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- May 17th:** 8th Grade Ribbon Ceremony, 8:15AM Mass, Church
- Sunday, May 19th:** 1st Communion at 12:30 Mass, Church
- Tuesday, May 21st:** All School Game Day
- Monday, May 27th:** No School, Memorial Day
- Wednesday, May 29th:** Open House, 5:00PM—7:00PM
- Thursday, May 30th:** 8th Grade Awards after 12:00PM Mass, Church
- Saturday, June 1st:** 8th Grade Graduation; 5:00PM, Church
- Thursday, June 6th:** Preschool Graduation @ 8:30am, Kindergarten Graduation @10:30am
- Friday, June 7th:** Last Day of School; **10:15am Dismissal**

Important Announcement

We are pleased to announce Mrs. Erin Boyle Folino as our Principal for the 2019-20 School Year! Please see the back of this newsletter for an introduction and more information about her.

Mrs. Folino will be available at our next Open House on **May 29th** to meet our school families and get to know our St. Ferdinand School Community. More details to follow!

First Communion

First Communion will be this **Sunday, May 19th, at 12:30PM in the Church.** Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for this important Sacrament! All Choir and Bell Choir members (current and past) are invited to join the Choir at this Mass to help musically. Choir and Bell Choir members that will participate should be at Church by 12:20PM.

Summer Camp

We are still accepting registration for the St. Ferdinand summer school program through June 4.

Join us for another Information Session on May 29th and 29th, from 6:00-6:30PM.

If you have already registered your child, the \$30.00 registration fee and the 1st week tuition is now due. Your payment can be dropped off at the school office.

Health Updates for Next Year: Students entering Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, and 6th Grade will need updates to their health records. Letters with information on the required updates for these grades went home with students entering these grades today. Please contact the office with any questions.

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.***

Financial Notice: As we head into the final weeks of school, we would like to remind everyone that **all account balances, including tuition, extended care, and lunch,** need to be paid in full in order for your student(s) to participate in year-end activities (including, but not limited to, field day, field trips, end of year parties, ceremonies and graduation).

* **8th Grade Parents:** Diplomas will not be awarded until all balances are paid.

* **Preschool/Kindergarten:** Balances must be paid no later than May 31 for your student(s) to participate in any end of year activities, including their year-end graduation assembly.

Report card and diplomas will be held until all balances are paid in full for the 2018-19 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.

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Hello, School Families!

My name is Erin Boyle Folino, and I am thrilled to be joining the St. Ferdinand community as your new principal! Here is a little background information about me:



I was born in Chicago, but have resided in Des Plaines for most of my life. I have been married to my husband Paul for over 20 years, and we have 3 daughters: Tara (17) and Ari (15) attend Resurrection College Prep High School (my alma mater!) in Chicago, and Elissa "Lisy" (12) is finishing up her 6th grade year at St. Emily School in Mount Prospect.

I am a product of Catholic schools: St. Mary Elementary School in Des Plaines, the aforementioned Resurrection High School, Loyola University for my undergraduate degree in Education with a minor in English, Concordia University (well, that's actually a Lutheran school!) for my first Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and DePaul University, from which I will be graduating in June with my second Master's degree in Educational Leadership with a Catholic school principal preparation concentration.

I began my teaching career at St. Maria Goretti School in Schiller Park, where I was the 8th grade homeroom and religion/Confirmation preparation teacher, as well as the junior high English and Spanish teacher, for 8 years. I then took a break from full-time teaching while my daughters were young, working part-time jobs as a substitute teacher, weekend children's programming instructor at Triton College, and as a tutor. My return to full-time teaching brought me to the same school my daughters were attending, St. Emily, where I have taught both Spanish and technology/computers to all grades, Pre-K through 8th, for the past six years. My family is actively involved in St. Emily parish and school, and my ministries include: lectoring, fest planning, and instructing in Children's Liturgy of the Word, as well as volunteer work with moderating the Girl Scouts and cheerleading programs. Over the years, I have been honored and humbled to have received awards for both my teaching and volunteer work, and have spent many hours of the past school year completing principal internships at both the elementary and secondary levels.

When not teaching, studying, interning, or volunteering, I enjoy hanging out and laughing with those I love most - especially if that involves attending concerts, a Zumba class, or a Chicago White Sox game! One interesting tidbit about me is that, since 4th grade, I have signed my name with a smiley face, and because of this, I have amassed an extensive smiley face collection in my classroom, with pieces purchased for me by students throughout my teaching career. I will have to find room for parts of this collection in the principal's office!

I have met with Fr. Torba, and we have begun discussions on areas in which I, in conjunction with the faculty and staff, will focus on improving for the upcoming school year. This includes continuing to strengthen school vitality through increase in student enrollment and updates in school curricula - with special emphasis on the math, reading, religion, and sacramental preparation programs. I welcome stakeholder input on these and other pertinent areas for growth, and will solicit both staff and parental opinions and suggestions, thoughts, and commentary in these areas through informal surveys before this school year comes to an end. Please be on the look-out for the link to your online survey in your weekly emailed school newsletter!

I am looking forward to meeting many of you during the first hour of the May 29th Open House, as well as at the upcoming St. Ferdinand's summer carnival, before the 2019-20 school year kicks off!

In God's grace,

Mrs. Erin Boyle Folino

