are proud to announce that Vincent Academy has received a community gift award from the Lawrence Livermore Lab in the amount of \$2,500 to go towards our new drumming program, Beat the Odds!



Artists Residencies:

Starting in November and going through February, our second and third grade classes will be having weekly dance classes with a hip hop artist! Kids are learning choreography and the roots of hip hop! This will culminate in originally choreographed and performed dances at our Black History Month celebration on **Feb.28.**

The fourth and fifth graders will meet weekly to learn about Spoken word. Both of these artist residencies are provided through Sparc and paid for via our strategic arts plan/Turnaround Arts. Learn more: <https://www.sparcpoetry.org/>

Lakeview Library Art show: We are proud to announce that Vincent Academy will showcase art at the Lakeview Library in Oakland! 4th and 5th grade students have art on display in the library through December @Lakeview Branch at 550 El Embarcadero, Oakland, CA 94610.

Geography Bee: Our 3rd Annual Geography Bee and Heritage Night was celebrated on November 21. Students in grades 3-5 who passed the qualifying exam competed in the Bee covering states, capitals and continents. Students in all grades had art on display. Thank you to all who came to support and brought potluck items and cheered the students on! Special shout out to all families to help to create the poster project! Congratulations to our winners, Jamal (1st place), Demire (2nd place), Jocelyn (3rd place)!

Vincent Academy is proud to announce our Second Annual School Musical "Magic Treehouse, Pirates Past Noon!" Save the date for April 30 at 5:30 p.m. We are excited to offer this opportunity to our talented students in grades 2-5. Practices are underway! Permission slips will go home with interested students. Kinder and 1st grade students will have an opportunity to perform with the SF Opera later this Spring.

Volunteers:

Thank you to the parents and family members who have completed fingerprinting and necessary paperwork to be able to volunteer in our classrooms. Please inquire in the office if you would like to volunteer!

Summer School:

We need to know how many families are interested in attending summer camp here at Vincent Academy. The projected dates are June 15th- July 24th. Please let us know if you plan to attend because the program is in jeopardy without sufficient enrollment. Please return the attached flier if you haven't already.

Lost and Found- please check the lost and found, we have many warm coats and sweaters that have lost their owners. In addition, please write your students' names on their clothing to prevent items from getting lost.

Social Emotional Learning

Vincent Academy believes in teaching all children essential skills for positive self-esteem, self-control, and getting along with others in healthy ways. Students are learning about identifying feelings using the *Zones of Regulation* and *Kimochis Feelings* characters. They are practicing the 12 Tools from the *Toolbox* program. Ask your students about the "Tool of the Week."



A Few Shout Outs!

- Thank you to all families for following our visitor protocol and stopping in to the front office when coming to campus.
- Thanks to Mr.Simmons and Coach Elroy for a fantastic football season! Go Wolves!!

- Thanks to all the families who came to our Learning Center Open House in November- we had so much fun!