

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

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**September 17, 2020**

## **NEWS**

**Picture Day** – Picture Day will be Tuesday, September 22. Forms went home today for how to order – **please note, this year orders will be taken online and via phone** (please see the linked Picture Day form for complete information). **E-learners will take their pictures beginning at 10:15AM – Pictures will be taken in the gym, so e-learners should use the Activity Center Doors to enter the school.**

**Students may wear dress clothes for Picture Day – please make sure your clothing is school-appropriate!**

**Photo / Video Release Forms** - The Archdiocese of Chicago updated their media release forms to reflect use of video. Please sign and return these. Do note: If you are **not** granting permission, please write "No Permission" and return you form, as we need to have one on record for all students. Extra forms can be found in the links.

**Counseling Services** - This year, we were able to receive additional government funding through the CARES act to be able to have a licensed counselor. If you think your student would benefit from counseling services, please contact the office for more information.

**Pet Blessing** - We will have a Pet Blessing at 3:00PM in our Parking Lot on Friday, October 2, to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Stay tuned for more info!

**Raffle Tickets** - Don't forget to turn in your raffle ticket stubs! Our first monthly drawing will be in October. Each month, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is \$200 (2 winners), and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is \$100 (3 winners). All tickets remain in the drawing each month (even if you win, your ticket gets put back into the drawing!) There are 8 monthly drawings.

If you know someone that is interested in purchasing raffle tickets (or if you wish to purchase more), please contact the school office at [school@saintferdinand.org](mailto:school@saintferdinand.org). Tickets are \$10 each.

**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 look for the Pledge Sheet that was sent home today in each child's backpack. 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! As in-person fundraising events are limited by COVID regulations this school year, your support in giving and getting pledges is greatly appreciated!

## REMINDERS

**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. Notices went home today to everyone who was missing their required physical/immunizations.***

**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 previously with students (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. **Please make sure you sign out on the correct line and write the time when you sign out so your can be billed correctly.** 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

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>:** Dine & Share at Dog Stop, 4:00PM – 9:00PM

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Picture Day (In-Person: 8:15-10:00AM; E-Learners: 10:15AM)

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Footin' It For Ferds Fun Run Fundraiser

**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

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Fun Run Money Due

Pet Blessing: 3:00PM, Parking Lot

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