



THE THURSDAY POST

May 10, 2018



Friday, May 11th: *No School; Professional Development Day*

Sunday, May 20th: First Communion Mass; 12:30 Church

Thursday, May 24th: Pre-School Open House; 6:00PM—8:00PM

Monday, May 28th: *No School; Memorial Day*

Saturday, June 2nd: 8th Grade Graduation; 5:00PM, Church

Thursday, June 7th: *Graduation: Preschool (8:30AM) / Kindergarten (10:00AM)*

Friday, June 8th: *Last Day of School! Early Dismissal*



Dear Lord: Thank you for our Mothers! Guard them, protect them, bless them with love and happiness. May they always know how important they are to us, and let us never forget them. Grant them length of years, peace of days, and joy of family.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!



Reminder:

As we head into the final weeks of school we would like to remind everyone that **all account balances for grades PK—7th, including tuition, extended care and lunch** need to be up to date and paid in full by **May 31st** for your child(ren) to participate in any year-end activities. This includes, but is not limited to, field trips, end of year parties, ceremonies and graduation.

Preschool and Kindergarten balances must be paid no later than May 31st for your child to participate in any end of year activities including their year-end graduation assembly.

8th grade parents please note all tuition and account balance for the 2017/2018 school year must be paid in full by May 25th. The 8th grade field trip is on May 29th and it will kick off the 8th grade festivities, graduation will be on June 2nd. For your child to participate in the 8th grade field trip and all other 8th grade activities and in order to receive their 8th grade diploma, all balances must be paid in full before May 25th. Any payments made after Monday, May 14th, must be paid by cash or money order.

Report cards and diplomas will be held until all balances are paid in full for the 2017-2018 school year.

***Please note that if you wait until the last day to make your payments by check, the turnaround time for you to receive your report cards/diplomas will be two weeks.**

☑ **Math Club:** Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Math Club! Please remember to pay your \$25 if you have not already done so. Due to its popularity, Math Club is now full.

☑ **Pre School Open House:** We will have a Pre School Open House on **May 24th** from 6:00-8:00PM. Please invite your family and friends to see and learn more about our wonderful school!

☑ **KidsBowlFree:** Please see the enclosed cards from KidsBowlFree.com. By registering on their website, children are eligible to receive free bowling passes each week.



Empower Illinois/Big Shoulders Scholarships Update

Please refer to the back of this newsletter for very important updates regarding your Empower Illinois / Big Shoulders Scholarship applications!!!

Empower Illinois/Big Shoulders Scholarships Update

Letters have been sent out to families informing them of their scholarship status. Did you receive a letter stating that you are conditionally approved? **If yes, to ensure that your child's scholarship is finalized, you MUST obtain an acceptance letter from St. Ferdinand School and upload this letter to your Empower Illinois (TADS) scholarship account by using the link provided to you. This must be done by Friday, June 1st.**

Once your enrollment letter is received your status will be changed to "Confirmed".

In addition, some families had applied to both Empower Illinois and Big Shoulders. ***Only one scholarship will be awarded per student.*** If you have received notification for more than one scholarship, it is your responsibility to decide which award you are accepting and to inform the school. You also must inform the other SGO that you are not accepting their scholarship.

As of April 24, Empower Illinois has issued 1321 award letters statewide, valued at approximately \$12 Million. These award letters include **Confirmed Awards** (School Acceptance Letter already provided by parents as part of their application document upload), **Conditional Awards** (School Acceptance Letter still needs to be uploaded by parents to their TADS account) and **Provisional Awards** (school ISBE Recognition status pending). An additional 6,710 letters have been issued to families who are Non-Priority (incomes above 185% of the federal poverty level or not in a Focus District), Waitlisted (financially eligible, but award finalization is pending fund availability) or Ineligible (income too high, documents incomplete or missing, etc.).