



THE THURSDAY POST– September 8, 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. **Back to School Celebration:** Mark your calendars, our Back to School Celebration will be *Sunday, September 18th*. Flyers went home last week. Please return your RSVP if you are interested in going, as well as items you will be able to donate. We still do need volunteers for this event, so please contact Ms. Margaret Brumann if you are able to volunteer. Our event will kick off with Mass at 10:00AM, followed by a brief Open House and then lunch. We look forward to seeing all our families there!
2. **7th/8th Grade Parent Meeting:** Our annual meeting for 7th & 8th grade parents on *Thursday, Sept. 15th* at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. The main topic is applying to the high school of your choice.
3. **School Board:** Our first School Board meeting will be *Thursday, September. 15th* at 7:45PM in the Activity Center. All are welcome!
4. **Karate:** Karate will be offered for students in grades K-8 after school on Thursdays. There will be an information / demonstration session next *Thursday, September 15th* at 3:00PM in the gym. Students and parents are invited to attend and registration will be available afterwards. Registration/information forms are included in this week's folder.
5. **No School:** On *Friday, September 23rd*, there will be **No School** and **No Extended Care**. This is a Professional Development Day for teachers.
6. **Zumba Club:** Zumba is back for grades 3-8! Registration/information forms are included in this week's folders. Classes will be after school on *Thursdays from September 29th through October 27th*. Reserve your space today!
7. Please remember to turn in applications for free/reduced lunch. These are due *September 30th*.
8. Please see the enclosed letter pertaining to lead water testing results.
9. If you would like to be on the newly formed School Safety Committee, please see the enclosed flyer.
10. The Chess Academy will be offering after school chess classes for grades K-8. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information and to register.
11. Students in 6th-8th grade have the opportunity to attend the Holy Fire Archdiocese of Chicago Youth Event. Please see the enclosed flyer and return the permission slip with payment if interested.
12. Mrs. Hernandez, our Art teacher, is in need of plastic disposable water bottles for an art project. If you can please send them as you empty them, she would be very pleased. Thank you!
13. **Reminder to parents of students in K, 2, and 6th grades:** Please turn in your updated health documentation if you have not already done so. It is important that we have all of these so that we can report to the State. Thank you.
14. This school year, we will be using 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. Also, please check your spam folder, and make sure that mbrumann@saintferdinand.org is on your contacts list.