

Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



June 02, 2022

Attire for Monday and Tuesday: Monday, June 06, is our last **full** day of school. Students may dress down this day, as long as clothes are school-appropriate. **Tuesday, June 07, is our LAST day of school – please dress up, as the day will start with 8:15AM Mass / Awards Ceremony. School will dismiss at 11:30 Tuesday, and afterschool care will NOT be available.**

Sports Update / Basketball Uniform Returns:

Basketball Uniforms: Now that the season is over, **BASKETBALL** uniforms need to be **RETURNED. THEY ARE NOW OVERDUE!!!!!!** These were considered to be “rentals,” and your \$25 uniform deposit will be returned to you when we receive your child’s uniform.

JV Girls and all Boys Basketball players need to return their uniforms!!!!!!

There is 1 exception to the uniform return this year: **Varsity Girls Basketball players may elect to keep their uniforms in lieu of receiving the deposit back, as these will be retired.**

Queen of Hearts Raffle: The **Queen of Hearts Raffle** will continue at Ashley’s Café & Tap. **Chances are \$5 each and will be available at the Café, as well as in the school office.**

We are selling tickets after the 8:30AM Sunday Mass. Currently, the jackpot is over **\$4,700** ... if your name is drawn and the Queen of Hearts is behind the card you selected, you win half of that jackpot! Weekly drawings (broadcast live on our school’s Facebook page) will be held at Ashley’s Café EVERY Wednesday at around 7:00 PM until The Queen is revealed! Come on in and take a chance (or as many as you want) each week! You can’t win if you don’t play! 😊

End of Year Papers: An end-of-year packet of paperwork needed for next school year, as well as a summer learning packet, went home today. Please make sure to read these carefully and fill out all the information. They are included on the links as well.

Pre-Loved Uniforms Wanted: Our Parents Club is having a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on June 8 and June 9. They will be collecting unwanted school uniforms (washed please) after school from June 2 – 7. Please see the flier that went home and is included in the links for more information.

SUMMER ARTS & CRAFT CAMP: Our art teacher, Ms. Brent, is holding a 2 week Arts & Crafts Summer Camp for Grades 2-5. Camp will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am-11am on June 14, 15, 16 and June 21, 22, 23. Each session is \$22. Please see the forms that went home and are included in the links to register.

Lunch applications: If your student brought home a lunch application for free or reduced lunch, please return these ASAP.

Summer Camp Returns! We are pleased to announce that our Summer Camp Program will be returning this year for students turning 4 by 9/1/22 through students entering 5th grade! Summer Camp will begin on Monday, June 27, 2022, and will last for 6 weeks. This has been a very popular program in previous years, and a great opportunity for students to have fun while learning and socialize with peers. Please visit our Summer Camp page on our website for more information and to register: <https://saintferdinandschool.org/summer-camp/>

FACTS /Tuition Balances Please make sure that your account is current - ***students that have outstanding fees due for the 2021/2022 school year will not receive their final report card and will not be allowed to participate in any end of year festivities***, including graduation, if applicable. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

2022-2023 Registration Thank you to everyone who has returned their Intent to Return Forms. We had over 85% of families take advantage of the FEBRUARY FREEZE Early Bird Tuition Discount Sign-Up! If you have not already returned your 2022/2023 tuition agreement, please send it in as soon as possible along with the \$100.00 registration fee. It is not too late to register for the 2022/2023 school year! ***If you are not returning to St. Ferdinand School in the Fall, please inform the school office.***

Notification from FACTS Regarding Credit Cards FACTS has notified us that due to changes in the market, they are adjusting the rates and fees associated with credit/debit card transactions. Beginning April 25, 2022, the fee for credit card/debit transactions will be 2.95%. Save money and use your checking account instead of your debit/credit card.

Mask Policy Changes The Archdiocese of Chicago released a letter stating that beginning Monday, February 28, masks will be optional in the schools. This is in accordance with recent changes to the Chicago and Illinois mask policy. However, because Covid is still prevalent, as well as because many of our younger students are not yet eligible for vaccines and some members of our school community are immunocompromised, we are strongly encouraging the continued use of face masks in the school. There will be times when masks will be necessary, especially when social distance guidelines cannot be maintained. It is our hope that we can continue to mitigate the spread of Covid and keep everyone healthy by having masks when needed.

Financial Aid/Scholarships - The 2022/2023 FACTS Grant & Aid application is now open. If you receive any type of financial aid/scholarship through the Archdiocese, (Phoenix, COVID Relief or Access), McGraw Foundation, or St. Ferdinand School, you are required to fill out a Grant & Aid Application for the 2022/2023 school year. **Please note: Per scholarship rules, no financial aid/scholarships will be considered without this application.**

Amazon Smiles - If you do any online shopping, please log in through Smile.Amazon.com and choose *St. Ferdinand School & Convent* as your organization of choice! Amazon will donate .05% of the money you spend to our school! Please 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.

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, June 3, 2022: School Picnic Day / 8th Grade Last Day!

Saturday, June 4, 2022: 8th Grade Graduation, 5:00PM Church

Monday, June 6, 2022: Kindergarten Graduation – 8:30AM; Preschool Graduation – 10:00AM

Tuesday, June 7, 2022: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! 11:30 Dismissal! 😊 No After-School Care!

JUNE 14 – AUGUST 9: SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesdays and Thursday, 7:00AM – 12:00 Noon. Wednesdays, 1:00PM – 6:00PM

Closed Mondays and Fridays!

Monday, August 11: Back to School Night, 6:30PM

Tuesday, August 16: School Resumes! 11:30AM dismissal

Wednesday, August 17: Hot Lunch begins