

# Ferd Words:

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



## For the Week of: Oct. 31 – Nov. 6, 2022

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO CONSTRUCTION DELAYS, OUR PICK-UP SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6 – WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE ROOF PROJECT STATUS WEEKLY**

**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: 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.*



## Dine and Share – and Queen of Hearts! Our next Dine-and-

Share is on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at The Nest (6859 W Irving Park Rd), from 5:00PM – Midnight. Come on in and enjoy a meal OR call The Nest directly at **773-685-7155** to place a carry-out order. (Please make sure to mention St. Ferdinand School at the time of ordering).



Stay and join us that evening for the return of... **The St. Ferdinand School Queen of Hearts Raffle!** 7:00 PM DRAWING - \$5 per ticket (if your number is pulled you win ½ of the jackpot - over \$5,000!)

**See you there!**



**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** 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.



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

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TURKEY TREASURE of the DAY</u> <u>(Item to be donated)</u>
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.**



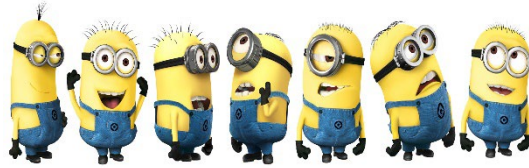
**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY READING NIGHT – FRIDAY, NOV 11 – 6:30 PM - FREE EVENT –** Come READ and participate in reading-related activities as SFS joins in the celebration of this state-wide event! Join us in the Torba Center from 6:00PM – 7:30PM for a family night of storytellings, games,

give aways, snacks and more! Please see the flyer that went home last week for more details...



## **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 pre-order your



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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 pizza / soda by filing out

the form that went home last week by THIS FRIDAY, NOV 11, which can also be found online. Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult, no drop-offs please.

## **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 anyone who would like a breakfast can enter the MAIN ENTRANCE between a designated morning time daily to be directed to the breakfast-only room. More details forthcoming on a flier going home to families on Nov 17.



**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



a 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

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

Tuesday, Nov 8

Parents Club Meeting, 6:30PM – 8:30PM

**NEW LOCATION: Teachers Lounge – Enter thru Polish School Door**

Wednesday, Nov 9

Dine and Share at The Nest, 5:00PM - Midnight  
(Queen of Hearts Drawing at 7:00PM at The Nest)

Friday, Nov 11

Veterans Day Mass and Speakers

Out of uniform for \$1 to help support Veterans

Trimester I Ends

FAMILY READING NIGHT – 6:30 PM Torba Center

Mon-Thurs, Nov 14-17

SAFETY DRILLS WEEK @ FERD'S!

Thursday, Nov 17

Parent Club MOVIE NIGHT! 😊 Doors open 6:30, start time 7:00

REPORT CARDS go home!

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! 😊

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!

