



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.



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