



# Home & School Association

Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Welcome & Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer, asking for wisdom, patience, and gratitude as the HSA continues to support St. Vincent de Paul School, its students, staff, and families.

## Introductions

Jesse welcomed attendees and introduced new member Adam Sauter, who has two children at St. Vincent, including a kindergartner. A round-robin introduction followed, with committee leads sharing their roles and family connections to the school. Attendance included a full room in person, with Adam attending via Zoom.

## School Events Feedback

### *Advent Program*

The group reviewed feedback from the recent Advent program. While families appreciated the experience, several concerns were raised:

- Cold temperatures while waiting outside
- The "five tickets per family" guideline was not consistently followed
- Seats were saved across rows, contributing to overcrowding
- Limited accessibility for elderly and disabled guests
- Parking lot congestion after the event

Discussion centered on potential improvements, including:

- A formal ticketing system
- Exploring evening performances
- Splitting performances by grade levels
- Improved crowd management and accessibility support (possibly with Watch DOGS or police presence)
- Reviewing Vimeo livestream viewership data

Jesse will work with school leadership and parish staff to review feedback and explore future event structures.

## Committees

### *Spirit Wear*

Lead: Amber Misunas

- Winter Spirit Wear launch was successful, earning approximately \$3,000
- 111 items sold; a \$300 rebate is expected

- Discussion included planning for a future fall sale, noting strong performance of items priced around \$25

#### *Used Uniforms*

Lead: Kelli Hamilton

- Winter uniform drop: January 5–9
- Winter shop dates:
  - Sunday, January 11 | 10:00–12:30
  - Monday, January 12 | 8:00–12:00
- Team will sort items and provide photos for social media promotion
- Jesse will pick up the free-will offering box from the parish office and schedule reminders

#### *Sunshine Committee*

Lead: Melissa Marshik

- Staff Appreciation Week planned for March 9–13
- National Staff Appreciation Week is May 4–8, 2026
- March plans include staff massages and nail treatments
- May activities will be reevaluated closer to the date based on budget
- Discussion included the possibility of raising the Sunshine Committee fee; Jesse will follow up with Jean and report back

#### *Family Dance Committee*

Lead: Kaydee Dombrowski

- Neon Family Dance: Saturday, January 24, 6:00–8:00 PM
- Father/Daughter Dance: Saturday, February 21, 6:00–8:00 PM
  - Hawaiian theme
  - New DJ and cashless system planned
  - Discussion included potential adult-focused options

#### *Conference Teacher Meals*

Lead: Jennifer Peterson

- Winter conferences: Monday, February 9 & Thursday, February 12
- Jennifer will connect with Chef John regarding meal coordination

#### **Upcoming Events**

- January 23: Coffee & Chat – *The Anxious Generation* Parts 1 & 2 (HSA-sponsored)
- January 23–February 13: Catholic United Financial Raffle Ticket Fundraiser
- January 24: Neon Family Dance
- January 26–30: Catholic Schools Week
- February 2: SVDP Ski & Snowboard Day
- February 9 & 12: Winter Conferences

#### **Fundraising & Other Items**

*Catholic United Financial Raffle*

- Discussion focused on ticket sales after Mass and expanding sales across multiple weekends
- Communications and FAQs will be updated to clarify tax-deductible donation options
- All unsold tickets must be collected and returned

*Budget Planning*

- Budget review included Neon Dance and Father/Daughter Dance revenue contributing through January and February
- March staff appreciation events will proceed as planned
- May activities will be reevaluated based on available funds

*Additional Notes*

- Teachers and staff were reminded to ask students to keep feet off kneelers when they are left down in church

**Next Steps / Action Items**

- Jesse: Send family survey regarding Advent program timing and evening performance options
- Used Uniform Team: Sort uniforms and send photos for promotion
- Melissa: Continue planning Staff Appreciation Week and reevaluate May budget
- Jesse: Provide budget update at upcoming meeting

**Next Meeting:** Friday, February 13, 2026

**In Person Attendees**

- Kaydee Dombrowski
- Stephanie Opitz Wenthold
- Stacie Rosenthal
- Kelli Hamilton
- Christine Christenson
- Amber Misunas
- Melissa Marshik
- Jennifer Peterson
- Stephanie Zigan
- Heather Arenson
- Katie Greene-Schultz

**Zoom Attendees**

- Adam Sauter
- Kristy Ford
- Sarah Goldade