

# Ferd Words:

*The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School*

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## For the Week of: Nov. 11-17, 2022

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO CONSTRUCTION DELAYS, OUR PICK-UP SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14 – WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE ROOF PROJECT STATUS WEEKLY**

**REMINDER:** – Pick-up along Mason Avenue at staggered times during gym roof construction **MUST BE FOLLOWED!**

**There can be no playing in the courtyard or playground areas, as when cars don't exit parking spaces to make room for the next dismissal group, back up creates disgruntled parents, double parking, and back-ups to Belmont!**



**I know we are ALL fed up with the construction delays, but one more week of cooperation is tantamount to this procedure working as well as it did the first few weeks! PLEASE PARK ONLY AT YOUR CHILD'S DESIGNATED DISMISSAL TIME, COLLECT YOUR CHILD DURING HIS/HER 5-MINUTE WINDOW TIME, AND LEAVE THE PARKING SPACE QUICKLY SO ANOTHER PARENT OF AN OLDER CHILD CAN TAKE IT. We all look forward to being able to visit with other families in the back parking lot, and not having to be rushed in the process. Your cooperation, flexibility, and patience are much appreciated!**

*PLEASE NOTE: 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.*



**REPORT CARDS** - Report cards will be going home on Thursday, November 17. Please make sure all your accounts (tuition, extended care) are up to date by this time – in order for students to receive report cards, accounts must be current and not past-due.

# Thanksgiving Food Drive...is going

## AMAZINGLY!

We are collecting items for the St. Ferdinand Parish Food Pantry, which cooks and delivers hot turkey dinners on Thanksgiving morning to elderly, shut-ins, and families that might need one. We're making it a school-wide **contest** to see which class can bring in the most **AVERAGE #** of each item daily, and a highest **AVERAGE** of items brought in at the end of the drive, too! Why not take your child shopping for these items, and/or have them use their own money to purchase some of the goods? We are hoping both the givers **AND** the receivers are blessed through this outreach plan. **YOUR GENEROSITY HAS BEEN ASTOUNDING – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!** 😊



### Which classes will have the highest average daily AND overall donations?

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TURKEY TREASURE of the DAY</u> (Item to be donated)
1	Monday, November 7	Canned Whole Black Olives
2	Tuesday, November 8	Canned Whole Corn (NOT creamed)
3	Wednesday, November 9	Instant Boxed Mashed Potatoes
4	Thursday, November 10	Canned Sweet Potatoes or Yams
5	Friday, November 11	Canned Whole or Cut Green Beans (NOT French cut)
6	Monday, November 14	Canned Turkey Gravy or Turkey Gravy Packets
7	Tuesday, November 15	Canned Cranberry Sauce
8	Wednesday, November 16	Stuffing Mix for Turkey
9	Thursday, November 17	Pumpkin Pies (not frozen)
10	Monday, November 21	Canned Soup

**Also...do you know a family or shut-in that is in need of a hot turkey dinner this Thanksgiving? Please contact the Parish Office at 773-622-5900 with the family name and address ASAP.**

### Parent Club's FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – THURSDAY, November 17 ---

Kick off your kids' night at Ferd's! will be showing; available for pj's and bring



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3-day weekend with a fun *Minions: The Rise of Gru* pizza slices will be purchase! Come in your your sleeping bag! **Please**

pre-order your pizza / soda by filing out the form that went home last week by **THIS TUESDAY, NOV 15**, which can also be found online. Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult, no drop-offs please.

