

Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



October 21, 2021

NEWS

Saturday, October 23: Installation Mass of Father Peter! Please join us in Church on Saturday, October 23, at the 5:00PM Mass for the Installation of Father Peter as our Pastor. Bishop Kevin Birmingham will be the presider. A reception will follow in the JTC Center after Mass. Please see the invitation that went home today for complete information.

Trunk-or-Treat: October 29! Trunk-or-Treat will be 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.

Sports Teams are Returning – WOULD YOU LIKE TO COACH?!? –If you're interested in helping to coach our basketball teams, please contact Ms. Margaret or Principal Folino for more details if you haven't already done so. 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!**

Halloween Please see the flyer that went home about Halloween celebrations/treats. 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.

Picture Day Retakes Picture Day retakes will be **Thursday, November 4**. Any new students, or students absent on October's Picture Day, will take pictures at this time. If a package was purchased and you are unhappy with your photo, please bring the package to retakes and the original order will be printed with the new image. ***A flier has been sent home and is included in the links with full information.***

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!

Box Tops for Education- BoxTops for Education is now online! Instead of traditional clips, there is now a BoxTops app where you scan your receipt for credit to be awarded to the school. A flier detailing the changes in the program and how to use the app was sent home last week, and is included in today's links.

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 – Please remember to contact Ms. Margaret with questions about volunteer requirements. mbrumann@saintferdinand.org

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

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

Extended Care Available

Saturday, October 23 – Installation Mass of Father Peter; 5:00PM, Church

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!

Monday, November 01: All Saints Day All-School Mass 8:15

Wednesday, November 03: Early Dismissal (1:45PM – 2:00PM)

Thursday, November 04: Picture Day RETAKES

Friday, November 05: Holy Fire (virtual) – Gr. 6-8 - morning

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

Friday, November 12: No School, Professional Development Day

Wednesday, November 17: PK – 2nd Grade Field Trip to St. Pat's – Alice in Wonderland

Thursday, November 18: Report Cards go home!

Sunday, November 21: Family Mass, 11:30 / Rite of Inscription for 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates

Wednesday, November 24 – Friday November 26: NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Vacation!