



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!

