

Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



October 28, 2021

NEWS

Trunk-or-Treat: CANCELLED Due to the rain, this year's Trunk-or-Treat event has been cancelled. 😞

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! 😊 **PRACTICES START TUESDAY – WATCH EMAIL AND SCHOOL BLASTS FOR MORE DETAILS!**

Halloween Tomorrow is our Halloween celebration! Students will have Halloween celebrations in their classrooms. They 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. ***The photographer has informed us that pictures will be arriving to school tomorrow, so you will have time to decide whether a retake is necessary.***

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. PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW OF ANY VETS COMING BY FRIDAY, NOV 5!

Pancake Breakfast / Volunteers Needed The Usher's Pancake Breakfast is back! This will be their 66th Pancake Breakfast! Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and serving. Please see the flyer that went home for full information. And Save the date November 07, from 8:00AM – 1:00PM will be the breakfast! Yum!

Author Visit Our librarian, Mrs. Davis, has arranged for local author Jennifer Storelli to meet with our preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade students on November 10. She will be reading from her book, "Sammy Shark Has a Stomachache!" This book teaches about the importance of recycling and keeping our oceans clean.

Don't Forget Your Face Mask! - By state law, masks must be worn when entering a school building. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of our kids safe.

Candle Fundraiser - Our 2nd Annual Fall candle fundraiser starts today! Last year was a huge success, and this year we have even more products available to select from. Students were sent home today with packets explaining everything (included in the links). There are 3 different types of product lines – each has its own order form. **Please turn in orders by November 12** so that we can make sure orders will arrive in time for the holidays. These would make a nice gift for someone!

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 29: Trunk-or-Treat – CANCELLED 😞

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

Sunday, November 07: Usher's 66th Pancake Breakfast. 8:00AM – 1:00PM, Activity Center

Wednesday, November 10: Local author Jennifer Storelli visits with Prek, K, and 1st grade classes during Library classes

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

\$1.00 Wear Red White and Blue – Monies go to a Veterans organization!

Friday, November 12: No School, Professional Development Day

Tuesday, November 16: Dine & Share at Brickyard Chipotle; 4:00PM – 8:00PM

Wednesday, November 17: DONUTS & DIALOGUE WITH THE PRINCIPAL – 7:00 AM

PK – 2nd Grade Field Trip to St. Pat's – Alice in Wonderland

Thursday, November 18: Report Cards go home!

School Board Meeting – 7:30 PM Activity Center

Friday, November 19: FERD FAMILY FUN NIGHT #3 – Family Reading Night 6:30-8:00 Torba Center!

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

Monday, November 22 – NOVEMBER OUTREACH PROGRAM – “2021 CONTEST” – details coming next week – all items due TODAY! 😊

Tuesday, November 23 – School Thanksgiving Mass 8:15 AM

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