



# THE THURSDAY POST

March 08, 2018



**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Fish Fry . Alumni Night! (8<sup>th</sup> Graders: 8<sup>th</sup> grade is hosting and please wear your Gym shirts)

**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Fundraiser at Tippy Cow Cantina, 5:00PM—10:00PM

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:** 4<sup>th</sup> grade Meet and Greet, 7:20AM—7:50AM, Activity Center

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Picture Day (Dress clothes; nothing green) (Please see enclosed flyer!!!)

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade Meet and Greet, 7:20AM—7:50AM, Activity Center

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Thursday; 11:30AM Dismissal (Extended Care Available)

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>—Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>:** **NO SCHOOL; EASTER VACATION**

- Report Cards:** Report cards are going home today. Please note: all accounts (tuition, before/after care, and lunch) must be up-to-date. *Report cards are being held for past-due balances.*
- Book Fair:** Don't Forget! Tomorrow is the final day of Book Fair! 5th, 6th & 8th grade students can shop during library time. All other grades can do last minute shopping during recess. All proceeds benefit the library. Thank you for your support!
- Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships:** Empowerillinois.org opened up again on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.
- 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. Fourth Grade will be at the next Meet & Greet on **March 15<sup>th</sup>** in the Activity Center from **7:20-7:50am.** While all school families are invited, 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents are especially encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!
- Fundraiser at Tippy Cow Cantina:** Meet us at the Tippy Cow Cantina on March 13. Show the enclosed flier and 20% of the proceeds will benefit our school! Please support the local businesses that support St. Ferdinand. The restaurant is open from 5:00-10:00pm. 4800 N. Central Ave., Chicago IL 60630. (773)- 283-5545. We look forward to seeing you there!
- Extended Care Available:** Extended Care will be available on Holy Thursday (March 29<sup>th</sup>).
- Social Media Bingo Contest:** Parents must mark Bingo card in a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal pattern of five grid spaces on their card. Once you have done so, turn the card into the front office to be reviewed and you will be entered to win a book basket from the Scholastic Book Fair. ***The first family to complete & turn in the ENTIRE card will win a \$50 Visa gift card!*** Bingo cards are due by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Hard copies were sent home last week. Copies of the instructions are 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>