



# THE THURSDAY NEWS

August 29, 2019



**Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>:** All School Mass/Blessing of Backpacks, 8:15AM, Church

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>:** No School; Labor Day

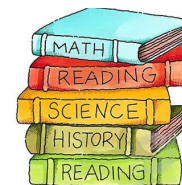
**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Spirit Day

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>:** Grandparent's Day Celebration

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:** No School; Staff Development

**Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Picture Day

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:** 8th Grade Car Wash



## Spirit Day

Tuesday, September 3rd, will be Spirit Day. Students may wear St Ferdinand logoed clothes with jeans. Please note—jeans need to be school appropriate, and not be tight-fitting or ripped/torn.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER / HEALTH RECORDS:

Health records are due! Please turn these in as soon as possible to avoid exclusion.

Students entering **Kindergarten** needed updated eye, dental, and health exams.

Students entering **2nd grade** needed updated dental exams.

Students entering **6th grade** needed updated health exams/immunizations, as well as an updated dental exam.

## Arrival / Dismissal Times

Please note, school doors open at 7:40AM. Students should arrive between 7:40—7:55AM. Any student arriving after 7:55AM will have to check in at the office, and will be marked as tardy.

Dismissal is from 2:45PM—2:55PM in the parking lot. Students not picked up by 3:00PM will be charged for after school care.

## iReady / Headphones

This year, students in grades K-8 will be using iReady software. Because of this, each student is asked to bring to school their own pair of earbuds. iReady is a computer-based diagnostic tool that assesses individual student learning and generates instructional activities specifically designed for each student in Math and Reading. More information to follow!

## Reminders

- ☑ **PowerSchool Parent Portal:** This year, we are again using the Parent Portal of Powerschool for parents to be able to check their students' progress. The Parent Portal is available for students in grades 3-8. Instructions for accessing the Parent Portal went home today with students in Grade 3. *Parents of returning students in grades 4-8 will have the same log-in information as last year.* If you cannot access your account, please contact Margaret Brumann either via phone or email [mbrumann@saintferdinand.org](mailto:mbrumann@saintferdinand.org)
- ☑ **ASPIRE scores:** Individual student ASPIRE scores (grades 4-8) are going home today. More information on how the school did and what academic goals this will lead to will be sent home next week.
- ☑ **World's Finest Chocolates:** Chocolate will be distributed on Thursday, September 12. Each family is responsible for 1 box. Look for more details to follow in next week's news.
- ☑ **You are invited to our Grandparents Day celebration!** We will celebrate Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 15. All families are invited to attend. The day will begin with Mass at 10:00AM, and then brunch to follow until 1:00PM. Please see enclosed flyer for more information.
- ☑ **Sports Council Needed:** Every year, parents play an important role in organizing and coaching our Sports teams. Currently, we need parent coaches, members of Sports Council, and someone to take charge of Sports Council. Participation in Sports does count toward the required Parent Service hours. Anyone who is interested in participating on / leading Sports Council should contact Mrs. Folino at [efolino@saintferdinand.org](mailto:efolino@saintferdinand.org).