**Queen of Hearts Raffle now at the Nest: *The St. Ferdinand School Queen of Hearts Raffle has returned!*** We have partnered with the Nest in hosting the raffle – Drawing will be held there every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7:00PM (winner does not need to be present). Our first drawing there was at our Dine&Share Nov. 9 ... thank you to all the families that came out to support both our School and the Nest! The Dine&Share profit was over \$300! Queen of Hearts Tickets (\$5 each) are on sale at the Nest Bar & Eatery (6859 W. Irving Park Road), after the 8:30 Mass on Sundays, and in our School Office. **The Jackpot currently is \$5,800 and growing – purchase your ticket for your chance at 50% of the jackpot!!**



**Next Draw: The Biggest “Night Out” of the Year: Thanksgiving Eve! Join us at The Nest around 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23 – or catch us on FB Live!**

**HELP WANTED: TUTORS** for the state-grant-funded-after-school program we are trying to bring to St. Ferdinand School! The delay has been caused due to the lack of tutors available in the nationwide teacher shortage. Do you know anyone who would be interested in this 3:00-5:00 PM job for 1, 2, or even 3 days a week? College student, retiree, stay-at-home parent? This is a paying job with rates beginning at \$25 an hour and a training and curriculum to use to center the tutoring sessions provided. Spread the word, and please notify Principal Folino @ [efolino@saintferdinand.org](mailto:efolino@saintferdinand.org) if interested; she will put you in touch with the company that is organizing this program for SFS.



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**FREE BREAKFAST is COMING TO FERD's! –**

We are already blessed to have FREE LUNCH for all of our Ferd students, but now, starting on Monday, Nov 28, all students will be eligible to receive a FREE cold breakfast (cereal, granola bars, pop tarts, etc., plus a beverage)! **Those in Morning Extended Care will automatically receive their breakfast as part of the morning supervision and activities – but any student who would like a breakfast can enter the MAIN ENTRANCE between 7:15-7:45 AM daily to be directed to the breakfast-only room.**

**FUNDRAISERS 2022-23:** Just a quick update on this. **This year, we are looking to meet designated school budget funding to be raised primarily from profits raised by 2 MAIN EVENTS: a Parent-Only Dinner/Fun Night Out/Auction in early February and a Color Run Fun Run for the students in the Spring!** Other



than that, we will not be promoting a lot of sales of “things” for profit like our former Christmas Candle or chocolate bar sales. ***Instead, we are trying to offer chances at extra cash (monthly St. Ferd’s Drawing, Holiday Quick Raffles – a “12 Days of Christmas-themed” one is a comin’ – and the Queen of Hearts) and helpful ways to make families’ lives easier, like dinners out at Dine-and-Share and the Christmas Gift Card Program (coming soon!).*** Please know that we never expect everyone to donate to everything – please, pick and choose what you can afford/what interests you and/or helps out your family the most. **Our goal in choosing and promoting fundraisers is to reward/help our families out while still keeping St. Ferdinand School healthy financially. THANK YOU for your generous support in whichever way/s you choose to additionally monetarily help our school.**



**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)

**REMINDER:** Please label your child’s uniform with his/her name – especially the sweatshirts and zip-up sweaters – as we are amassing quite a collection of unlabeled pieces in the Ferd Lost-and-Found left behind in classrooms and the gym when kids get too warm!



## **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

**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 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://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** awarded to the school. More information can be found at <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> or in the included links.



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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Weeks of Nov 14 & Nov 21	SAFETY DRILLS WEEKS @ FERD's!
Week of Nov 14	Student Council Turkey Candy Jars Guessing Game – 25 cents a guess!
Thursday, Nov 17	Parent Club MOVIE NIGHT! 😊 Doors open 6:30, start time 7:00 REPORT CARDS go home! (envelopes due back signed by Monday!)
Friday, Nov 18	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development/Retreat
Sunday, Nov 20	8:30 FAMILY MASS and Advent Wreath Activity
Wed., Nov 23-Sun, Nov 27	THANKSGIVING BREAK – No School! 😊
Wed., Nov 23	Next Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:00 @ The Nest – Tickets \$5!
Monday, Nov 28	FREE BREAKFAST begins at St. Ferdinand – details forthcoming
Monday, Dec 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Evening with ST. NICHOLAS – more info to come!

