

Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



June 12, 2022



HAPPY SUMMER! We wish all of our school families a happy, healthy, relaxing, and fun summer vacation! 😊

ST. FERDINAND PARISH CARNIVAL IS RETURNING NEXT WEEKEND! Come on out and enjoy the carnival fun and beer garden on school grounds from **Thursday, June 16 – Sunday, June 19!** You can also get a leg up on service hours for the 2022-23 school year by signing up to help supervise the Bouncy Houses in the gym on Saturday or Sunday from 1:00-5:00 PM. Here is the link for sign-up:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GvIrRc2BVT7ZXUIkyKm6FGsw5a4LvHqYzqDKuaT2HI/edit?usp=sharing>

See you at the Carnival – whether volunteering, attending - - - or both! 😊

USED UNIFORM SALE A SUCCESS!!!: The Parent Club would like to thank everyone who donated their preloved uniform pieces to make our 1st Annual Used Uniform Sale a success! We will use the profits to plan and execute fun and fundraising activities for St. Ferdinand School students, families, and teachers/staff alike!

Food Pantry Still Open This Summer: For anyone who may need to know, the St. Ferdinand Parish Food Pantry, located in the convent across from the church on the northwest corner of Mason and Barry, is open EVERY MONDAY from 11:00 AM – Noon. Please spread the word to anyone you know who could use a little help keeping their pantries stocked this summer.

Mandatory Summer Work in IXL: Don't forget to have your child do a few lessons each week this summer to keep Reading and Math skills sharp! All assignments are due for grading by Fri., Aug. 19!

Sports Update / Basketball Uniform Returns: If you did not return your Basketball Uniforms, please stop by the School Office during Summer Hours to do so ASAP. Uniforms are rentals (EXCEPT the Varsity Girls, as they will receive new uniforms next year), and you will receive your \$25 uniform deposit back once your child's uniform is returned.

Queen of Hearts Raffle: The **Queen of Hearts Raffle** continues! Chances are \$5 each and will be available at Ashley's Café, in the school office, and after the 8:30AM Sunday Mass through June. Currently, the jackpot is over **\$4,850** ... 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 (7500 W Grand in Elmwood Park) 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 June 2. Please make sure to read these carefully and fill out all the information BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! They are included on the links as well.

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/>

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 14 – AUGUST 9: SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

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

Closed Mondays and Fridays!

Thursday, June 16 – Sunday, June 19: St. Ferdinand Parish Carnival Returns!

Monday, June 27: Summer Camp, Summer Tutoring, and Title Tutoring begin!

Friday, August 5: Last Day Summer Camp, Summer Tutoring, and Title Tutoring!

Thursday, August 11: Back to School Night and Ice Cream Social! 6:30PM

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

Wednesday, August 17: Full Days of School and Hot Lunch Program begin!