

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

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**November 4, 2021**

## NEWS

**Important Updates from the Office** We have added a separate letter to the bottom of this newsletter highlighting important policies and procedures regarding absences, illnesses, tardiness, contacting the school, etc. Please scroll down and read in its entirety. It will also be attached as a separate file in the links.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive** St Ferdinand School is having a "Turkey Day Food Drive" to benefit the St. Ferdinand Food Pantry. Our goal is to collect 2021 items. Please see the flyer that went home and is included in this week's links for all the items that are needed. Thank you in advance for your generosity in this social outreach activity!

**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 66<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast! Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and serving. Please see the flyer that went home last for full information. And .... Save the date .... November 07, from 8:00AM – 1:00PM will be the breakfast! Yum!

**Pancake Breakfast** Pancake Breakfast will be this Sunday, November 7, from 8:00AM – 1:00PM in the Activity Center. Tickets are available at the door. Adults are \$8, kids are \$5, and children under 10 are free. Complete breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk, coffee&tea. See you there! 😊

**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.

**Author Visit** Our librarian, Mrs. Davis, has arranged for local author Jennifer Storelli to meet with our preschool, kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Candle Fundraiser** - Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall candle fundraiser started last week! Last year was a huge success, and this year we have even more products available to select from. Students were sent home last week 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. More information can be found at <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> or in the included 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](mailto: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](mailto:absent@saintferdinand.org)

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

**Wednesday, November 10:** Local author Jennifer Storelli visits with Prek, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

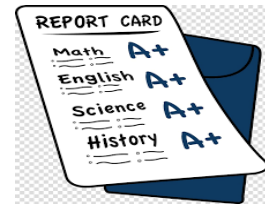
**Wednesday, November 24 – Friday November 26:** NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Vacation!

**Thursday, December 16** – 7:00 PM start in the Chapel – Kids arrive in classrooms @ 6:30 PM

FOR COVID SPACING PROTOCOL, ONLY 2 GUESTS PER FAMILY WILL BE ALLOWED. THANK YOU!



## **St. Ferdinand School Office Reminders**



### **Sick Children**

With the cold weather and the cold and flu season upon us, we are asking for your help in keeping our school a healthy environment. We have found that there are several instances of children coming to school sick and then having to be sent home.

If your child is exhibiting any symptoms such as running/stuffy nose, cough, sore throat, upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, fatigue, headache and body aches or just doesn't feel good, please keep them home. For the health of all students, faculty and staff, please do not give them any medication and send them to school. This will just result in a call to you when the medication wears off to pick up your child.

Students with a fever are to remain home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medication.

All students who have been absent for three or more consecutive days must bring a dated note from a physician which states the reason for the absence and a return to school date.

Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with their classmates and teachers. Stay home even if taking antiviral medicines.

If you are keeping your child home for any reason, you must notify the school no later than 8:30 AM either by calling the school office or you can simply send an email to [absent@saintferdinand.org](mailto:absent@saintferdinand.org). You must either call or email each day that your student is absent. I know several parents reach out to their child's teacher, which is great, but you also must contact the school office.

### **Tardiness**

There has been an increasing number of late students. As the weather gets colder and travel time takes longer, please allow enough time to arrive to school on time. Students who consistently arrive late are deprived of social interaction, morning prayer, announcements, time to organize themselves for the day and important teaching time. For example, students who are late by just 10 minutes every day, can expect to miss a minimum of 30 hours of instructional time, in a single school year. It is the responsibility of each family to work out a system so that students arrive on time to school. Doors open at 7:40 AM and students are expected to be their seats by 8:00 AM.

### **Report Cards**

On Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, your child/children will be bringing home their 1<sup>st</sup> trimester report card. Please keep in mind that all accounts, Tuition/Extended Care must be current and up to date in order for your child/children to receive their report card.