

# Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School

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**September 03, 2020**

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

We announce the retirement of **Mrs. Joanne Powrozek**, our school bookkeeper. She served the school well, and exemplified the Catholic faith in her everyday life. She patiently oversaw the financial affairs of the school with great expertise, and her presence will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Ginny Quinones will be responsible for extended care billing, which will now be on your FACTS accounts. She will continue to be in charge of tuition and our financial assistance specialist. Ms. Margaret Brumann will take on bookkeeping duties, as well as continue to serve as administrative assistant.

Please join us in our prayers for the success of these individuals as they begin new chapters in their lives.

## NEWS

**Fall Footin' It For Ferds Fun Run** – We will have our Fall Fun Run Fundraiser on **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> (raindate Thurs., 10/1)**! Please refer to the Pledge Sheet that is included in the links. We are looking to make this a fun experience for the kids with a DJ and treats as part of their cohort's Fun Run time! Your support is giving and getting pledges is greatly appreciated!

**Hot Lunch** - Because of the pandemic and government support of education/nutritional programs, we are pleased to announce that **every student (even distance learners with pick-ups a couple of times a week) will be able to receive Hot Lunch at St. Ferdinand School for free until December 31, 2020!** This is *tentatively* set to begin the week of September 13. If you have already paid for lunch, FSP will work out

how to issue you a credit. Additionally – we are switching back to meals that are cooked in our kitchen (as opposed to the current pre-packaged lunches we have been receiving). Please be patient as we sort out the menu (and the details!) for everything. More information will follow as we receive it.

**Calendar Change/Family Mass** – Our first Family Mass of the year has been rescheduled to take place NEXT Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30AM, in the Church (note the new time and place). Please make sure to sign up at <http://www.stferdinandchurch.com/> (Sunday Masses still require advanced registration since there is a limit on how many people can attend due to the current pandemic). Registration will be available after this weekend, and information will be emailed next week with how to sign up for our Family Mass.

## REMINDERS

**Student Information Forms** – Last year, each family received an envelope with forms (**family index, emergency contact, walking permission, photo release, medical and emergency notification, school directory**) to fill out and return at the beginning of school. **If you have not already returned these, please do so now.** If you need additional forms, these are accessible online.

Additionally, the **Cell Phone Use Policy, Learning Agreement, and Covid Protocols** were sent electronically prior to school starting. **These forms were due last week.** If you did not already fill these out and return them, they were included in the links for last week's news section. If you need a paper copy, please contact the office.

**Health Forms** – Students in **grade K needed updated physicals/immunizations, as well as dental and eye exams.** Students in **Grade 2 needed an updated dental form** (or waiver). Students in **Grade 6 needed updated physicals/immunizations, as well as a dental exam** (or waiver). These forms are due at the beginning of the year – if you have not already turned yours in, please do so. **If you are e-learning, you still need to turn your medical records in, as the school is required to report each fall.**

**Asthma Inhalers / Epipens** – Don't forget, **if your child carries an inhaler for asthma or an epipen for allergies, the correct forms must be on file with the school office.** These forms are updated yearly. A doctor's order is required for epipens. Students that can self-administer asthma medicine do not need a doctor's order, but the school does need the parent signatures as well as the prescription label. The correct forms are linked on our website. Please call the office if you have any questions.

**Masks** – Don't forget, masks need to fit properly in order to be effective. **Masks should fully cover the mouth and nose, and not slide down. If your mask is too big, please either adjust it or get one that fits properly.** Additionally, masks with valves/vents are **not** allowed, per Archdiocesan guidelines.

**Illness / Absences from School** – if your child is ill, you need to report him/her absent to the office. If a child shows any symptoms of COVID during the school day, he/she will be sent home. In order to return, either a doctor's note, negative Covid test result, or 10 days of quarantine since symptoms appeared is required. If a student has been exposed to someone that has been diagnosed with Covid, he/she will need to quarantine for 14 days. **If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for Covid, please notify the school immediately so that we can make arrangements to begin e-learning for individuals or cohorts as needed.** It is essential that the office is notified of Covid / Covid exposure. We will work with you to navigate the policies. We will also help you get connected to remote learning and arrange for pick up of books/materials so that your child is able to work at home while quarantined.

Earlier this month, **an Agreement to Adhere to Covid Protocols** went out via email. **Please sign and return this form if you have not already done so.**

A summary of our Covid protocols went home with students last week (it is included in the links from August 27 under the Thursday Thoughts tab on our website as well). **Please note, these can be subject to change based on current guidelines from local health authorities.**

**Extended Care** - **Extended Care will now be billed through your FACTS account**, and payments will be made through FACTS. Charges will be entered weekly. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ginny Quinones at [gquinones@saintferdinand.org](mailto:gquinones@saintferdinand.org)

**Spirit Wear** - **Every Friday will be Spirit Wear day!** Students may wear PE shirts or dress down as long as their shirts have the St. Ferdinand School logo. Pants/shorts must be modest and school-appropriate. We will be sending out a form to order additional St. Ferdinand Spirit Wear this fall (which can also make great holiday gifts!).

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>:** No School, Staff Development Day

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>:** No School, Labor Day

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Rescheduled Parent Meeting for students receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, 10:00AM, Torba Center

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>:** Family Mass, 11:30AM, Church, with blessing for Grandparents

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Picture Day

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Footin' It For Ferds Fun Run Fundraiser (more details soon!)

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>:** No School, Staff Development Day

**Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal – all day in school, students only

**Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and Rehearsal, 5:30PM, Church

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Rescheduled First Communion for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, 5:00PM Mass, Church