



We RISE, Responsibly, Intellectually, Spiritually, and Emotionally, as a community of learners, continually growing as Christ-centered individuals throughout life's journey.

### Principal's Message for March 26, 2025

"Whoever loves God must also love his brother." –1 Jn 4:21

### **Do No Harm**

Pope John Paul II wrote: "To do harm, to promote violence and conflict in the name of religion is a terrible contradiction and an offense against God." Do no harm. Be kind to your brethren. Pray for the conversion of evildoers.

*Fill me, Lord, with Your Holy Spirit of Love.*

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We are excited about the launch of our new website! The changes will happen over our Spring Break. We know, with anything, that we may run into a few issues, so we appreciate your patience. As stated in my last message, you will now be receiving correspondence directly from my email rather than through Edlio. Please talk to your school friends and if they have not received this email have them reach out to the school office so that we can check the addresses.

We wish you all a very relaxing Spring Break. Remember it is time to rejuvenate and prepare for the final weeks of school. With that in mind, please review the school handbook for dress code policies, specifically those related to hair, fingernails, and shoes. The dress code policy can be found on pages 25-27. We want to finish our school year ensuring that our students are following our policies and as your child's primary teacher, we want to partner with you in helping your child have a successful 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. With our website under construction, I am including the policy here.

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**Hair: Natural (original) hair color only.** Hair must be neat, clean, well groomed, and worn in a neat and tasteful manner and must be out of the eyes. Extremes of any kind (i.e., Mohawks, razor cuts, steps, spiked, etc.) are not permitted. Ponytails are not to be worn at the top of the head. Headbands must match the uniform colors and be either a solid blue, black, white in color, or plaid. No other extreme hair accessories are allowed (i.e., bows, flowers, feathers, etc.). Hair must be above the eyebrows. The hair should never be in the student's eyes.

**Jewelry:** Students are limited to one post of conservative size and style PER EAR. Earrings must be conservative in nature. No oversized earrings, dangling earrings, large loop earrings, or gauges will be allowed. Body piercings on other areas of the body are not allowed. Please, for safety purposes, no bracelets, rings, or dangling earrings. Only religious necklaces on a small link, silver or gold chain are allowed. Makeup of any kind is not permitted in any grade. Long fingernails and colored nails are NOT permitted. No makeup or fingernail polish is allowed.

### **Uniform Requirements**

All students must always be in complete uniform. All uniform pieces (except for pants, belts, and socks) will have either a visible school logo or Tommy Hilfiger tag.

All shirts must always be tucked in.

All uniform components must always be worn with a polo shirt with the school logo.

Polo shirts with school logo must always be worn underneath a sweater, sweater vest, or sweatshirt (crew or zippered)

Garments worn under the uniform must not be visible (i.e., under armor, compression shorts)

Shoes must be the uniform colors of navy, black, OR white (slight variations of this may be acceptable with the understanding that the primary color must be black, navy, or white).

Athletic shoes may be worn, but must be the uniform color of navy, black, OR white (no accent colors, checkered patterns, colored shoelaces, or adornments).

BOOTS, SHOES WITH LIGHTS OR WHEELS, PLATFORM SHOES, SHOES WITH HEELS HIGHER THAN 2", SANDALS, or CLOGS are NOT allowed.

Socks must always be worn. All short socks must be visible over the top of the shoes. Socks should be white, navy, or black in color.

A plain black, brown, or navy belt must be worn with pants or shorts by both boys and girls in grades 3 to 8.

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### **BIRTHDAY TREATS:**

We are always excited to celebrate your child's birthday at school! It is a special day for them, and we honor them with an announcement at the beginning of the day and a birthday ribbon. A gentle reminder that if you would like to honor your child on their birthday, bring a non-edible treat or donate a book to the classroom. We want to remain respectful of allergies and of parental

choice on sugar intake. Cupcakes, donuts, balloons and/or flower bouquets are not permitted in class.

