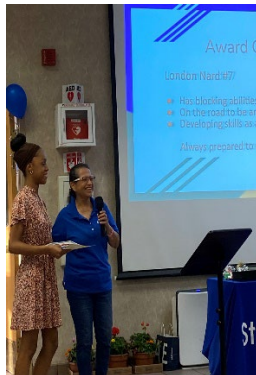


Ferd Words:

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



NEWS for the Week of June 12, 2023 – FINAL ONE of the School Year!



WHAT an A M A Z I N G end to this school year we had, St. Ferdinand Families!!!!

The joyous events of the Color Fun Run, Athletics Banquet, and end-of-year Celebrations, Reward Days, and Graduations made for a very happy ending to a year that started out so crazy!

I thank the parents, students, teachers, staff, and administration for starting this principal's summer with a heart full of gratitude, love, and joy. 😊



FERD COLOR FUN RUN... was an AMAZING success!
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to all of our **Ferd Families** and **sponsors** (see more info below on frequenting these fine establishments!) for helping us achieve our goal of making almost \$10, 000 from this FUNdraiser! The kids had a blast in the process of raising money to not only cover end-of-year expenses on our school budget end, but to begin the



funding for an electronic sign on Belmont so all passers-by will know that St. Ferdinand School is a THE place for excellence, character, and Catholic faith in education for children on the northwest side of Chicago!

ATHLETICS --- A GREAT FINALE AND A TIME TO GROW!

Our 2022-23 Athletics Season wrapped up with our first post-COVID Athletics Banquet in years on May 30! Thank you to Athletic Director **Rachel Goodwin** for all of her planning and organizing to make the night the happy celebration that it was! We are thankful again to all **parents** for their dedication in getting their athletes to games and practices, as well as with the patience needed this past year with our extended gym roof construction project. And, of course, to **Basketball Coaches Michelle Ulis, Mark Ulis, and parent Ivan Martinez; and to Volleyball Coaches Essie Benavides, Fred Benavides, parent Nick Sanchez, and SFS alumna Nataley Perez ('20)** for all of their work and positivity with the players' sports skills and character building! **NOTE: PARENTS OF INCOMING 4TH-8TH GRADERS, PLEASE FILL OUT THE SHORT SPORTS SURVEY COMING YOUR WAY THIS WEEK SO WE KNOW THE INTEREST IN LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL SPORTS IN OUR NEW LEAGUE!**



Good-bye and God Bless... to **Mrs. Michelle Ulis and Mrs. Alexis Pena**, who will be leaving us to pursue other educational opportunities. Mrs. Ulis (the former Miss Bollin) has been teaching at St. Ferdinand for 5 years, has former students and parents, and coaching BOTH Basketball Teams year! We wish her, Mark, and their days ahead. Mrs. Pena was a year replacement 4th grade teacher 4th graders was much needed! We her husband are planning does not also wish all families not returning to us next year happy days ahead in your new schools; know that you are always welcome here.

**GOOD
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LUCK!**

formed many close bonds with her graciously stepped in to take over when we needed someone to stop in this famous-to-Ferd's-kids dog Coors happy godsend when she joined us as a mid-this year. Her kindness and care for the may see her again if the move she and take her too far from Ferd's after all! We

Queen of Hearts Raffle - - - CONTINUES TO GROW! We



have 2 more drawings for this season: THIS

Wed., June 14 @ THE NEST @ 7:00 PM! ...and

one more on Wednesday, June 28! **Will the Queen be pulled this month? Come on out, take a chance, and see!**

The Queen of Hearts Raffle takes place at The Nest (343434 Irving Park Rd, just west of Oak Park Ave) for bi-weekly Wednesday drawings at 7:00 PM! Queen of Hearts Tickets (\$5 each) are on sale at The Nest AND after the 8:30 Mass each Sunday, as well as in our School Office during summer hours.

Don't forget: The Nest is offering a FABULOUS "one-topping pizzas and ALL-YOU-CAN-DRINK POP" Ferd Family Dinner Special FOR JUST \$12 (!!!!) on our drawing Wednesdays this season (June 14 and 28)!

The Jackpot is currently **\$13,500+ and growing** – purchase your ticket for your chance at 50% of the jackpot!! Plus, there's still a Joker to be uncovered for **\$100 AND if you are present for the drawing and your card is picked, you automatically win \$25 cash!** 😊

LAST CHANCE: FREE SUMMER TUTORING... will be available again this summer (also from June 27-August 4) through grant monies from the State of Illinois IF enough people are interested! Send an email ASAP to school@saintferdinand.org if you are interested in enrolling your child for some extra practice in Reading and Math for a couple of hours 2-3 days per week, with flexibility regarding vacation time. **YOU WILL BE CONTACTED VIA EMAIL WHEN SCHEDULES ARE FINALIZED – MOST LIKELY DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 19.**



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION is...at wait-list status!—

If you'd like your child to be considered to be a part of the fun, safe, and learning environment that St. Ferdinand Summer Camp provides, please call the School Office @ 773-622-3022. We'll add your child's name to the Wait List and consult with the Camp Director, Lynn Finneke, regarding admission. Summer Camp runs for 6 weeks beginning Tuesday, June 27 (after the St. Ferdinand Summerfest Carnival) thru Friday, August 4! Children may register for 1 or all 6 weeks!



