Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



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NEWS

<u>Progress Reports</u> We're halfway through the trimester already! Progress Reports are going home today. Students in Grades 1 and 2 receive paper copies that parents need to please sign and return. Parents of children in Grades 3-8 are asked to please log in to Powerschool to view grades and then sign and return the acknowledgement form that is going home today. Please note, signed reports/acknowledgement forms are due back Tuesday, October 12.

Fun Run Update THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU....to everyone who participated in raising \$ for our school in our Fall Fun Run! Students enjoyed the Run and raised over \$11,000 for St. Ferdinand School! If you have not already paid your pledges, please check your mybooster.com account and do so.

Spirit Wear – Spirit Wear order information is going home today! You may order online.

Orders are due by Thursday, October 21st the company will not accept late orders. All orders must be done online. Clothing will be delivered to the school in November. As a reminder – students are able to wear Spirit Wear every Friday. Note: there are also adult sizes for all the items, so you are welcome to order for everyone in the family to show your Ferd Pride within the community! ALSO: Christmas is right around the corner! If you'd like to order Spirit Wear as a surprise for your child, still place your order on-line - - - but then notify the OFFICE at school@saintferdinand.org and we'll pull that order aside when they come in so your child will not go home with it!

<u>Raffle Tickets</u> – Our first raffle pull is tomorrow – Friday, October 8! If you have not already returned your raffle ticket stubs, please do so ASAP! Thank you!

<u>Parent/Teacher/Student (older grades) Conference Link</u> – is now active! Please sign up for an in-person conference time for Friday, October 22, between Noon-7:00! Here is the link: https://signup.com/go/opiGAER

<u>Trunk-or-Treat</u> Trunk-or-Treat is back this year! We will have Trunk-or-Treat NEXT Friday, October 15, in our school's Parking Lot. Cars should arrive between 5:30-6:00 to set up, and trunk-or-treating will occur from 6:00PM – 7:00PM. Cars that participate in decorating their car/passing out candy will receive parent-service hours for their time. Please see the flyer that went home last week and is included in the links for more info.

Starting to Think about Halloween? Students MAY bring in pre-wrapped treats, trinkets, or goodie bags to pass out to classmates. NO homemade goodies will be allowed. Please note, due to COVID restrictions, no food will be eaten in school that day as part of our Halloween Celebrations; children will take all treats received home for the weekend! Costumes may be worn to school that day – but, of course, nothing may be gory or bloody, and all skirt lengths must be appropriate and outfits modest. Costume pieces may not block vision (i.e., masks) or interfere with movement around the school.

Sports Teams are Returning – WOULD YOU LIKE TO COACH?!? – Please see the flier that went home today, and if you'd like to help out, contact Ms. Margaret or Principal Folino for more details. Go St. Ferdinand Bulls Basketball and Volleyball Teams!

<u>Drop-Off Reminder</u> – 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.

<u>iWatches/Smart Watches</u> – 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.

<u>Amazon Smiles</u> - If you do any online shopping, please log in through <u>Smile.Amazon.com</u> 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!

<u>Volunteer Info</u> – 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.

Hot Lunch Info – We thank our hot lunch providers, FSP, for all their work in getting us our meals and our lunchroom staff. Please be advised – due to national supply chain shortages, some items may occasionally not be available – meaning on occasion, lunch might be different from what is on the menu.

<u>Illnesses/Absences from School</u> - 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 <u>absent@saintferdinand.org</u>

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, **October 7**: 1st 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!