



# Vincent Academy News

January 7, 2020

Dear Families,

This bulletin brings lots of exciting news from Vincent Academy, 2020 is off to a great start! We have seen a tremendous improvement in overall engagement and behavior at school and we appreciate all of your support! Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns. Our school wide goal is to improve tardiness and attendance, thank you for making every effort to be at school on time!

Sincerely,

Principal Monica Rasmussen

**NO SCHOOL JAN. 20th and 1:30 DISMISSAL week of JAN. 21-24**

**Please mark your calendars:**

**Jan. 14: PAC meeting, Dr.Bean talk**

**Jan. 20: NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.DAY**

**Jan. 21-24: Progress Reports**

**Jan. 21-24: early dismissal for Parent Conferences**

**January 23: 5th grade parent meeting (Puberty Education)**

**January 27-31: 5th grade Puberty Ed. course**

**Progress Reports:**

Brief Progress Reports will be coming home for your review the week of January 21. Teachers are always happy to communicate with parents about student progress, so feel free to reach out to your child's teacher directly.

**Parent Conferences:**

We will be having early dismissal (1:30pm) the week of January 21-24 to discuss students' current academic progress. Please reach out to your students teacher for a time that is convenient for you.

**Mobile Dentists come January 17:**

Please return permission slips if you would like your child to see the mobile dentist on January 17. Students will get pulled from class to visit the dentist for a check up.

**Dr.Bean to host Parent Information Night!**

Please come to our PAC meeting on January 14th at 5:30pm. We are proud to have Dr.Bean here to talk and answer any questions regarding children's health and well being! Dr.Bean is a local pediatrician and Oakland native, who completed his residency training program at UCSD and Children's Hospital-San Francisco.

Your attendance is critical!

We are offering:

- Free child care
- Pizza dinner
- Raffle prizes
- Free dress for students



### **Black History Month Celebration:**

Vincent Academy's BHM Celebration is set for **February 27th**. Students will be working with artists in residency to complete a class project to present at the celebration. More information will follow later this month, but please mark your calendar!

The 2nd and 3rd graders are continuing their work with **Hip Hop dance** teacher, Tim. During these sessions, students will be learning more about the art of hip hop music and dance. Their work will culminate in a showcase at the Black History Month Celebration in February.

The 4th and 5th grade residency with **SPARC**, **an organization that brings nationally ranked poets into classrooms** to teach students how to both write and perform spoken word has begun! Students are learning about alliteration, rhymes and different poetic devices to express themselves in creative ways.

**Vincent Academy will be putting on our second annual Musical, "Magic Treehouse, Pirates Past Noon."** We are excited to offer this opportunity to our talented students.

### **Healthy Eating Assembly**

We will be hosting Kelly Curry of the Local Peace Economy on Wednesday January 15. She is happy to visit us to support the youth and Staff in launching a healthy New Year and decade. She will be doing a demonstration on how to make smoothies using greens from gardens at Castlemont via Phat Beets and donated fruit.

### **Basketball:**

The Vincent Academy Recreational Basketball Teams have begun their weekly practice schedule! Coach Simmons will be coaching both teams, practice are held weeknights and games are every weekend through March.

### **Puberty Education in 5th grade class:**

Pearl B. Peters is a puberty and sexual health educator living and working in the San Francisco Bay Area. She provides age-appropriate, medically accurate and up-to-date curriculum for California students of all ages. Pearl will be guest teaching at Vincent Academy during the week of January 27-31 and hosting a parents information night on January 23 from 5:30-6:30 pm . All parents of students in 5th grade are encouraged to attend!

### **A Few Shout Outs!**

- Thank you for coming to the Winter concert performance on December 16th and 19th! We are so proud of our great, brave artists!
- Thank you to all families for your attention to safety at drop off and pick up!
- Thank you for taking the time to write your student's name on their clothing, especially their coats/jackets/sweaters so they do not end up in the Lost & Found!