

August 2 , 2022

Dear Vinci Park Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome both our new and returning families to Vinci Park School. I certainly hope you and your child have had an enjoyable summer and are now ready to begin a new and exciting year. The Vinci Park staff are working diligently to ensure your child has a safe return this school year. I would like to take this opportunity to share some important information regarding the start of the upcoming school year (see below). We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

School Arrival and Dismissal

- Morning Drop-off: Students will line up on the school blacktop. Look for your child's class sign with the teacher's name and room number. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be able to wait with their child until the classroom teacher picks up the students from the line at the beginning of the school day.
- Afterschool Pick-up: Students will be released directly from the classroom.

Safe Driving and Safety Reminders in School Zones

To ensure the safety of our students please follow the following safety precautions:

- Students and families must use the crosswalk when crossing streets
- DO NOT unload/load students across the street and have them jaywalk
- Obey all traffic rules (Do not double park, no parking in the red zone, reduce driving speeds when children are present, watch out for pedestrians crossing the road, etc.)
- Always practice safe driving habits
- Use common sense. Be street smart.

2022-2023 Class Lists

The school staff is working hard to prepare for the first day of school. For safety purposes and to prevent large gatherings we will not be posting the class lists outside the office doors. Your child's teacher will contact you via email or a phone call introducing themselves by Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Because of fluctuations in enrollment, class placements are subject to change. We anticipate that any possible changes in classroom or school placement will take place in the third week of school.

Staffing Update

Please join me in welcoming the following new staff to our Vinci Park Family:

- Jenny Adriano, Kindergarten Teacher
- David Pretre, 3rd grade Teacher
- Michalia Walls, 4th grade teacher

Free and Reduced Lunch

School breakfast and lunch will continue to be free to all students for the 2022-2023 school

year. However, we're asking families to complete the Free and Reduced lunch application. Our school receives federal funding based on the amount of students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will receive additional benefits. To access the meal application (paper/online), please click [here](#).

Afterschool Care

Vinci Park will once again collaborate with the YMCA After School Program for grades Kindergarten - 5th grade this year. YMCA does not provide care for TK students. For additional information regarding the program, please contact margarita.jimenez@ymcasv.org. They have limited space and you may be added to a wait list.

Upcoming Dates

- August 10: TK/Kindergarten/New Student - **Welcome Orientation** 12:15-1:00 PM.
(More info to follow)
- August 11: First Day of School (Early Dismissal - TK & KN @ 12:10, and grade 1st-5th @ 1:00pm)
- August 12: Early Dismissal - TK & KN @ 12:10, and grade 1st-5th @ 1:00pm)
- August 11-September 9 all Kindergarten released @ 12:10pm
- September 5: Labor Day **No School**
- September 26-30: Fall Break **No School**

Absences/Tardies

If your child is absent, please call the school office at (408) 923-1970 on the day of the absence. Please include the following information when reporting an absence:

- Student's name
- Teacher
- Date of absence
- Reason for absence
- Your name

Students are excused from school for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Dental/Doctor Appointments (with a note verifying the appointment)
- Funerals for immediate family members.

All other absences are considered unexcused. Please make sure you plan vacations around our school breaks. Tardies are very disruptive to the classroom. Students with excessive unexcused absences and/or tardies will be required to meet with the Principal for remediation. If the problem persists, you will be referred to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB). Please have your children arrive at school on time.

Parent/Community Volunteer Opportunities

Vinci Park highly values our parent/community volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at Vinci Park you will need to complete a Volunteer Application Form. Note that all volunteers must provide **proof of TB clearance and Covid-19 vaccination**. Volunteer Application Forms may be picked up at the school office.

Additional School Information

- 2022-2023 School Year Calendar, click [here](#)
- Bell Schedule, click [here](#)
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application, click [here](#)
- Prior to the first day of school, Vinci Park will distribute at home antigen testing kits for all students and staff. We encourage our families and staff members to test prior to returning to school for the 2022-23 school year. Please stop by the office on Monday 8/8 through Wednesday 8/10 from 11-2:30 AM if you need a test.

Interpretation Assistance

Should you need assistance in interpretation of school/teacher messages, please reach out to the following staff support.

- Chinese/Mandarin: Tsung-Lin Chen (408) 923-1901
- Spanish: Lourdes Calande (408) 923-1902
- Vietnamese: Mai Nguyen (408) 923-1903

In closing, I would like to leave you with this quote - **“If students are to grow and learn, everyone in the building must be growing and learning. Our job is to create a setting in which students, teachers, parents and administrators can grow and learn together and be part of that learning. Time is the enemy, but it is also the solution. Take the time to listen and know others, starting with each other and consciously work to develop community for the purpose of creating a setting in which everyone learns and grows”**, Roland Barth.

I look forward to meeting each of you and your children. Please feel free to contact the school office at 408-923-1970 if you have questions. Good luck and many good wishes for the new school year.

Our Best Is Yet to Come,

Parisa Nunez
Principal