

# Ferd Words:

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



## For the Week of: October 3-7, 2022



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** – Pick-up along Mason Avenue at staggered times to avoid gym roof construction has gone really well this week! 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.*

*Enjoy this beautiful 3-day Fall Weekend! -Principal Folino and SFS Faculty and Staff 😊*

**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](mailto:school@saintferdinand.org) Go Bulls and Lady Bulls!**



**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 meets again this coming Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 PM in the Activity Center! After assisting with a successful Food Truck Event and coordinating our October Dine-and-Share at Easy Street Pizza, plans will continue to assist the school with fun and fundraising activities such as the Trunk-or-Treat event at the end of October! **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!



**ROOM PARENTS NEEDED:** 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 come to the Tuesday Parent Club Meeting (see above) or contact the School Office for more details.

**PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES are on Friday, October 21, from Noon-7:00 PM!** Please sign up for a time to come in and meet with your child/ren's teacher/s. Hurry! This electronic sign-up closes this Thursday evening - - - after that, sign-up times are assigned:  
<https://signup.com/go/opiGAER>



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**CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022-23 Student Council Officers and Representatives,** who were inducted into office at the Sept 30 School Mass, and to their Moderators: Mrs. Kia Loster and Mr. Mike McGinniss:



**OFFICERS:**

- President Cecylia Venturella – 8th
- Vice-President Daniella Aguirre – 8th
- Secretary – Zofia Gacek – 8th

Treasurer – Vince Venturella – 7<sup>th</sup>  
School Spirit – Emily Sanchez – 7<sup>th</sup> and Viviana Villamin - 7<sup>th</sup>

### REPRESENTATIVES:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Olivia Lekarczyk and Jagoda Porebski  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Camila Anaya and Jenayah Garcia  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Leo Chlubna and Jaelyn Clark  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gabriela Kocik and Isabella Walsh  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Michael Gacek, Ysabel Rafal, and Logan Vergil

We look forward to your leadership in a year of fun, service, and school-spirit oriented activities!

Raffle Tickets – Raffle tickets went to-School/Ice Cream Social Night. keep for yourself, as they were 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 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!).



home with each family at our Back- These tickets are yours to sell, or to already paid for in the fundraising

***Our first drawing was held Friday, October 7. Our winners were:***

*First Place: Jessenia Perez (Ticket 2591)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Teresa Garcia (Ticket 1276)*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ignacia Camacho (Ticket 2731); Jasmin Biasbas (Ticket 475); Jagoda Porebski (Ticket 2829)*

***Congratulations! Our next drawing will be in November ... so if you haven't returned your ticket stubs yet, make sure to do so to be included in November's drawing!***



**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)

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

We'll be collecting them each day from Students in Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 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

**WANTED - "BABY BULLS" PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR:**

We would LOVE to resurrect the Baby Bulls program for in our community! To do so, we'd need a person interested in running a weekly program in the school gym (probably Tuesday mornings – 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.

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**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 distance guidelines cannot be maintained for an extended period of time and in a classroom. Therefore, we ask that students keep a mask handy in their backpacks at all times to be worn during such situations. Know that we are continuing to distance children at lunchtime, do not permit direct drinking from water fountains but only from water bottles, and still sanitize eating 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



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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**

Monday, October 10	No School! National Indigenous Peoples Day 🇨🇦
Tuesday, October 11	Parent Club Meeting 6:30 PM – Activity Center
Thursday, October 13	Last Day to Sign Up for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences!
Friday, October 14	Holy Fire Immersive Retreat – Gr. 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> – UIC Pavillion
Sunday, October 16	FAMILY MASS #2 – hosted by 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – NEW TIME: 8:30 AM Parish Ushers Club PANCAKE BREAKFAST AFTERWARD – Activity Center
Monday, Oct 17-Oct 21	Emergency Drill Week (tornado, bus, intruder, fire)

Tuesday, October 18                   FIELD TRIP: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Safety Town! 9:15 AM-Noonish  
October Dine-and-Share: Easy Street (3750 N Central) 4-11 PM

Wednesday, October 19               8<sup>th</sup> 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

Mon, Oct 24-Fri Oct 28               RED RIBBON WEEK! (Saying No to Drugs and Bullying)

Tuesday, October 25                 FIELD TRIP – Gr. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Chicago Wolves Academically-Interactive Event

Thursday, October 27               FIELD TRIP (potentially) – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> to St. Pat's *The Yellow Boat*

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)