

Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



August 26, 2021

NEWS

Early Dismissal – First Wednesday of the Month – The first Wednesday of each month will be early dismissal to accommodate extended professional development meetings. Our first monthly early dismissal will be **Wednesday, September 1**.

The EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1:45PM (Pre-K and KG); 1:50 PM (1st-4th); 1:55 PM (5th-8th). *Extended Care will be available.*

Save the Date – Ferds Family Fun Night #1: Fans and Food Trucks – Our first Ferds Family Fun Night will be **Friday, September 17, from 6:00PM – 9:00PM** in the school parking lot. The Sox/Cubs game will be broadcast – and 4 different food trucks will be present for dinner/dessert! Games will be available, as well as a DJ and a split-the-pot raffle. Bring your lawn chairs and come join us for a fun evening for the whole family! Please see the flyer that went home for more information. **THIS FUN NIGHT ALSO SERVES AS OUR DINE-AND-SHARE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS EACH FOOD TRUCK IS DONATING A PERCENT OF ALL FOODS BOUGHT BACK TO ST. FERDINAND SCHOOL!** Come on out, have fun with school families, enjoy the games, and have yummy dinners/snacks from the food trucks!

Fun Run - In just 4 weeks, we'll kick off our Footin' It For Ferds Fun Run on Wednesday, **9/22!** Our goal is to raise **\$10,000 for our School Budget** as we "strengthen" our school for the present, the future, and with its ties to the community! All students will participate in the Footin' It For Ferds Fun Run, regardless of financial participation. We will also be following our school safety guidelines to ensure a safe and fun experience for everyone as we enjoy the festive running atmosphere provided by the company with which we are working this year, Boosterthon.

We have already received many wonderful business sponsorships for our Fun Run t-shirts, but the last day to submit is tomorrow – Friday, August 27!! We will publish the names of these sponsoring businesses in future newsletters, as well as have all their names and many of their logos on the backs of the shirts. Thanks to the sponsoring businesses, each child in our school will receive a Fun Run shirt! Furthermore, the 5th-8th graders are all submitting designs for the

front of the special Fun Run shirt - - - they have some creative ideas, so we can't wait to see what design becomes the winning one that we're all wearing!

We appreciate your support more than you know. More details to come as we get closer to kickoff! We will start raising **pledges** and build awareness of the event in mid-September, and the date of the actual run will be **Friday, October 1, 2021**.

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.

Raffle Tickets – Raffle tickets went home with each family at our Back-to-School/Ice Cream Social Night. These tickets are yours to sell, or to keep for yourself, as they were already paid for in the fundraising fee, which is incorporated into the first month's tuition. **Please return only the stubs (with all information filled out) to the school as soon as possible, as drawings will be monthly starting in October.** Again, you are welcome to sell your tickets to family and friends – but just be sure to collect the ticket stubs with their contact information and turn them in to the office (keep the \$ for yourself though!).

Illnesses/Absences from School - **Just a reminder, all illnesses/absences from school must be reported to the school no later than 9:00 AM the day of absence.** Please notify the school if your child will be absent by calling the office or emailing absent@saintferdinand.org

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 01: Early Dismissal – 1:45PM – 2:00PM (see schedule above)

Friday, September 03: Spirit Wear Friday

Monday, September 06: No School – Labor Day

Friday, September 10: Spirit Wear Friday

Commemoration 9-11/Honoring Police/Firefighters/First Responders

at 8:15 Mass and New Flag Raising in Front of School

Friday, September 17: Cubs/Sox Wear Friday

Friday, September 17: Ferd Family Fun Friday #1: Fans & Food Trucks - 6:00PM – 9:00PM

Sunday, September 19: Catechetical Sunday / Grandparents Blessing / Family Mass – 11:30AM, Church

Tuesday, September 21: World Peace Day/Pinwheels for Peace

Wednesday, September 22: Kick-off campaign for Footin' It For Ferds Fun Run

Friday, September 24: No School, Teacher Professional Development

Tuesday, September 28: Fall Picture Day

Friday, October 01: Footin' It For Ferds Fun Run during the school day – schedule to follow