



# IMPORTANT DATES

**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 (Out of uniform passes will be issued to everyone that attends in full school uniform and finds Principal Folino!)

**Donuts & Dialogue with Principal Folino: 11:00AM, Activity Center**

**KRISPY KREME PICK-UP AFTER 10:00AM MASS IN CHAPEL**

**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)

**MARCH 02—06:** National Reading Week (more details to follow)

**TUESDAY, 03/03:** 2nd Trimester Ends

**WEDNESDAY, 03/04:** Spring Pictures

**THURSDAY, 03/05:** Principal Folino to hand out report cards (Accounts must be current; report cards will be held for overdue balances)

**FRIDAY, 03/20: NO SCHOOL—Professional Development**

## 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! ☺

**ONLY 6 DAYS LEFT!** 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.

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.**

Parent Survey link: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/archchicago/survey/parent/>

## SPIRIT WEAR

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering Spirit Wear! Spirit Wear may be worn on Spirit Days (1st Tuesday of each month and more to be announced!) and out of uniform days. A variety of pants, sweatshirts and t-shirts will be offered. *However, these do not replace the gym uniform, and are not to be worn on gym days.*

You may shop online by going to [www.SelectSpiritwear.com](http://www.SelectSpiritwear.com) and selecting St. Ferdinand School

## 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 and Math (STEAM). Registration may be completed online at:

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

## FISH FRY

Fish Fry begins February 28. Sign-up papers for volunteers were included in last 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.**



# The Ferd Word

...weekly spotlight on a word to know at St. Ferdinand School by Principal Folino 😊 Feb 20 2020

## CHANGE

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29: 11*

Lent is upon us! By the time *The Ferd Word* for next week is read, ashes will have been distributed and washed away, Lenten almsgivings and offerings will be in their nascent stages, and plans to improve oneself through sacrifice or outreach will have begun. For Catholics everywhere, Lent is a time of renewal, a hoping of **CHANGE** to take root within ourselves so that we might become better, more holy people.

There has been much **CHANGE** at St. Ferdinand School as well this school year - all with the aim of continuing to better a traditionally excellent school. The hiring of a new principal and a handful of new teachers brought fresh new perspectives to school academics and policy. New events, such as *Trunk-or-Treat* and *Donuts & Dialogue with the Principal*, added more opportunities to established gatherings like *Grandparents Day* and *Movie Nights* for school families to socialize and mingle. Incorporation and piloting of the iReady digital learning platform into the reading and math curricula allowed for more student-ability-tailored, enhanced learning to be incorporated into classroom instruction - which will, hopefully, lead to higher Aspire Standardized Testing scores this spring.

Another positive **CHANGE** happening around the campus is the hiring of our new school marketer, Mr. Chris James. Chris will be responsible for promoting all the good that happens daily here at St. Ferdinand School to the community outside our parish doors and into adjacent neighborhoods. He will be introduced to the school community at the next *Donuts and Dialogue with the Principal* - happening after the 10:00 Family Mass THIS Sunday, February 23. We look forward to seeing many of our school families at church and in the Activity Center afterward. (You can pick up your Fat Tuesday Krispy Kreme orders then, too!)

May God continue to bless us with loving growth through all of these **CHANGES** - both Lenten ones in our hearts and school ones within our building.



Chris James, St. Ferdinand School Marketing Director