



IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, MARCH 06: Breakfast With Books Parent Shopping Event, 7:30AM—8:30AM, Library

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 2:00PM, CHURCH

Fish Fry, 4:30PM—7:30PM

TUESDAY, 03/10: Tuesday Tours & Toddler Time, 8:30AM-11:00AM

WEDNESDAY, 03/11: Dine & Share at Panera (See flyer)

FRIDAY, 03/11: STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 2:00PM, CHURCH

Fish Fry, 4:30PM—7:30PM

SUNDAY, 03/15: Family Mass, 10:00AM Chapel (Activity to follow from 11:00-12:00, see Ferd Word on reverse side for more info!)

TUESDAY, 03/17: St. Patrick's Day: Dress down in green

WEDNESDAY, 03/18: Open House, 5:00PM—7:00PM

THURSDAY, 03/19: St. Joseph's Day: Dress down in red

FRIDAY, 03/20: NO SCHOOL—Professional Development

SUNDAY, 03/22: Confirmation, 12:30PM Mass

TUESDAY, 03/24: Tuesday Tours & Toddler Time, 8:30AM-11:00AM

THURSDAY, 03/26: FIELD TRIPS: Gr. 3-4 to Grove, Gr. 5-7 to St. Pat's

SUNDAY, 03/29: MANDATORY **FINAL** 1st Communion Parent Meeting, 9:00AM, Activity Center

WEEK OF MARCH 30: ASPIRE Testing

APRIL 09—APRIL 17: EASTER VACATION!



REPORT CARDS

Report cards went home today. Please return signed envelopes by Monday, March 09. This serves as confirmation that you have received your child's report card. If your report card is being held for an overdue balance, please return the report card envelope to acknowledge receipt.

SPIRIT WEAR STORE OPEN THROUGH TOMORROW

Our Spirit Wear online store will be open through **TOMORROW, Friday, March 6**. All orders will be delivered to school towards the end of March. Special Spirit Wear days will also be added to the calendar (in addition to the regular 1st Tuesday of each month). You may shop online by going to www.SelectSpiritwear.com and selecting St. Ferdinand School.

READING CHALLENGE

To promote reading, students will be keeping a log of hours read at home during the month of March. If the school reaches its goal of students reading 100,000 minutes during the month, Principal Folino will get up on the roof and dance for the school! 100,000 minutes may seem like a lot—but if every student reads every day for 20 minutes, this goal is easily attainable. Let's get reading!

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Rice bowls went home last week. Please consider what you will contribute to the needy this Lent. As part of the rice bowl project, we will have a Rice Day during Holy Week so that students may learn more about poverty. Stay tuned for more info!

FISH FRY

Fish Fry has started. Please consider joining us for an evening of fellowship and good food. If you have not already completed 10 Parent Service Hours, please volunteer at the Fish Fry so that you can complete your hours. **All hours must be finished by March 31, otherwise \$250 will be charged to your April tuition.**

COMING SOON TO FISH FRY: QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!! STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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

Parents: Don't forget, you have to opportunity to participate in the Climate, Culture, and Catholic Identity Survey. This is a system-wide survey throughout the Archdiocese, and all schools are participating in order to gain insight into the inner workings of our schools.

If you have not already filled out the survey, please visit: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/archchicago/survey/parent/>

2020—2021 REGISTRATION

The 2020-2021 tuition rates are now in effect. Thank you to everyone who took advantage of the February Freeze discount and signed up for next school year! Please contact the office if you still need to register. Intent to return forms went home to families that do not have a signed contract. If you received an intent to return form, please fill it out and return it to school so that we know how to plan for next school year.

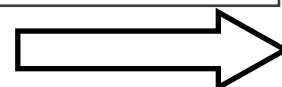
SUMMER CAMP 2020: FULL STEAM AHEAD

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). Registration may be completed online at: <http://saintferdinandschool.org/summer-camp/> and is open to school families as well as the community. Please see enclosed flyer to invite someone you know that might be interested in sending their students!

!!! TARDIES !!!

Dear Parents: The amount of tardies has become excessive. Please allow ample time to arrive to school. Classroom learning is continually interrupted by the stream of late students, as well as office business. This is not fair to our students and teachers that do arrive on time to learn. In order to be prepared, **it is essential that students arrive to school on time; please make sure to be here BEFORE 7:55 AM!**

See Reverse for Ferd Word!

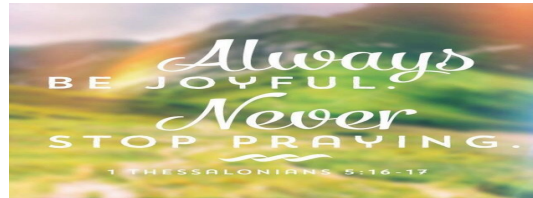




The Ferd Word

...weekly spotlight on a word to know at St. Ferdinand School by Principal Folino 😊 March 5 2020

Lent: A Time for PRAYER



Prayer: it can take on so many forms. As toddlers, we may have been taught the *Guardian Angel* or *Thank You for the World So Sweet* prayers, sing-songy and sweet - yet, with messages of both giving thanks to and asking help from our God.

As we aged, our “go-to,” memorized **prayers** became more formal: the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, *The Memorare*, and a whole Rosary - their rhythmic cadence offering a familiar, succinct way to offer supplications to Jesus.

Perhaps we grew to follow incorporating the *Ignatian Examen* method of **prayer**, offering thanks, asking for forgiveness of the day’s sins, and praying for special intentions. Maybe we strive to be fully present at Sunday Mass. There could be times we find connection with the Lord through meditation on Bible passages. And, let’s be honest: sometimes there are just days when simply offering up our day is the form of prayer is what we have to offer to God.

But, maybe there have been days, weeks, even extended periods when any kind of pre-learned form of **prayer** seems impossible to fit into the day. Life can just seem to take over and steer us away from time to focus on what should be our most important relationship - our relationship with God.

That’s when Lent comes in: a time to re-center our lives with God, perhaps even starting with a few minutes of prayer. Maybe revisiting an old, familiar form. Maybe trying out a new way. Maybe looking at what Mission St. Ferdinand Church has to offer (for adults, viewing and discussion of Bishop Robert Barron’s series *The Mass* after 5:00 Mass on Saturdays during Lent!).

For the school families, I’d like to invite you to an activity that will take place **after the 10:00 Family Mass NEXT Sunday, March 15, in the Activity Center. We will be painting Prayer Rocks**, which will serve as reminders, when sitting on the kitchen table or near the family Rice Bowl, to find a way to reconnect and pray with God each day. Hope to see you there!

