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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



For the Week of: September 11-17, 2022

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT! - Our first Ferdinand Friday Family Fun Night of the school year brings back the popular FOOD TRUCK EVENT! Mark your calendars and pack up your lawn chairs and CASH tomorrow, **FRIDAY, SEPT 16, from 6:00-**



8:30 PM! Tacos,



shaved ice, cupcakes,

hot dogs, and fancy coffees and hot chocolates are all on the docket

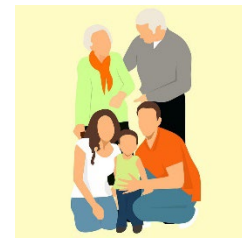
for eats – and a bouncy house, Split-the-Pot Raffle, face painting,

and DJ are being scheduled for added fun as well! Don your

favorite **SUPERHERO t-shirt, costume, or cape** – and come out to have a MARVEL-ously delicious and fun time! See you there! 😊

FAMILY MASS #1 AND GRANDPARENTS DAY BLESSING! 😊

– THIS **Sunday, September 18**, is our first Family Mass of the school year at its new time of **8:30 AM!** We hope to see M A N Y students attending as 8th grade takes on leading parts! Please see Principal Folino at the end of Mass for a flower for your grandparent/s, an out-of-uniform pass for students, and a Gospel Trivia sheet for your family to complete for a prize! 😊 Between Food Truck Friday and Family Mass Sunday, it's a busy weekend for the St. Ferdinand School community!



SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD - meets for the 1st time this school year



on the **NEW date of Thursday, September 22, 2022 @ the NEW TIME of 6:30 PM in the Activity Center.** All are invited to join; there is a time for the public to offer commentary; however, you are also welcome to come and observe what the School Advisory Board is and how the meetings are run.

BASKETBALL – Students in grades 4-8 are able to join our Basketball Teams. Registration packets will go home next week. We are currently looking for more coaches as well. Please note, uniforms will be new for ALL teams this year and include personalization! Be on the lookout for uniform order forms along with registration packs. **If you are interested in coaching, please email school@saintferdinand.org**



PHYSICALS DUE – Students in Grade K, Grade 6, and entering an Illinois School for the first time were required to submit an update physical/immunization record at the beginning of the school year. If you have **not** submitted yours, a letter was sent home indicating that you are missing your requirements. Please note: There is an exclusion date of October 15: **On Oct. 15, anyone not in compliance with health requirements will not be allowed to attend school until compliance has been reached.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this important matter. Please reach out to the School Office with any questions or if further clarification is needed.



Parents Club: Parent Club met for the first time this week! Plans have begun to assist the school with fun and fundraising activities such as tomorrow's Food Truck event – and a Trunk-or-Treat event in October! Please read the introductory letter from Parents Club that went home today. If you are interested in volunteering, please return the volunteer form included with the Parent Club letter. **AND DON'T FORGET TO SEARCH FOR AND JOIN THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE!** Doing so is yet another way to give and receive information of school events!



PICTURE DAY – Picture Day will be Tuesday, September 27. Please make sure to order online. Order forms went home last week. Students may dress up for Picture Day in school-appropriate clothing. Retakes for absent students will be available at a later date.

Spirit Wear We are once again offering Spirit Wear through SelectSpiritwear.com. Please see the flier that went home. **Thursday, September 29** – after that, available. **SPIRIT WEAR CAN BE**  You may order online **through** the Spirit Wear store will not be **WORN EVERY FRIDAY TO SCHOOL!**
<https://www.selectspiritwear.com/v5store/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=1287>

Raffle Tickets – Raffle tickets went home with each family at our Back-to-School/Ice Cream Social Night. These tickets are yours to sell, or to keep for yourself, as they were

already paid for in the fundraising fee, which is incorporated into the first month's tuition. **Please return only the stubs (with all information filled out) to the school as soon as possible, as drawings will be monthly starting the first Friday in October!**

Again, you are welcome to sell your tickets to family and friends – but just be sure to collect the ticket stubs with their contact information and turn them in to the office (keep the \$ for yourself though!).



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

CELL PHONES, iPads from home, and APPLE WATCHES, oh my!

