



THE THURSDAY NEWS

January 9, 2020



Sunday, January 12th: 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting #2. 9:00AM, Activity Center

Tuesday, January 14th: Big Shoulders Tax Credit Scholarship Opens (go online)

Wednesday, January 15th: Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Opens (go online)

Thursday, January 16th: 2nd Trimester Progress Reports go home (Gr 1-8)

Thursday, January 16th: Online Mandatory Winter Conferences Sign-Up begins

Thursday, January 16th: Check your folders, info on tuition and Winter Clubs goes home today! (Clubs start in February for a 5-week session, and then again in March for a 5-week Spring session)

Monday, January 20th: **NO SCHOOL - Dr. MLK Jr Day**

Sunday, January 26th: Catholic Schools Week kicks off with Family Mass, Open House, and Re-Registration for the 2020-21 School Year! (10:00AM Mass, 11:00 –1:00PM Open House)

Thursday, February 6th: Winter Conferences 12:00PM -7:00PM; **Dismissal for Students 11:30AM**

Friday, February 7th: **NO SCHOOL—Teacher Professional Development Day**

Big Shoulders Tax Credit Scholarship/ Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship: Save the Date

Applications for Big Shoulders Tax Credit will open January 14, 2020. for more information: <https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/>

Applications for EmpowerIllinois Tax Credit Scholarships will open on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. For more information, visit EmpowerIllinois.org

Volleyball

Volleyball Season has started! Practices for Junior Varsity Girls will be Monday and Friday, 3:15—4:45. Practices for Varsity Girls will be Thursdays 5:15—6:45PM, and Fridays 5:00PM—6:30PM. Please make sure to turn in all required forms and fees!

Sunday, Jan. 26th: A Journey Through Time Interactive Open House After Family Mass

On Sunday, January 26th, attend the 10:00AM Family Mass celebrating our wonderful St. Ferdinand School—then stop by the front office to grab your Passport Through Time! Tour the school and have your passport stamped at each class for a chance to win a prize basket that includes a **\$25 off 2020-21 Registration Fee Certificate** for visiting each classroom's era!

BRING A FAMILY TO OPEN HOUSE WITH YOU, HAVE THEM SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE, AND YOUR CHILD/REN WILL RECEIVE 3 DRESS-DOWN PASSES GOOD ANY DAY OF THE YEAR!

Interested in Hosting a Foreign Exchange Student?

Are you interested in hosting a foreign exchange student for 2 weeks? We are getting 5 4th-6th grade students from China for two weeks. A stipend is offered for host families - call the school office for more details.

Winter Parent-Teacher Conferences

Grades PK-8 will have Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 6, from 12:00PM-7:00PM. **School will dismiss at 11:30 this day.** Please watch for the sign-up link that will go home in next week's newsletter.

Thursday, January 30th: Junior Achievement Day

As part of the Vocation-themed day of Catholic Schools week, Thursday, January 30, will be Junior Achievement Day. Professionals from the business world visit the classrooms and lead a classroom in a pre-designed unit. Do you or someone in your family or circle of friends work in the business world and would be interested in leading a class? Please contact the office and we'll put you in touch with the Junior Achievement Foundation. Thank you for considering!

Catholic Schools Week, January 26—31

Catholic Schools Weeks begins on Sunday, January 26th! This week is filled with may wonderful activities for your children. Please see the Ferd Word for more details on Catholic Schools Week activities!



The Ferd Word

...weekly spotlight on a word to know at St. Ferdinand School by Principal Folino 😊 Jan 9 2020!

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...”
James 1:17*



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
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THANK YOU for remembering us with all the delicious & thoughtful Christmas goodies and gifts!

May 2020 be a happy, healthy, wonderful year for all at St. Ferdinand School!

With grateful hearts,

Principal Folino & the Office Staff 😊



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Catholic Schools Week - January 26-31, 2020

SUNDAY, January 26: **Celebrate Our Faith Through Family Mass and A Journey Through History Interactive Open House!**

- Family Mass 10:00 in the Chapel - SEE SIGN-UP FLIER to HAVE YOUR FAMILY TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE MASS!
- A Journey Through Time Interactive Open House through the School!
 - Pick up a passport at the office, visit each classroom's era and have it stamped, and return to the office for a chance to win a St. Ferdinand Gift Basket!
 - Bring a new family to our school with you to take a student-led tour and win a chance to receive \$25 off re-registration fee for your family! If they register and remain in our school next year with your family's name as their referral on the registration sheet, your family receives APRIL 2021 tuition FREE!
- MONDAY, January 27: **Celebrate Community Through Service**
 - Blessing Bags filled - to be distributed to the homeless
 - Each classroom will be designated a toiletry to bring in (toothpaste, lotion, etc); students will fill bags with supplies and love notes during the school day
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- TUESDAY, January 28: **Celebrate World Nations Through Prayer**
 - World Mission Living Rosary Prayed
 - Students will wear colors designated to each classroom to represent regions of the world in need
- WEDNESDAY, January 29: **Celebrate Our Teachers and Staff**
 - Our wonderful teachers and staff will be treated to lunch today amid other surprises and treats!
- THURSDAY, January 30: **Celebrate Vocations**
 - Morning: Junior Achievement at ALL Grade Levels ("JA in a Day") to learn work on fun finance units with business field workers
 - Afternoon: Sisters, Priests, Brother meet with classes to discuss religious vocations
- FRIDAY, January 31: **Celebrate Our Students**
 - It's a student dress-down day amid other surprises!
 - 8th Grade-Sponsored Family Movie Night - Details forthcoming!