



THE THURSDAY POST

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Monday, March. 5th—Friday, March 9th: Scholastic Book Fair during *Students' Library Classes*

Wednesday, March 7th: Breakfast with Books, Parent Shopping Event; 7:30AM, Library

Thursday, March 8th: Morning Meet and Greet hosted by 3rd grade, 7:20AM—7:50AM, Activity Center

Thursday, March 8th: Report Cards for Trimester 2 Issued

Tuesday, March 13th: Save the date! Fundraiser at Topsy Cow Cantina ... More info to follow ...

Friday, March 16th: Spring Picture Day (Dress clothes; nothing green)

Social Media Bingo

Please enter our new contest, Social Media Bingo! See attached game card and information sheet.

☒ **Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships:** Empowerillinois.org opened up again on Tuesday, February 27th. Please make sure to register and fill out an application if you are considering applying for financial aid. Make sure to watch your email to stay informed as to when you will be able to complete step 2 of the application process. EmpowerIllinois will send emails to registered users to let them know when they are able to complete their applications.

☒ **FACTS Grant & Financial Aid:** If you have scholarships or are seeking financial assistance, you **must submit a new application through FACTS Grant & Financial aid.** Even if you applied through Big Shoulders or Empower Illinois, **the Archdiocese requires ALL families to have completed a current FACTS Grant & Financial Aid Application.** These can be accessed through your FACTS tuition accounts.

☒ **Service Hours:** Don't forget: 10 hours of parent service are needed in order to fulfill the requirement and receive a refund of the Parent Service deposit this year. Hours must be completed by March 30. If you still need hours, please volunteer for the Friday Fish Frys.

☒ **Service Hours with COR:** Christian Outreach has service hours available for **Mondays between 9:30am and 1pm.** at the St. Ferdinand Convent food pantry. Please contact Mike McGinnis for more information at 773-622-9737

☒ **Report Cards:** Report cards will be issued on Thursday, March 8th. Please note: all accounts (tuition, before/after care, and lunch) must be up-to-date. *Report cards will be held for past-due balances.*

☒ **Meet and Greet:** All families are welcome to attend our Morning Meet & Greets. This is a wonderful way for parents and families to get to know one another. Third Grade will be hosting the next Meet & Greet on **March 8th** in the Activity Center from **7:20-7:50am.** While all school families are invited, 3rd grade parents are especially encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

☒ **Baby Bulls:** St. Ferdinand School invites parents, caregivers and their children ages 6 months to three years to join us for our playgroup, Baby Bulls. This is an opportunity for you and your little one to enjoy social interaction in a child-friendly environment in our school. Child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver over the age of 18. Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am, 4 weeks remain in this session, \$15 fee for the remaining 4 weeks. Please complete a registration form available in the school office.



We collect BoxTops and used printer inks for recycling!



Financial Aid

2018-2019

Dear Parents:

Just a reminder, all families requesting financial assistance must complete the **FACTS Grant & Aid Application (\$25)**. Funds are limited, so families are encouraged to fill out an application as soon as possible.

Please note:

- ➔ ***No*** scholarship and/or assistance will be considered or renewed if the family has not completed the FACTS Grant & Aid Application.
- ➔ Even if you applied on Big Shoulders or Empower Illinois, a FACTS application is still **required**.
- ➔ ***If you currently have any scholarships or assistance, you must re-apply for eligibility for the 18-19 School Year, even if your scholarship is “renewable.”***

To apply:

- ➔ Log on to your FACTS account
- ➔ Select Grant & Aid Application
- ➔ Select 2018-2019 School Year
- ➔ Complete application in its entirety (including uploading any required forms)



The deadline for applications is **March 23, 2018**.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

To Log on to your FACTS Account:

Go to <http://saintferdinandschool.org/> and select the “Pay Tuition” tab.
You will automatically be taken to the FACTS sign-in page.

Or, type the direct link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/424S1>