

Ferd Words:

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



For the Week of: October 10-14, 2022



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! – Pick-up along Mason Avenue at staggered times to avoid gym roof construction continues to go really well! Your cooperation and flexibility is much appreciated!



PLEASE NOTE: Now that everyone has had a week to adjust to the temporary pick-up times and procedure, if your child is not picked up during his/her pick-up window time, he/she will be escorted to Extended Care, where charges will begin to accrue. You may pick up your child/ren at Extended Care through the Polish School Entrance during this construction period.



FAMILY MASS AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST - - -

- were well attended today! Thank you to all the students who sang and played in the choirs – the sounds from the loft were beautiful! Thank you to all families who began their Sundays with Mass and a delicious breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many families! 😊



TUESDAY! TUESDAY! TUESDAY! OUR OCTOBER DINE-AND-SHARE IS AT EASY STREET PIZZA FROM 4-11 PM!

Easy Street is located at 3750 N Central. order – dine in or carry out break from cooking dinner, establishment and support



Mention St. Ferdinand School when you – and we get a percentage back! Take a check out this delicious and cute local SFS at the same time! See you there! 😊

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES are THIS Friday, October 21, from Noon-7:00 PM! We look

forward to meeting with you and discussing your child/ren's progress and goals! If you want to check your sign-up times (you may have already received or will soon receive an email from signup.com if you used it to sign up OR an email from your child/ren's teacher/s if you missed the cut-off for online sign-up), you may view – but not change the sign-ups at: <https://signup.com/go/opiGAER>



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BASKETBALL – OUR BASKETBALL SEASON HAS BEGUN WITH PRACTICES AT ST. PAT'S HIGH SCHOOL! We are grateful to **ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL** for

opening their doors to us during roof construction in our gym, parent **RACHEL GOODWIN** for stepping in as Athletic Director to assist Principal Folino and Ms. Margaret with organization of information and ordering of uniforms, and **COACH DAVID FELICIANO** for taking on coaching ALL of our players with his professionalism and patience! Students in grades 4-8 are able to join our Basketball Teams. Registration packets are still available in the School Office if your child has indicated interest in joining, with games beginning in mid-to-late November. **If you are interested in assisting with coaching, please email school@saintferdinand.org** **Go Bulls and Lady Bulls!**



ROOM PARENTS NEEDED FOR GRADES KG, 2ND, AND 8TH: Parent Club is also organizing Room Parents to assist each

homeroom teacher with planning 2 parties this year: Christmas and Valentine's Day. Would you like to sign up to be one? Please contact the School Office; a "Virtual Training Zoom" is being planned for the early evening of Monday, October 17 – and email invitation will be sent out to all who signed up.



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



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

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.

WANTED – “BABY BULLS” PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR:

LOVE to resurrect program for toddlers community! To do person interested in program in the Tuesday mornings –



We would the Baby Bulls and parents in our so, we'd need a running a weekly school gym (probably when the gym is most

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 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 before the holidays! Keep watching for more details – the jackpot will also 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.



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



Last winter, the distance guidelines cannot be maintained sickness or a case of COVID breaks out in a students keep a mask handy in their during such situations. Know that we are lunchtime, do not permit direct drinking water bottles, and still sanitize eating

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 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

Tuesday, October 18	FIELD TRIP: 1 st Grade to Safety Town! 9:15 AM-Noonish
	October Dine-and-Share: Easy Street (3750 N Central) 4-11 PM
Wednesday, October 19	Big Shoulders Volunteer Day – Students from Northwestern University Kellogg School as Teacher Assistants
	8 th Grade Parents: Confirmation Meeting #1 – 7:00 PM Activity Center
Friday, October 21	11:00-11:30 AM Dismissal (Extended Care open until 6:00 PM)

	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences – Noon-7:00 PM
Monday, Oct 24-Oct 28	TENTATIVE Emergency Drill Week (tornado, bus, intruder, fire)
Mon, Oct 24-Fri Oct 28	RED RIBBON WEEK! (Saying No to Drugs and Bullying)
Tuesday, October 25	FIELD TRIP – Gr. 5 th -8 th Chicago Wolves Academically-Interactive Event
Thursday, October 27	FIELD TRIP – 7 th /8 th to St. Pat's <i>The Yellow Boat</i>
Saturday, October 29	Parish Activity: Holy Ghost Bingo! 7:00 PM Torba Center
Sunday, October 30	Trunk-or-Treat in the School Parking Lot! 12:30-2:30 PM
Monday, October 31	Happy Halloween! (Costume Day, Parade, and Classroom Celebrations)
	
Tuesday, Nov 1	All Saints Day 8:15 Mass
Friday, Nov 11	Veterans Day Mass and Speakers
	FAMILY READING NIGHT – 6:30 PM Torba Center
Thursday, Nov 17	TENTATIVE Parent Club MOVIE NIGHT! 
Friday, Nov 18	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development
Wed., Nov 23-Sun, Nov 27	THANKSGIVING BREAK – No School! 