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### **UTAH EDUCATION FITS ALL (UFA)**

**Remember that anyone that is requesting financial assistance must first fill out the application for this scholarship.**

Existing family renewal applications are open now through April 30, 2025. All families currently receiving the scholarship should have received an email regarding the renewal process.

New Family Registration will open March 3, 2025-April 30, 2025. **All families** that will be applying for financial assistance must fill out both the UFA application and the FACTS Grant & Aid application. The Utah State Tax Commission will handle the income verification which will simplify the application process. Families will be asked to create a TAP account with the Utah State Tax Commission. This can be found at [tap.utah.gov](http://tap.utah.gov).

1. You will need to click on the “I want to” tab.
2. Click on the “Authorize to release your tax information to a designated external organization” link.
3. Click on the “Add Authorization” link
4. From the drop down, select “Utah Fits All – Ace Scholarships”
5. Select your individual income tax account number, the filing periods and the timeframe in which you would like to authorize access.
6. Click “Submit”
7. Click “OK” to authorize the Utah State Tax Commission to disclose your tax return information to Ace Scholarships for the Utah Fits All Scholarship

It is crucial that families file their 2024 tax return by April 15 or sooner. Your application will not be considered without verification of income. This scholarship benefits not only the family, but the school. Awarded students will be notified within 30 days after the application window closes.

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### **ART WALK/OPEN HOUSE-SAVE THE DATE**

Ms. Molly Naples, our phenomenal art teacher, is excited to put our students’ work on display for an evening Art Walk on Tuesday, April 22. Watch for more details to come.

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**VIKING MASS:** Our next Viking Mass will be on Sunday, April 13. Please plan on attending. The students must be in uniform to get the free dress pass for the following Monday.

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## PAINT THE TOWN AUCTION & GALA

On Saturday, April 26, 2025, Saint Olaf Catholic School will host its annual Auction & Gala! This is a wonderful community event that supports our amazing school! We look forward to seeing you there! Here is the website link: [Paint the Town](#)

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### Saint Olaf Gala and Auction Prize Drawing

**Step 1** - Here are your prize drawing tickets.

**Step 2** - Please reach out to family, neighbors, and friends to sell tickets at \$5 for one ticket and \$20 for 5 tickets.

There are three payment options: 1- QR code for credit card payment, 2- cash, and 3- check. If using the QR code, you do not need to fill out the gold ticket stub as this will be done for them. If using cash or check, please fill out gold ticket stub.

**Step 3** - Then return sold ticket stubs and money in an envelope with your child's grade written on the outside of the envelope. There will be a collection box at morning drop off inside the great room. Tickets sold via QR code (credit card) will automatically be awarded to your child's grade, again do not fill out the gold ticket stub.

**Step 4** - Repeat! Can obtain more tickets from the front office at school.

**Step 5** - Prize drawing on April 26th at the auction with 1st prize of \$1000 and 2nd prize of \$500. Winner does not need to be present to win.

**Step 6** - The grade with the most tickets sold per capita wins FREE DRESS for one week so be sure to place your child's grade on their returned ticket stubs to receive credit. This will allow equal playing field with total tickets sold/ # of kids in grade.



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### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, April 13: Mass at 11:30AM. The school choir will be singing with the accompaniment of the strings students. All other Vikings can come to Mass in their uniform to receive a free dress pass for the following Monday.

Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday-Early dismissal at noon for all students-No EDP available.

Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday Mass at 6:30PM. The school needs two volunteers to have their feet washed by Father Andrzej during the Mass. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Bergquist.

Friday, April 18: Good Friday—No School

Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday

Tuesday, April 22: Art Show and Open House; 5:30-7:30 PM

Saturday, April 26: First Holy Communion Retreat

Saturday, April 26: Paint the Town Annual Auction and Gala

Wednesday, April 30: 8<sup>th</sup> grade Diocesan Retreat