



# THE THURSDAY POST

October 25, 2018



- Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>:** School Board Meeting, 7:30PM, Activity Center
- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Fire Field Trip, Grades 6-8
- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:** Halloween Dance, Grades 6-8, 6:30PM—9:45PM, Activity Center
- Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>:** 1st Communion Meeting, 9:00AM, Activity Center
- Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>:** All Saints Day; 12:00 Mass in Church
- Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** No School: Professional Development Day
- Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>:** Family Game Night; 6:00PM—7:00PM, Activity Center
- Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> / Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:** No School: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Breakfast with Santa, 9:00AM—1:00PM, Activity Center

### ***Raffle Winners***

Our first Raffle drawing was Wednesday, October 24, during morning assembly.

The following winning tickets were picked by our students:

Renata Ciolkosz: \$300

Jason Ortiz : \$200

Yolanda Orozco, Justyna Kozlowski, Andrej Zbroja: \$100 each

Congratulations to all our winners! Our next drawing will be in November. Please return your ticket stubs if you have not already done so in order to have a chance to win!

### **Gift Cards**

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift? It's not too early to start your Christmas shopping. Take the stress and time out of this chore by purchasing gift cards from the St. Ferdinand School gift card program. Not only will you save yourself time and aggravation, but you can earn tuition credit also!

The following gift cards are available in the school office: Jewel \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10, Target \$25, Starbucks \$10, Burger King \$10, Subway \$10, Kohl's \$25, Walgreens \$25, AMC Theater \$25, and Buffalo Wild Wings \$10.

**Call the school office for more information**

- School Mass:** Starting November 9, school Mass will be at 8:15AM on Fridays. Students will meet as usual in the Chapel and walk over together as a class.
- Red Ribbon Week / Halloween:** Red Ribbon Week runs through the 31<sup>st</sup>. On Monday, students may dress down in their favorite sports jersey. On Tuesday, students may wear school-appropriate pajamas. On Wednesday, students may wear Halloween costumes. Please note: costumes must be school appropriate, and can not be scary or gory. Masks are not allowed.
- Amendments to Handbook:** Please see the attached paper with important amendments to the School Handbook.
- Athletics:** Basketball registration is now due for students in grades 4-8 wishing to play on the basketball team. Please turn in your packet as soon as possible so we can plan our teams. If you need another packet, please contact the office.
- Volleyball:** We are starting a free girls volleyball skills clinic afterschool. Please contact the office if you did not receive last week's flyer.
- Baby Bulls is looking for a volunteer!** We are looking for a parent who is Virtus trained and is available to fulfill their service hours during the day. Baby Bulls is our toddler playgroup that meets on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30am. Activities include reading, puzzles, dancing and play! If you are interested in working with this group, please call the school or e-mail [kdemaira@saintferdinand.org](mailto:kdemaira@saintferdinand.org).
- Western Catholic Union:** Please see the back of this newsletter for an update on the WCU garage sale fundraiser!
- Food Drive:** Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive begins on Thursday, November 1. Please see enclosed letter for info.

# WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION

Our garage sale raised \$1,380.00 for St. Ferdinand. We are planning another sale in spring on May 25th, 26th and the 27th. Please keep this in mind as you go through your house and clothing items. We don't accept furniture as we have limited space. If you have donations or wish to help feel free to call Phil (773) 469-9293. Remember it is up to us to keep our school going. We will be running a cookie walk on December 2nd. To be benefiting St. Ferdinand and will be looking for bakers and customers. It will be held at 5923 Irving Pk. Rd. from 10 A.M.- 4 P.M. if you wish to bake or make cookies we would love your help. We will also have tables set up to sit and chat. For more information please call Phil (773) 469-9293 This event is great it helps our school and everyone has a great time looks like a win - win to me.

## Amendments to the School Handbook:

### Appointments

St. Ferdinand teachers pride themselves in their professionalism. It is important for them to be available to their students during the school day. If you wish to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment with them for a mutually convenient time. Appointments to meet the principal should be made in advance. **Teachers are responsible for the learning and safety of all students from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. No one is allowed to stop by a classroom to confer with a teacher.**

As the faculty is not able to leave any classroom while students are present, and as not to disrupt the classroom lessons, parents/guardians are required not to enter the classrooms during the school day. As well, parents/guardians are required not to ask teachers to leave the classroom during the regular school day unless a conference time has been previously arranged.

**Please remember teachers have faculty meetings each Wednesday immediately after school, and are not available at that time for an appointment.**

### Absences/Tardiness

Teaching children to be on time starts very early in life. When they arrive on time and are picked up on time, children are learning life-long skills. The school day begins at 8:00 A.M. Children are counted tardy if they arrive after 8:05 A.M. We understand that sometimes things happen which will affect your being on time, if your child is going to be late, a phone call must be made to the school office before 7:45 informing us that your child/children will be arriving late. A phone call received while your child is rushing to the door is not acceptable

**A STUDENT WHO IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL WILL NOT BE PERMITTED  
TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
THE DAY OF THE ABSENCE.**

### Forms

Parents, occasionally forms are sent home asking for your information including the name of your child and a signature. **Please** make sure your child's name is on the form. We have many families with different last names and when a form comes into the office without a child's name, it makes it difficult to figure out where it goes.