



## THE THURSDAY POST— August 25, 2016

*Our mission is to bring everyone closer to God and to challenge each student to achieve his or her highest academic potential in a world not yet envisioned.*

1. Welcome back to our new school year! We welcome all our new and old students and families. We have much to be proud of and excited about as we move forward into the future! Please keep each other in your prayers, especially those who are new to our community.
2. Our procedures for arrival and dismissal have changed since last year. Students will enter along Mason Avenue, and **doors will open starting at 7:45AM**. Please see attached letter. For your child's safety, please do not drop them off prior to this time. At dismissal time, students will be dismissed through the doors on Mason Ave. We ask that parents **walk** to the doors to meet their children. For all students' safety, please do not drive on the street once the wooden traffic horses have been set up to close the street.
3. **Please fill in the 2016-2017 St. Ferdinand School Medical Contact Form and return by Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.** It is vitally important that we have a way of contacting parents and guardians during the day in case of emergency as well as updating any health problems.
4. Please see the enclosed information on Before and After Care. ***Our program is organized differently this year, so it is important to read the new rates and information.*** If you have not already filled out a registration form, please take this time to fill one out and return it as soon as possible if you plan on using Before/After Care. (PreK3-1<sup>st</sup> grade had these registration forms available at last week's Orientation; please ask the office or class teacher if you still need one). Please note, an attendance paper will go home every week and will need to be submitted with payment each Monday. Attendance papers are included, and will be due on Monday for the week of 8/29/2016 – 9/2/2016.
5. **Free/Reduced Lunch:** Enclosed in this week's Family Folder is the hot lunch application for free or reduced lunch. Please complete and return your lunch application to the school office as soon as possible. It is vitally important as we receive additional government funds.
6. This school year, we would like to use e-mail as a primary way of sending home school announcements. We have already sent home several emails. If you are not receiving school emails, please contact the office or email Ms. Margaret Brumann at [mbrumann@saintferdinand.org](mailto:mbrumann@saintferdinand.org). Please also check your spam folder, and make sure that [mbrumann@saintferdinand.org](mailto:mbrumann@saintferdinand.org) is on your contacts list.
7. Car Wash Saturday! This Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be having their car wash from 9:00AM to 3:00PM in our school parking lot. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for more details.

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8. Our Opening All- Schools Mass will be Friday, September 2, 2016 at 8AM. The Mass will be followed by the Blessing of the Classrooms by Father Torba. Please join us in the Church for Mass!
9. In anticipation of our Opening School Mass, the students in grades 3-8 will be preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, September 1, as September 2<sup>nd</sup> is the First Friday for the month.
10. We are always looking for new faces to join the St. Ferd's family. If you know a family who is looking for a faith based, technology rich education for his or her child(ren), please refer the family the school office. By growing our enrollment, we will continue to be a stand-alone school while so many others are facing closures and consolidations. Our current enrollment is 275 and growing with your help.
11. With the warm weather we will be expecting in the coming days, we ask all students to remove their sweaters/vests so that they will not get overheated, sick and have to go home. Although these items are part of the official school uniform, they are not required to be worn until October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is also recommended that your student wears his or her walking shorts in lieu of the regular uniform pants, in order to accommodate the warm weather. With our class schedule, there are ample opportunities to visit the drinking fountains during movement times.
12. If your child has any type of prescribed medication that must be taken during school hours, please contact the school office to obtain a Medication Authorization form. We must have proper documentation on file in order for students to take medication. This form can also be obtained on our school website in the parents' corner.
13. Karate will be offered Thursdays after school for grades K through 5. Please see the enclosed flyer for me information.
14. **Labor Day:** Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day. There will be *no school* and *no extended care* on this day.
15. **Playground Safety:** Our early childhood students use the playground during the school day. For their safety, we ask that *parents do not use the playground during school hours.* Thank you for making sure our children will have a safe place to use at their designated recess times.

