

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

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**September 23, 2021**

## NEWS

**Fun Run** – We've officially kicked off our Footin' It For Ferds Fun Run, taking place on **Friday, Oct 1!** 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 amount 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.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU...**for the FANTASTIC kick-off to this fundraiser! We are so thrilled at the number of enrollees into the online program at [www.mybooster.com](http://www.mybooster.com)! And in just two days we were at \$2,000 of our \$10,000 goal! The kids are SOOO pumped to get their prizes and earn their incentives each day! Let's keep the momentum going right into the Fun Run next Friday! 😊

***Please check your emails for daily updates on our Fun Run!***

**More THANK YOUs -** **THANK YOU** to everyone who made last weekend's **FAMILY FUN NIGHT and FAMILY MASS** so successful!! Until the rain came, everyone was having fun at Friday's Family Fun Night with the dessert trucks, DJ, giveaways, dancing, and visiting! Then, so many people helped with the bringing in of chairs and tables during the downpour – thank you for forsaking your dry clothes to help us! Thanks to **Kona Ice and Mrs. Tittle's Cupcakes** for selling us the yummys! Congrats to **The Trudgen Family** for winning the Split-the-Pot Raffle of \$180! Between the raffle and food trucks, our school made a profit of \$400! Then, our Family Mass attendance was its highest yet with 30 kids receiving out-of-uniform passes and assisting Sr. Agnes in singing in our impromptu and beautiful school choir! Congrats to the **The Bahena Family** for being the winning school car with a SFS car magnet on it (prize: a box of Munchkin donuts!), and to The Rafal Family for being drawn the winners for the Family Mass Trivia contest of all the entries received (prize: a \$10 Dunkin Donuts gift card and a bag o' Munchkin donuts!). Here's to a whole year of fun, meaningful Family Events and Masses! 😊

**Picture Day** – Picture day will be this **Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Forms with instructions on how to order went home last week and are included in the links. Picture orders will be online, so there is no need to return order forms to us after you have placed your order online. If you need assistance in ordering, please reach out to VanGogh School Photographers.

**Young Rembrandts** There is still space available in the Young Rembrandts drawing classes – these will meet after school on Fridays, starting 10/1/2021 .... Please see the registration form in the links if you still wish to join.

**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.**

**Drop-Off Reminder** – **PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE-PARK ON MASON AVENUE IN THE MORNING!** All cars MUST pull over on either side of the street if you want to get out of your car and walk your child in! Do not leave your vehicle unattended in the middle of the street in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**iWatches/Smart Watches** – are not allowed on the children during school hours! They need to be kept at home OR kept in backpacks in the lockers during the school day.

**Amazon Smiles** - If you do any online shopping, please log in through **Smile.Amazon.com** and choose as **St. Ferdinand School & Convent** your organization of choice! Amazon will donate .05% of the money you spend to our school! Share this information with family and friends!

**Volunteer Info** – Packets explaining volunteer requirements and forms went home a couple weeks ago. These packets are also available in our links. Please note: Volunteers MUST complete ALL requirements PRIOR to being able to volunteer! This is an Archdiocesan requirement for the safety of everyone.

**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 24: No School, Teacher Professional Development**

**Tuesday, September 28:** Fall Picture Day

**Friday, October 1:** Footin' It For Ferds Fun Run during the school day – schedule to follow

**Monday, October 4:** 8:15 School Mass for the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi –  
Pet Blessing in the back parking lot at 3:00 PM!

**Wednesday, October 6:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Early Dismissal 1:45-2:00 PM

Extended Care is available

Monthly Confessions – Gr 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday, October 7:** 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Progress Reports go home!

**Friday, October 8:** Student Council Speeches and Elections

**Monday, October 11:** No School! National Indigenous Peoples Day

**Tuesday, October 12:** Progress Reports due back!

**Friday, October 15:** Trunk-or-Treat – 6:00 arrival – Parking Lot

(Raindate: Friday, October 29)

**Sunday, October 17:** Parent Confirmation Meeting #1 – 9:45 AM Torba Center

October Family Mass – 11:30 in church

**Friday, October 22:** 11:30 Dismissal - Parent-Teacher Conferences Noon-7:00 PM

Extended Care Available

**Monday, October 25 – Friday, October 29:** Red Ribbon Week!

**Friday, October 29:** Halloween Costume Dress-Down Day!