



THE THURSDAY NEWS

January 17, 2019



Friday, January 18th: Boys Basketball Home Games; 6:00PM JV, 7:00PM Varsity; Gym

Sunday, January 20th: Mandatory Communion Meeting for Parents, 9:00AM Activity Center

Monday, January 21st: *No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Sunday, January 27th: 10:00 Family Mass followed by Open House, 11:00PM—1:30PM, *Catholic Schools Week begins*

Friday, February 8th: *No School, Staff Professional Development*

FACTS Grant & Aid Applications

Grant & Aid applications for the 2019/2020 school year are now open on FACTS. Everyone wishing to be considered for financial assistance in the 2019/2020 school year will need to complete this Grant & Aid application. You will be required to download your 2018 tax information. No application will be considered complete without the necessary tax documentation.

The Grant & Aid application is required for all financial assistance.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS OPENED JANUARY 15, 2019

Applications for 2019-2020 tax credit scholarships opened on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. CT.** The application will again be a two-step process.

If you have already completed step 1, ***emails will be sent out beginning January 18th to access Step 2 — it is important to look in your spam/junk folder as well.***

<https://empowerillinois.org/>

BIG SHOULDERS OPENS JANUARY 22, 2019

On **Tuesday, January 22 at 8 am** the Big Shoulders Fund SGO will open its application, which is a one-step process. ***You must have all of your information ready to input and upload right when you begin at 8 am on January 22 .***

It is important to apply as soon as possible, as consideration is given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please go to: <https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org>

Catholic Schools Week: We will kick-off Catholic Schools Week with a Family Mass followed by an Open House on **Sunday, January 27.** Mass will be at 10:00AM in the Chapel; the Open House will run from 11:00AM—1:30PM. All are invited; please see the back of this newsletter for the Catholic Schools Week Schedule.

Tax Credit Scholarships: For more information on Tax Credit Scholarships, please see the information and resource <http://saintferdinandschool.org/state-tax-credit-scholarships/>

Re-Registration: Tuition Contracts / Registration for the 2019/20 will be sent home next week.



We collect BoxTops! Please turn them in to your teacher or the office!





Catholic Schools Week 2019

Sunday, Jan. 27th: Celebrate Our Parish

Join us for Family Mass at 10:00AM in the Chapel. Following Mass, please join us for our Science Expo/Open House until 1:30PM.

Monday, Jan. 28th: Celebrate Our Community

Give back to our community by donating \$1 to the St. Ferdinand Food Pantry. Any student who donates \$1 may come to school out of uniform.

Tuesday, Jan. 29th: Celebrate Our Nation

Show your patriotic spirit and come to school dressed down in red, white, and blue. Students will honor our veterans by making cards for those at Hines Medical Center.

Wednesday, Jan. 30st: Celebrate Our Students/100th Day of School

Students may dress down today. There will be a special surprise treat today to celebrate our 100th day of school!

Thursday, Jan. 31st: Celebrate Vocations and Families

Students will have an opportunity to hear from members of the clergy from our Parish about our Catholic faith.

Friday, Feb. 1st: Celebrate Our Teachers, Faculty, and Volunteers

We are blessed to have such wonderful staff / parent volunteers here at St. Ferdinand School! Thank you to all who dedicate their time and talents to enriching the lives of our students and helping our school community flourish!