



# THE THURSDAY NEWS

December 05, 2019



**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Tree Decorating, 9:00AM (Parent Service Hours)  
Nacho Order Forms DUE

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Breakfast With Santa, 9:00AM—1:00PM  
Family Mass, 10:00AM / Feast of Immaculate Conception  
Rite of Enrollment for 8th Graders, 10:00AM, Chapel

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Nacho Day at Lunch (pre-order only!)  
Fundraiser @ Chipotle, 5-9 , Brickyard (see flier)

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>:** SCHOOL MASS @ 8:00AM (Our Lady of Guadalupe)  
\*\*\*Please be on time today since Mass starts at 8:00AM!!\*\*\*

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>:** Choir Performs @ Millennium Train Station, 8:00AM

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Program, 7:00PM (arrive in classrooms by 6:30PM)

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>:** Pajama Day! Christmas Break begins at 2:45PM  
**NO EXTENDED CARE AFTER SCHOOL!**

**Monday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>—Friday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Christmas Break, No School

**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>:** Classes Resume — Happy New Year 2020! :)

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** Catholic Schools Week Kicks Off with Family Mass (10:00AM) and Open House: A Journey Through Time! \*\*\*Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors to come check out our wonderful school!!!



### **Breakfast With Santa Food Donations**

**Sunday, December 8th** is Breakfast With Santa! The event will be from 9:00AM—1:00PM in the Activity Center. If you have not already done so, please consider donating food items to the event. Enclosed in this folder is a copy of a letter that was emailed Monday detailing what items are requested. Thank you!

### **Christmas Tree Decorating**

On Friday, December 6 at 9:00AM, we will be decorating the school Christmas trees. This is a great way to earn Parent Service Hours!

### **Family Mass December 8**

Our next Family Mass is this Sunday, December 8, at 10:00AM in the Chapel. The Rite of Enrollment for 8th graders will also take place during this Mass. Anyone who goes to this Mass and finds Principal Folino afterwards will receive an out-of-uniform pass. Note: You do not have to come in uniform this Mass due to Breakfast with Santa and Rite of Enrollment.

### **Tardiness**

There has been an excessive amount of tardiness lately. Anyone arriving after 7:55AM is considered tardy. Tardy students are missing morning classes, as well as causing a significant amount of disruption to learning. Especially as the weather gets cold, please allow an ample amount of time to arrive to school on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Basketball**

Basketball Season is now through the end of January. Come on out and support our Boys and Girls teams! All games are played at St. John Vianney (7 N Lavergne Ave., Northlake,, IL) See our school website for schedules: <http://saintferdinandschool.org/athletics/basketball/schedules/>

### **December 20<sup>th</sup>: No Extended Care After School**

Friday, December 20, is the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Please note: There will be NO Extended Care offered in the afternoon on this day!



# 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!