We'll be collecting them each day from Students in Grades 4th-8th, as we did before COVID. This is to ensure that the proper chain of command is well, in that teachers and office staff are contact to parents about the situation. It is tempting to do through Internet access and Students receive their devices back at the access messages as they are lining up to homeroom teachers. Students caught with cell phones that have not been turned in in the mornings will have them confiscated until a parent can pick up the devices and pay a \$25 fine. *Thank you* for your cooperation with this procedure.



kept in place when students don't feel aware and remain the first point of also a measure against cheating that is texting through Apple Watches. end of the school day, and are allowed to depart, as per the specifications of their

HELP WANTED - FOOD SERVICE ASSISTANT - \$\$\$: Food Service Providers (FSP) is looking for a dependable, friendly, hard-working individual to work in the lunch prep program at St. Ferdinand School! The job is Mon-Fri, 3 hours per day (10:15 AM – 1:15 PM). Pay is \$15.40/hr. Come be a part of your child's school day – and when school is off, you'd be off, too! 😊 Please contact Mary Clemente, SFS Food Service Coordinator via the School Office at 773-622-3022 for more information.



ALSO WANTED - "BABY BULLS" PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR: We

would LOVE to Bulls program for in our community! person interested in program in the Tuesday mornings –



easily available - for an hour) that would consist of a structured story and song/movement time, as well as unstructured socializing and play time for Moms and

resurrect the Baby toddlers and parents To do so, we'd need a running a weekly school gym (probably when the gym is most

Tots. This is a great, fun way of attracting future St. Ferdinand Preschoolers! Please contact Principal Folino for more details and incentives regarding Baby Bulls.

Queen of Hearts Raffle: The **Queen of Hearts Raffle** will pick up again in the fall! Keep watching for more details – the jackpot will pick up where it left off at **\$5,340!**



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Student Information Forms – PLEASE RETURN – Last

year, each family received an envelope with forms (family index, emergency contact, walking permission, photo release, medical and emergency notification, school directory) to fill out and return at the beginning of school. If you have not already returned these, please do so now. These forms are extremely important, so that we have your correct contact information in the event we need to contact you. If you need additional forms, these are accessible online.



WE LOVE OUR CROSSING GUARD, Maria! Please help keep her – AND our STUDENTS and SCHOOL FAMILIES S-A-F-E by Mason and NOT crossing between cars, especially Belmont! With St. Patrick High School resuming (AND Principal Folino, for that matter!) is very safety at pick-up time and just wanted these reminders prefer to pick up on Mason. (Just a reminder: there is plenty of parking in our big lot, accessible off of Marmora! Why not give parking THERE a try?!) Please help keep her – AND our NOT double-parking on when parked close to classes next week, Maria concerned about everyone's sent out to our families who



COVID Protocol Policy Remains the Same:

Last winter, the Archdiocese of Chicago released a letter stating that mask-wearing would be optional in its schools. This is in accordance with changes to Chicago and Illinois masking policies. However, because Covid is still prevalent, there will be times when masks may be necessary for the protection of all students in a classroom, especially when social for an extended period of time and classroom. Therefore, we ask that backpacks at all times to be worn continuing to distance children at from water fountains but only from surfaces and hands *many* times throughout the school day. If your child comes down with COVID, do relay that to the School Office ASAP. We will receive and relay back to you the Archdiocese and CDC “official” 5-days quarantine dates + 5 days returning masked protocol based on onset of symptoms and positive test date. Notes of COVID cases in the school and within a homeroom will still be issued. Of



course, we encourage all children and families to get vaccinated and boosted; it is, however, at this point optional to share vaccination/booster status with the School Office, where it is kept in confidential files. It is the hope of the St. Ferdinand Administration, Staff, and Faculty that we can continue to mitigate the spread of Covid and keep our school community healthy by adhering to these practices and having students/staff don masks when needed. **THANK YOU** so much for your cooperation through the ever-changing COVID situation in the Chicagoland and St. Ferdinand School communities.



Amazon Smiles - If you do any online shopping, please log in through [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.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

Friday, September 16	FOOD TRUCK FEST! School Parking Lot – 6:00-8:30ish PM!
Sunday, September 18	Family Mass #1 – 8:30 AM – NEW TIME THIS YEAR! <i>Grandparents Day Blessing, too</i>
Tuesday, September 20	Catholic High School Recruitment Day – Gr 6 th -8 th
Wednesday, September 21	International Day of Peace – Pinwheels for Peace Prayer Service
Thursday, September 22	NEW DATE and TIME: School Advisory Board Meeting – 6:30 PM – Activity Center

Friday, September 23

No Classes – Teacher Professional Development Day 😊

Tuesday, September 27

School Pictures!

Thursday, September 29

Last day to order Spirit Wear online