

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

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**September 02, 2021**

## NEWS

**Sad Farewells** – After over 20 years, Mrs. DeMaira will be leaving the Library. We wish her the best, and thank her for her years of dedicated service to our school. Please see the letter she prepared that went home with students today.

**Blessing for Police, Firefighters, and First Responders** – On Friday, September 10, we will have a special blessing at our 8:15AM Mass for police, firefighters, and first responders in commemoration of 9/11. All police officers and firefighters are invited to join us for this special blessing. After Mass, a new flag will be dedicated. Please see the flyer that went home for more details.

**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.

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders all submitted designs for the front of the special Fun Run shirt - - - they all had many creative ideas, and teachers/staff enjoying looking at all the designs as they voted for the winning one. The design with the most votes (which will be the front of our Fun Run T-shirt!) was submitted by Guadalupe Moreno, and featured our school logo and mascot! Congratulations Guadalupe, we look forward to the t-shirts arriving!

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**.

**Health Forms** – Students in grades K, 2, and 6<sup>th</sup> needed updated medical records. Kindergarteners needed physicals, eye exams, and dental exams. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders needed dental exams. 6<sup>th</sup> graders needed physicals and dental exams. These forms were due at the beginning of school – **if you did not already turn yours in, please submit these records ASAP, or a doctor's note with your upcoming appointment.**

**Student Information Forms** – Forms went home to families that were missing documents. Please take a moment to fill these out.

**Altar Server Permission Forms** – If anyone in grades 3-8 is interested in becoming an altar server, permission forms went home (and are included in the links). Please fill out and return this permission slip if your child will be an altar server, or wants to learn to be an altar server.

**Clubs Return!** – After school clubs are slowly returning to St. Ferdinand School! Chess Club permission forms went home today – stay tuned in the upcoming weeks for more offerings!

**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](mailto:absent@saintferdinand.org)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**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/ Special 8:15 School Mass

Catholic High Schools Recruitment Day

**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