



# THE THURSDAY NEWS

October 24, 2019



**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>:** No School: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Book Fair during Parent-Teacher Conferences (Library)

**October 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>:** Red Ribbon Week Activities (see flier for details)

**Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Picture Retake Day

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>:** No School: Staff Development (but make sure to go to Church for All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation)

**Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>:** Veterans Celebration (see flier for more info)

**Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Gift Card Orders Due

**Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>:** Dine & Share @ Culver's on Harlem, 5-8, (See flier)

**November 4<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup>:** Thanksgiving Food Drive (see flier)

**Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>:** Donuts & Dialogue With the Principal, more info forthcoming

**Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>:** First Trimester Ends (Report Cards go home 11/21/2019)

**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>:** No School: THANKSGIVING BREAK



## Know A Veteran?

If so, invite them to spend the morning with us on Friday, November 8. We would love our Veterans to spend a morning of honor with us in order to celebrate the upcoming Veterans Day holiday. Please see enclosed flier for more information!

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! :-)

We have many people to thank for their support over the past few weeks!

We would like to thank the following people:

- ◆ All the families who joined us at Portillo's Dine and Share event on Oct. 8.
- ◆ Everyone who joined us for last week's Trunk-or-Treat, whether it was decorating a car or simply attending and showing support
  - ◆ All the Families that came to Family Mass to pray with us as a School Community
  - ◆ Everyone who attended (or volunteered at) the Pancake Breakfast

*Thank you for all you to do support our school and build the school community! We appreciate your time and thoughtfulness!*

## 1st Communion/Reconciliation

There is a **mandatory** 1st Communion/Reconciliation meeting for all 2nd grade parents this Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 9:00am in the Activity Center. All parents of students receiving their Communion/Reconciliation this year must attend.

## Book Fair

The Book Fair will be open during Parent-Teacher Conferences (-) until 7:00PM.

The last call for the Book Fair will be Monday, October 27, from 8:40AM—9:00AM only (during 4th grade library time).

No sales can be accepted after 9:00AM.

## Halloween

Students may wear costumes to school Halloween (October 31<sup>st</sup>). Costumes must be school appropriate, and should **not** be gory or scary. Weapons (pretend or real) are **not** allowed, and anything depicting controlled substances or illegal activities are **not** allowed.

Students will celebrate for the last hour in their classrooms. Treats must be **peanut-free**, and enough for the entire classroom.

## Reminders

- ☑ **Confirmation:** Missed last week's 8th grade Confirmation meeting? Contact the Religious Ed office for folder o' info.
- ☑ **Sports:** Don't forget: Basketball registration is DUE.
- ☑ **Gift Cards:** Don't forget: If you are ordering Gift Cards, these are due Nov.11th. Save time shopping, while earning a percentage back on your tuition! Please contact the office if you need another order form.



# The Ferd Word

...weekly spotlight on a word to know at St. Ferdinand School by Principal Folino 😊 Oct 24, 2019

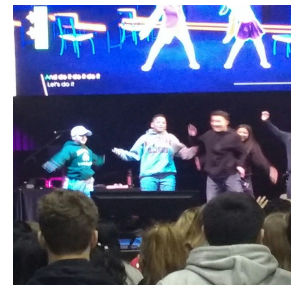
## SPIRIT

During this spooky time of the year, the word **SPIRIT** can conjure up a sense of all things eerie. A ghost, a goblin - who knows what may be lurking around the corner...

At St. Ferdinand School, the SPIRIT is alive and well! But not one out to haunt us, but instead, one that **lives** within us, guiding us to be our best Christian selves.

This spirit was out and present in many forms last weekend at St. Ferdinand events!

On Friday, He was there is the lively, spirited participation of our junior high students in Holy Fire - an event sponsored by the Archdiocese in which thousands of teens gathered at UIC Pavillion to join, en masse, to worship Jesus through song, laughter, dance, stories, Adoration, and mass with Cardinal Cupich! It was moving to see our oldest students so "into" the day's events and representing our school so well; the Spirit is definitely present and unfolding in the next generation.



On Friday night, He was there in the fun and camaraderie of our 1st Annual Trunk-or-Treat event. It was wonderful to not only see students of all ages truly enjoying moving from one car to another to get their treats, but to witness the amazing creativity and effort of our families in decorating their cars for Halloween! What a sense of community and enjoyment was present that evening; the Spirit is definitely also present in the family-school community connection at St. Ferdinand School.



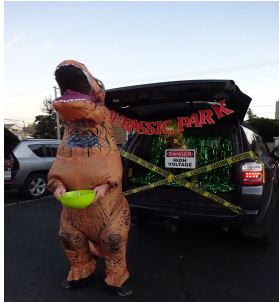
Finally, our second Family Mass of the year took place at the 10:00am service in the Chapel on Sunday, immediately following the 8th Grade Parent Confirmation Meeting and preceding the parish Pancake Breakfast. How lovely it was to see so many St. Ferd's families gathered to worship together! When Fr. Lukasz called forth all the children present to sit up front for his homily, the sanctuary was filled! The Spirit is definitely calling our St. Ferdinand families to His home to worship together...



Stay tuned to see where else the one, true Spirit leads St. Ferdinand School this year!



Please enjoy these other images from **Trunk-or-Treat!**



**Have a safe and fun**

**HALLOWEEN!**

**But then...don't forget to take your child to church on**

**Friday, November 1 - The Feast of All Saints**

**We're off school, but it's a Holy Day of Obligation!**

