



# THE THURSDAY NEWS

March 28 2019



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Box-Tops!

- April 2<sup>nd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup>:** ASPIRE testing
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Out of Uniform Day, *wear blue*
- April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Track a Thon Pledge Forms DUE, CRS RiceBowls DUE
- April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Open House / Meet and Greet, 5:00PM—7:00PM
- April 15<sup>th</sup>—April 24<sup>th</sup>:** **NO SCHOOL; EASTER BREAK**
- Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:** School Resumes
- April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>:** Track—A—Thon
- May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Talent Show, 6:30PM, Chapel



Send Box-Tops to office

### Parent Service Hours

Don't forget, 10 hours are needed by March 31, otherwise the \$250 parent service charge will be added to your April tuition.

If you have not yet completed your hours, this is the last eligible Fish Fry week (28th/29th) in which to fulfill your requirement.

Any service hours done starting April 1st will count towards your 2019-20 Service Requirement.

**Please contact the office with any questions.**

### ASPIRE TESTING

ASPIRE testing for Grades 3—8 will be April 2—April 5. To ensure that your student performs their best, please make sure that they get a good night's rest, have a good breakfast, and *arrive to school on time*. Due to the nature of the standardized tests, late students will not be allowed to disrupt the session once testing has begun. *It is extremely important students are on time this week, and do not leave early. Dentist/Doctor appointments should not be made for this week if your child is in 3-8 grade.*

### Open House / Meet and Greet: April 10<sup>th</sup>

Join us for an Open House / Meet and Greet on **Wednesday, April 10, from 5:00PM – 7:00PM**. You are invited to come and meet Mrs. Woodson at this Open House. This is also an Open House event for prospective families — please feel free to invite people that might be interested in St. Ferdinand School to come see our school and what St. Ferdinand has to offer!

### Summer Camp

We are pleased to announce we will be offering Summer Camp this summer! Students in PK—4th this year are eligible.

You may register online by visiting <http://saintferdinandschool.org/summer-camp/>

- Welcome Mrs. Woodson:** Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Patricia Woodson to the St. Ferdinand School Family. Information introducing her was emailed on Monday (please see back of this newsletter for a copy of that). Mrs. Woodson will be joining us as our interim principal. She will be available for a Meet and Greet at our Open House on April 10th. Please join us so you can introduce yourself and meet Mrs. Woodson. Let us keep her in our prayers and show our support during this time of transition.
- Talent Show:** Please turn in your Talent Show applications if you plan on participating in the Talent Show.
- Before /After Care Reminder:** All students who use Before or After School Care must be signed in and out by their parent. Students are **not** to walk in by themselves, nor leave by themselves. ***This is against Archdiocesan policy. There will be a \$25 fee per day charged for students that are dropped off / picked up without being signed in or out by the parents.***
- Tuition Agreements/ Re-registration:** In order to determine the number of teachers, staff, classrooms, materials and other programs to be budgeted, we need to know the number of families/students who will be returning in August 2019. If you have not returned your 2019/2020 agreement, please send it, along with the \$100.00 registration fee, to the school office immediately. If you need another agreement, please contact the school office. If your child is not returning to St. Ferdinand School for the 2019/2020 school year, please return your contract stating that your child is not returning,



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March 25, 2019

Dear St. Ferdinand Parish School Community,

Kindness is a behavior marked by ethical characteristics, a pleasant disposition, and a concern and consideration for others. It is considered a virtue and recognized as a value in many cultures. I share this with you during this Lenten season and time of transition because we are a Catholic school community focused on and charged with the education of your student(s). We must work together and model the behaviors we expect from one another and our students. Please pray for our school community during this transition and Lenten season.

I write today with an update on the interim principal selection process. Dr. King and I interviewed candidates last week. I offered the position to Mrs. Patricia Woodson. Mrs. Woodson is a retired Chicago Public School principal. Most recently, she served as interim principal at Epiphany Catholic School on the southwest side. She has experiences at both the elementary and high school levels. She worked as a special education teacher, department chair, and Dean of Students. Mrs. Woodson has demonstrated success in team and instructional leadership. Her well established ability as a principal, is rooted in her passion to ensure every child has the best opportunity to learn and reach their highest potential and become effective citizens.

Mrs. Woodson will be introduced to the teachers, staff and students on Monday, April 1, 2019. You are invited to meet Mrs. Woodson at the Open House on April 10, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. We offer Open House opportunities for perspective families to learn more about what St. Ferdinand Parish School offers. Please invite a friend to join you in attending the Open House. We will offer Open Houses on: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please join us and invite a friend to attend with you.

In closing, I share Proverbs 15:4, “Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit.”

May God bless you,

Fr. Jason Torba  
Pastor