



The Ferd Word

...weekly spotlight on a word to know at St. Ferdinand School by Principal Folino 😊 Dec 5 2019

STATE OF THE SCHOOL - END OF FIRST TRIMESTER!

The following link will take you to Principal Folino's **State of the School: End of the 1st Trimester** slide presentation, shown at **Dialogue and Donuts with the Principal** back on **November 15**:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nZq5j9o8j-Q4Kv2E3GFyh6qqo5zD9HM0sTTZAYa3gL4/edit?usp=sharing>

Below are screenshots of some of the slides:

Looking toward the rest of the school year...



- Marketing
 - New position (Archdiocese is searching for the perfect candidate to lead St. Ferdinand School through all-things community marketing)
 - Strong social media presence (Margaret Brumann upping our presence this fall)
- Catholic Schools Week Open House: A Journey Across the Decades
- New Family Life/Child Safety/Erin's Law/Responsible Digital Citizenship Programs
- Executive Functioning professional development
- Title Funds: more Chromebooks/projectors, assemblies, parent speaker?

What is going well...

- Welcoming to me!
- After-School Clubs resurrected
- Discipline/concerns met
- School Communication improved
- Positive, happy events
 - Ice Cream Social/Back-to-School Night
 - Grandparents Celebration
 - Family Masses
 - Trunk-or-Treat
- Academics
 - All teachers/departments staffed (science, religion, music)
 - iReady personalized learning pilot program in reading and math
 - Catapult Learning coach for reading strategies
 - New World History textbook donation for 6th grade



School Goals 2019-20

1. Academic Excellence - to increase reading/writing scores on Aspire tests, especially in the area of main idea and support
2. Catholic Identity - to increase participation and attendance at monthly Family School Masses
3. Operational Vitality - to increase enrollment via recruitment of new families, rebuilding a positive atmosphere, and marketing what is good about SFS
4. Other Goals - strengthen religion curriculum, bring back feelings of belonging, modernize curriculum maps/materials/pedagogy

Questions/Comments...

- Concern that parish Lenten Fish Fry should bring back entertainment; Fr. Torba encouraged attendees to attend next Fish Fry meeting in January to help plan and give ideas
- A few inquiries were taken from parents regarding joining School Board when it is reinstated in January and, as well as to monitoring proper publication of its meeting dates
- A parent mentioned wanting to see Polish food added to the daily hot lunch menu so students could be exposed to it more often (Principal Folino hopes to institute a Culture Fest in late winter to celebrate and expose more of the school community to ALL of its many cultures)
- Idea of starting a Youth Group for junior high and high school students presented to Fr. Torba; Fr. Torba indicated that there is one in place, but acknowledged that it mostly caters to the Polish-speaking population. He will present this idea to Beata Bozak, Polish Youth Minister
- Fr. Torba added that an anonymous donor has blessed the school with the monies to cover the purchase of many air conditioner units; now, EVERY classroom will have working air conditioners to get students and teachers through muggy days!