

Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



May 27, 2021

NEWS

8th Grade Car Parade: Pending no rain, our 8th Grade Car Parade will be TOMORROW, **Friday, May 28, at 6:00 PM in the back parking lot!** Please come and cheer on our 8th Graders and see their decked-out-for Graduation cars! Non-8th-grade-families should park on Mason or Marmora and stand on the sidewalks to cheer the 8th graders and view their parade. But be sure to also walk over to the back parking lot and find Principal Folino: ***the first 15 families to join in the parade viewing will receive \$15 gift certificates to Dennis Uniform!***

Summer Packets: Packets went home today that include all the necessary documents that need to be filled out and returned prior to the start of school next year. Please review these papers carefully. You might even want to fill all the pages out and turn the envelope back before school lets out for the summer! The office will be open during the summer (SEE HOURS BELOW) for those that wish to stop by and drop off paperwork. A PDF with all the documents is also included in the links section.

Fun Run ("Torba Trot") Pledges: Don't forget to turn in your pledge money from the Torba Trot Fun Run if you have not already done so! **Money is due TOMORROW, Friday, May 28.** Prizes for laps run and money raised will be issued next week. **Thank you** for your monetary support for an event that is very fun and healthy for our students!

Parking Lot and Dismissal Reminders Lately, there has been some concern about safety in the parking lot at dismissal time. Parents – please remember that masks are **required** while picking up your children, per city ordinance and school safety protocol. *Failure to do so poses a health risk, and you will be asked to leave the property if you do not have a mask.*

Also, there has been some expressed concern regarding our younger students climbing on the guardrails and fence, as well as general roughhousing, in the parking lot after school. To

ensure the safety of our students at dismissal time, we ask that we please work together to curb this behavior. Although we realize students have had to sit in their desks for a greater part of the day and are eager and ready to stretch and be with friends for a few minutes before heading home, **it has to be done in a safe manner. Wild running, chasing, pushing, and climbing will not be tolerated.**

Get April 2022 Tuition Free If you recommend a family to St. Ferdinand School and they register their child and remain at St. Ferdinand all year, you will receive April 2022's tuition **free!** Go out and tell the good news about St. Ferdinand School!

Grant & Aid Applications Now Open for the 2021/2022 School Year All families that receive financial aid are required to fill out a Grant & Aid application through their FACTS account. No financial aid will be given without current application. If you need help accessing your account, please contact customer service at 866-441-4637. Please make sure you are filling the application out for the 2021-2022 school year.

Attention all St. Ferdinand School Families: Changes to FACTS Payment Methods

Beginning with the 2020/2021 school year, all Families must have either a checking/savings account or credit card linked to their FACTS account. All families that currently have an invoice account will need to sign into their FACTS account to add your preferred payment method. **This is not optional.**

If you need help doing this, you can contact FACTS customer service at 866-441-4637 or stop by the school office and Mrs. Quinones will be happy to help you.

Illnesses/Absences from School - Just a reminder, all illnesses/absences from school must be reported in advance. Please notify the school if your child will be absent by calling the office.

REMINDERS

GRADES/HONOR ROLL - Please note, the grade scale for Specials Classes (Physical Education, Fine Arts, Spanish, Technology) has changed. **These classes are now using the +, S, and – grade scale.**

- + (outstanding work)
- S (satisfactory work)
- (unsatisfactory work)

For the A/High Honor Roll, Grades 4-8 students need to have all A's in the subject areas still being graded, and +'s in the Specials.

For the B Honor Roll, Grades 4-8 students need to earn a combo of A's and B's (no C's or lower), and have all +'s and S's (no -'s) in the Specials.

Gym Uniforms - Please make sure you have the correct gym uniform! Last year was the final transition year for uniforms. This year, all gym uniforms should be the navy blue ones, as offered through **Dennis Uniform**. ***If you do not have the correct uniform, this will start to be reflected in your grade.***

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, May 28: Class of 2021 Car Parade 6:00 PM – Come cheer on our 8th Graders!

Monday, May 31: No School! Memorial Day

Thursday, June 3: Last Day of E-Learning; 8th Grade Awards via Zoom

Friday, June 4: School Picnic Day and 8th Grade Last Day of Classes!

Saturday, June 5: Graduation 5:00 PM Mass

Monday, June 7: Preschool and Kindergarten Ceremonies and Last Days – Dismissal for Preschool and Kindergarten – 11:30 AM

Tuesday, June 8: Last Day of School Gr 1st-7th! 8:15 School Mass & Awards; 11:30 Dismissal

Wednesday, June 9: Professional Development Day for Teachers

Monday, June 14: SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN:

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS: 7:00 AM – Noon

WEDNESDAYS: 1:00-6:00 PM

CLOSED MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Monday, June 28: **SUMMER CAMP begins**