SUMMER WORK! Amidst all the summer fun and relaxation, don't to keep your child's skills sharp and ready for August! Mandatory online iXL summer work (due completed by Friday, Aug 18) was sent home with your child in the report card envelope, explained in class, and, in the upper grades, also found in their GoogleClassroom notices. A reminder with links to the practice activities will be sent out later this week.



SEND US YOUR PICS...OF SUMMER READING AND/OR CHURCHES YOU VISIT THIS SUMMER! We would



LOVE to post pics of our Ferd kids in relaxing summer situations **READING** (Summer Reading Log due for prizes by Friday, Aug 18!) in a hammock, on the beach, with sunglasses on, etc.,



AND/OR outside or inside of **CHURCHES** they visit **while on vacation!** Please share any pic of SUMMER READING and SUMMER CHURCH VISITS to school@saintferdinand.org and we'll post them on our Facebook page to show the world Ferd students enjoy their vacations – but don't take a vacation from the enjoyment of READING or the praise of GOD. 😊

St. Ferdinand Parish SUMMERFEST ... will be here Thursday, June 22-Sunday, June 25! Details of each day's theme can be found in the IMPORTANT

DATES section below. Come carnival rides, great food, entertainment! In addition, asked to oversee the Grand 10 PM. A link for parents to forthcoming – - why not for the 2023-24 school year out, too?!



on out for 1 or all 4 days for the bouncy houses, raffles, and fun St. Ferdinand School is being Raffle on Friday, June 23 from 4- sign up to assist with this will be get a head start on service hours and enjoy a fun summer night

RE-ENROLLMENT for the 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR IS WELL-UNDERWAY with 92% of our current students' families signed up already to return! Hooray!! We are so thrilled with that return rate, and hope it will be at

100% soon. Plus, we have many **new families** (25+ NEW STUDENTS!) interested and enrolled, and have welcomed many **St. Bart's families** on tours and follow-up shadow days as they research and reflect upon



which local Catholic school will be the best new home for their children. The 2023-24 school year is headed for a bright start indeed, based on a healthy re-enrollment alone! **REMINDER: If you recommend St. Ferdinand School to a family and they enroll and stay for the 2023-24 school year, April 2024 tuition is FREE for you!** Please encourage anyone you know who may be interested to call for a personalized tour – **EVEN DURING THE SUMMER!** We are ready and willing

to welcome them into our bright, joyous school with engaging learning and plenty of love!

Financial Aid/Scholarships - The 2023/2024 FACTS Grant & Aid application is now open. If you receive any type of financial aid/scholarship through the Archdiocese, (Phoenix, COVID Relief or Access), McGraw Foundation, or St. Ferdinand School, you are required to fill out a Grant & Aid Application for the 2023/2024 school year. **Please note: Per scholarship rules, no financial aid/scholarships will be considered without this application.** ***If you missed these important opportunities, act now:***

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

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| Monday, June 12 | School Office Summer Hours begin: T/Th 8-12 and W 1-6; closed M & F |
| Wed., June 14 | Ferd Family Night & Queen of Hearts Drawing @ The Nest! |
| Th-Sun, June 22-25 | St. Ferdinand Summerfest and Carnival! ☺ – FOOD & RIDES all 4 days! Thursday 6/22 – Opening Nights: DJ Music for the younger set Friday 6/23 – Latino Theme & Band |
| | St. Ferdinand School Families asked to Volunteer at Carnival manning the Raffle Baskets – SIGN-UP forthcoming! (start on your Service Hours for the 2023-24 School Year!) |
| | St. Ferdinand School Alumni Night – Tent at Carnival |
| | Saturday 6/24 – Polish Theme & Band |
| | Sunday 6/25 – DJ & Entertainment for the Baby Boomer Generation |

Tuesday, June 27

Summer Camp begins! 😊

Summer Tutoring begins! 😊

Wed., June 28

Ferd Family Night & Queen of Hearts Drawing @ The Nest!

Last one of the season! (Q of H to return in September!)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Monday, Aug 14

Back-to-School Night and Ice Cream Social! Time: TBA

Wed., Aug 16

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for the 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR! 11:30 Dismissal

We wish to thank the following establishments for their generous sponsorship of our 2022-23 Ferd Color Fun Run. 😊 😊 😊

