



IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, 02/14: Valentine’s Day Out-of-Uniform, Red/Pink

MONDAY, 02/17: NO SCHOOL—President’s Day

TUESDAY, 02/18: 5Essentials Survey Opens

WEDNESDAY, 02/19: Dine & Share at Buona Beef (see flyer)

THURSDAY, 02/20: School Board Meeting, 7:30PM, Activity Center

FRIDAY, 02/21: KRISPY KREME ORDERS DUE!

8th Grade Graduation Pictures

Jr. High Snowball Dance, 7:00PM-10:00PM, Torba Center

SUNDAY, 02/23: Family Mass, 10:00AM

Donuts & Dialogue with Principal Folino: 11:00AM

KRISPY KREME PICK-UP AFTER 10:00AM MASS

TUESDAY, 02/25: Mardi Grad Out-of-Uniform Day (Mardi Gras colors: green, gold, purple)

WEDNESDAY, 02/25: ASH WEDNESDAY—8:00AM MASS

FRIDAY, 02/28: Fish Fry Begins (4:30PM—7:30PM)

TUESDAY, 03/03: 2nd Trimester Ends

WEDNESDAY, 03/04: Spring Pictures

THURSDAY, 03/05: Principal Folino to hand out report cards

FRIDAY, 03/20: NO SCHOOL—Professional Development

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY

On Valentines’ Day (Feb. 14), students will be out of uniform (Valentine’s Day colors, please). The last hour of the day will be reserved for Valentine’s Parties—students may bring treats and Valentines, but must provide for the ENTIRE class if they are bringing them.

JR HIGH SNOWBALL DANCE

Tickets for the Jr. High Snowball Dance (Grades 6-8 only) on **Feb. 21** are on sale (\$8) through **tomorrow, Friday, February 14.**

FEBRUARY FREEZE / RE-REGISTRATION

Re-Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year has begun! Please stop by the office to sign your tuition contract for next school year. Re-registration consists of the annual \$100 registration fee and completing the tuition agreement.

DON’T FORGET OUR FEBRUARY FREEZE SPECIAL! Register your child/ren for the 2020-21 school year by **Friday, Feb. 28**, and receive the **FEBRUARY FREEZE** - continue paying **THIS** year’s tuition rates for **NEXT** year! ☺

After February 28, the 2020-2021 tuition rates take effect, which represent a 3% increase from this year’s rates.

PLEASE STOP BY OR CALL THE OFFICE TODAY TO GET YOUR FAMILY REGISTERED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

Don’t forget—if you are applying for Financial Aid for next school year, you will also need to fill out your Grant & Aid application on FACTS.

CLIMATE, CULTURE, AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY (3 C’S SURVEY)

Beginning February 18, teachers, parents, and students across the district will have an opportunity to participate in the Climate, Culture, and Catholic Identity Survey utilizing the 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child’s school.. This is a system-wide survey throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago, and all schools are participating. The surveys will be available in both English and Spanish, and are filled out online.

Students in Grades 4-8 will participate in this survey during the school day. ***If you do NOT wish your student to fill out this survey, you MUST fill out and return the declination form included in this week’s folder by February 17.***

Parents are also strongly encouraged to participate in the survey. Please see the enclosed parent letter for more information, and for the link to access the survey. ***Parents of ALL students are eligible to participate in the survey, but only 1 parent per family should submit the survey.***

SUMMER CAMP 2020: FULL STEAM AHEAD

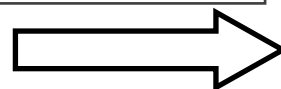
We are pleased to announce the return of our Summer Camp! This year, the theme will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Please see the enclosed flyer for more details. You may also go online to :

<http://saintferdinandschool.org/summer-camp/>

FISH FRY

Fish Fry begins February 28. Sign-up papers for volunteers are included in this week’s folder. If you have not already completed 10 Parent Service Hours, you will need to sign up for a time so that you can complete your hours. ***All hours must be finished by March 31, otherwise \$250 will be charged to your April tuition.***

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The Ferd Word

...weekly spotlight on a word to know at St. Ferdinand School by Principal Folino 😊 Feb 13 2020

VALENTINE'S DAY

*I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.*

Back in the mid-200s, St. Valentine is rumored to have healed a blind girl. Soon afterward, he was executed for holding fast to his Christian faith and denying pagan gods. It is said that before he was taken away to be martyred, he left the girl a note that read, "Your Valentine." Through that action, the tradition of giving a love note became a part of the feast day of St. Valentine.

Tomorrow, St. Ferdinand students have the option to continue this tradition by passing out Valentines to their classmates. Some may even bring a sweet treat to accompany these love notes. Students may even receive a can of Crush soda sent from their "secret crushes" through the Student Council fundraiser.

While all of those are cute means by which to mark St. Valentine's day by giving a token of friendship and love, the St. Ferdinand community has shown friendship and love through much deeper means this winter. When a father of a school family suddenly passed away, generous monetary donations poured in to assist them. When foreign exchange students visited our American Catholic school on their winter breaks, students and teachers welcomed and befriended them. And, as we already know, when Blessing Bags were made as a part of Catholic Schools Week, classrooms willingly brought in the supplies needed to create these items for the homeless.

In all of these ways - from the fun and cutesy to the social outreach types - the St. Ferdinand community continues to honor the legacy of St. Valentine...and spread Jesus' Gospel to others!

It is truly an honor to be a part of this school. Happy Valentine's Day!

