

Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



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NEWS

Trunk-or-Treat: Rescheduled! Due to the rainy forecast, our Trunk-or-Treat is rescheduled to Friday, October 29, 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 2 hours of parent-service hours for their time. Please see the flyer that is included in the links for more info.

FAMILY MASS IS SUNDAY @ 11:30 IN CHURCH! Please join us at Mass. Your child could be a part of Sr. Agnes' impromptu choir, and Principal Folino will be giving out Out-of-Uniform Passes to all students in attendance who find her afterward! Prizes will also be given to 1 random St. Ferdinand Car Magnet family in our parking lot, and to 1 random St. Ferdinand Family who completes the Gospel trivia and returns the form. Looking forward to seeing many family faces at 11:30 Mass Sunday!

Confirmation Meeting – 8th Grade Parents and Students – 9:45 AM in Torba Center – If your 8th grader is making his/her Confirmation this spring, we look forward to seeing you at this informational, mandatory 1st meeting about all things Confirmation.

Parent/Teacher/Student (older grades) Conference Link – 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> This link will only be active through Sunday, October 17, so sign up now!

Spirit Wear – Spirit Wear order information went home last week. **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@sainfferdinand.org and we'll pull that order aside when they come in so your child will not go home with it! 😊

Sports Teams are Returning – WOULD YOU LIKE TO COACH?!? – Please see the flier that went home last week, 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! 😊

Basketball is starting!– We are starting to put our Basketball teams together! Basketball is open to all students in Grades 4-8. Students that expressed interest in Basketball were given packets today with all the information – **please fill these out and return them as soon as possible – ideally by Friday, October 22, so that we know how many are on each team!**

Thinking 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.

Know Any Veterans? We'd love them to be part of our Veteran's Day at St. Ferdinand School! Please notify the office if you or a relative are a Vet that would like to share your day with us. We will have a blessing at our 8:15 AM School Mass, followed by coffee & donuts and then a morning of visiting our classrooms and telling the kids their stories. We will end the morning with lunch for the Vets.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

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: Trunk-or-Treat – 5:30 Set-Up, 6:00-7:00 Trunk-or-Treating – Parking Lot

Halloween Costume Dress-Down Day!

Thursday, November 11: Veteran's Day Celebration – 8:15AM Mass – Classroom Presentations