VASYL STUS SCHOOL OF UKRAINIAN STUDIES

JANUARY

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

We hope that all of you had a peaceful and joyful Christmas season spent with family and loved ones—both near and far. We wish our families a successful 2026, and to our beloved Homeland—Ukraine—peace, prosperity, and freedom from oppression. Below you will find several important updates regarding recent events and upcoming announcements.

Successful St. Nicholas Event!

We sincerely congratulate our teachers and students on their wonderful Christmas performances during the St. Nicholas celebration at our school. We are proud that our students earned gifts from St. Nicholas himself through their kindness, diligence, and hard work. We would like to express special thanks to the Vice Principal, Ms. Lesia Andrusiak, for her creativity and efforts in organizing this event, as well as for the beautiful decorations, design, and showcased talents.

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Classes resume Jan 10

We are happy to welcome our students back to school for the winter–spring session, which begins on January 10. As usual, classes will start at 9:00 a.m. Fourth-grade students will continue studying in the old school building until we receive notification that their classroom in the new building is ready.

Students Caroling

After returning to school on January 10 at 9:00 a.m., 25 students from grades 3, 4, and 5 will take part in traditional Ukrainian Christmas caroling at local institutions and organizations. We invite parents who are able to join this event and support our teachers by accompanying the students.

Updated Technology

Our innovative teachers continually improve the level of instruction by using creative and modern teaching methods. Recently, many of them have been using projectors and monitors to engage students through visual materials and modern technology. Unfortunately, the number of available monitors is limited. If you or the company you work for are planning to upgrade computers or monitors, we would gladly accept such donations. If you are able to donate something to the school, please contact the Parents' Committee at: ridnashkolachicago@gmail.com.

Holiday Fund

We sincerely thank each of you for your generous contributions to the 2025 Teachers Holiday Fund. Thanks to your kindness and support, we were able to express our gratitude to our wonderful teachers and staff for their dedication and care during this festive season. On December 20, the collected funds were distributed, and a special holiday lunch was organized for our teachers. It was a wonderful celebration made possible by your kindness. We truly appreciate your ongoing involvement and generosity.

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The parent committee needs you!

Our Parents' Committee is actively working to improve school processes and ensure the best possible educational experience for our students, with the goal of preserving the Ukrainian language and culture in the diaspora. For this reason, we are constantly looking for parents who are willing and eager to join our team. As the slogan of the Orange Revolution declared: "Together we are many!" We encourage you to join us today. Interested parents are asked to write to: ridnashkolachicago@gmail.com.
Please also mark your calendars: the annual Parents' Committee meeting and elections will take place on May 16, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

New Teacher

We are also pleased to welcome and officially introduce our new history teacher and homeroom teacher for Grade 7—Ms. Iryna Tymar. She began her first classes on December 13, 2025, just before the holidays, and very quickly and naturally became part of our wonderful teaching staff. Welcome Pani Iryna!

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