

# Ferd Words:

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



And...we're off!



## NEWS for August 17-23, 2023

LOTS OF (SOMETIMES SOGGY) SMILES 😊 HAVE BEEN A PART OF OUR FIRST WEEK BACK!

**THANK YOU** for braving the elements to make it to our Back-to-School Night! We are so excited and happy to be beginning the 2023-24 school year!

**SOCCER SUPERSTARS! LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR NEW ST. FERDINAND SOCCER TEAM! GAMES START TUESDAY!**



If your child is a boy or girl in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, use the link below to register for our SOCCER TEAM! We are keeping the registration open for a few more days; more details on practice times and locations will be sent out this week. WE ARE GRATEFUL **MRS. FRANCES TAYUPANTA KOSTELIS** HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BE THE HEAD COACH, BUT WE COULD STILL USE HELP WITH ASSISTANT COACHING! 😊 *ANY PARENTS THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE COACHING TEAM, PLEASE LET MS. SAMBORSKI (OUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR) KNOW ASAP BY INDICATING SO ON THE REGISTRATION:*

<https://forms.gle/K6TRuub3ZgNycaaW9> - OR EMAIL [psamborski@saintferdinand.org](mailto:psamborski@saintferdinand.org)



**SUMMER WORK...in iXL is due TOMORROW, Friday, Aug 18! Any students (not including those new to our school this year) who have not completed the assignments will be kept in at recess next week to work on the skills - we need all kids reviewing their Reading and Math skills so that review in these subject areas goes quickly and smoothly. Here is the link to**

**Summer Practice: [iXL Assignments Summer 2023](#)**

**Don't forget: our READING and MATH LOGS PRACTICE CONTESTS** are also due TOMORROW -

Friday, Aug 18! READ READ READ and practice your MATH in fun ways (flashcards, iReady, online games, worksheets, etc.)! All students who participate earn a prize, and the highest # of minutes in each class for each subject also earn prizes! (Check out the picture to the right to see the PAGES of Reading documentation hours our overall school winner had last year!)



Document your practice times on these sheets:

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**FREE BREAKFAST - TAKES PLACE AT St. Ferdinand School weekdays from 7:15-7:40 AM. NEW LOCATION: THE ACTIVITY CENTER! PLEASE ENTER AT THE ACTIVITY CENTER DOOR - IF IT IS AFTER 7:15, IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT YOUR CHILD IS HERE FOR BREAKFAST!**



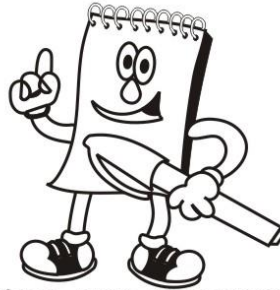
**SFS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM is forming!** If your son or daughter is in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, consider having him join our inaugural Cross Country Team! There are only 3 meets this year, all conveniently located at Resurrection College Prep High School and all taking place on Friday evenings in September! Join now and let's get a team together:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pAmdaEv3p0Y6vErY5e5cZxGQQ10cwzglwEbFhjFOU8/edit?ts=64de5bcf>

**WE LOVE OUR STUDENTS! TO LEARN THE MOST, THEY NEED TO BE PRESENT AND HERE FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL DAY!**

Parents, students taking vacations during days is not allowable! **PLEASE, DO VACATION DURING THE DAYS STUDENTS ARE BUSY LEARNING!** It "catch up" children who have math and ELA) - - - and hard for time away from school while the the topic at hand. Further, it is handbook and not fair for the "ready" classwork ahead of time their vacations.

**TAKE NOTE!**



**STAY IN SCHOOL**

per our Family Handbook Rules, the school year and missing school **NOT TAKE YOUR CHILDREN ON SCHOOL IS IN SESSION AND** is incredibly hard for teachers to missed key lessons (especially in the children as well - - - during rest of the children have learned also against stipulations in our teacher to fulfill the request to so students can take it with over

**FOR YOUR REFERENCE, HERE ARE THE SCHOOL VACATION DATES FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR:**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK runs FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024;**

**SPRING BREAK takes place FRIDAY, MARCH 29-SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024;**

**AND SUMMER BREAK begins at 11:30 am ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2023.**

**THERE ARE ALSO MONTHLY 3-OR-4 DAY WEEKENDS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!**

**We encourage you to plan your vacations during these many days school is actually not in session.**

**Along with this, please also strive to get your children to school on time.**

**All children should be in the school building by 7:55. as all students are to be in their seats and ready to learn by 8:00 AM.**

**Thank you** for your cooperation with these important attendance reminders regarding best practice in student learning. 😊

**TEACHER/STAFF/ADMINISTRATION EMAILS...**please kindly allow 24 hours for teachers/staff/administration to respond to emails and/or Remind/Google Classroom messages. Sometimes, there are just not enough hours in the day to get to addressing communications with the time and attention they deserve in a thorough response. Further, please be reminded that it is a post-COVID school policy that staff emails are not answered after 6:00 PM weekdays, and after 3:00 PM Fridays through Sunday evenings so that teachers/staff/administration can attend to family/personal concerns and self-care. **Thank you** so much for your understanding as we work together within these parameters.



## St. Ferdinand Parish SUMMERFEST and COLOR RUN

were huge successes back in June! THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help at Summerfest, as well as sponsors of and donators to our Color Fun Run, part of the proceeds of which will be applied toward a future electronic sign for St. Ferdinand School and Parish on Belmont Avenue. Stay tuned to future School Advisory Board Minutes for more updates on that exciting development!



Figure 1 - Don't forget to keep these restaurants, services, and high schools in mind as they all generously supported out 2023 Fun Run!

**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. We will work with them to make a Catholic School education at St. Ferdinand a reality. We are ready and willing to welcome them into our bright, joyous school with engaging learning and plenty of love!



## Queen of Hearts Raffle - - -WILL RETURN IN THE FALL!

### Stay tuned for when drawings will resume!



In the meantime, Queen of Hearts Tickets (\$5 each) ARE for sale in the School Office.

The Jackpot is currently **\$14,000+** and growing – purchase your ticket for your chance at 50% of the jackpot!! 😊



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

Fri., Aug 18	Back-to-School Mass – 8:15 AM in Church iXL Summer Learning due – 8:00 AM Reading and Math Contest Logs due – 8:00 AM
Thurs., Aug 24	First Parent Club Meeting of the Year! 6:30 PM Activity Center
Mon., Sept 4	Labor Day – No Classes! 😊
Wed., Sept 6	1:45-2:00 PM “First Wednesday Early Dismissal” – Teacher PD
Fri., Sept 8	Grandparents Day at St. Ferdinand! (details forthcoming)
Fri., Sept 15	Family Fun Event – Parents Club (details forthcoming)
Th., Sept 21	Pinwheels for “Whirled” Peace Day 😊 School Advisory Board Meeting #1 – 6:30 Activity Center
Fri., Sept 22	Teacher Professional Development Day – No Classes! 😊
Sun., Sept 24	First FAMILY MASS of the YEAR! 😊 @ 8:30 AM in Church
Tues., Sept 26	School Pictures taken!

*(We are hoping to set a Dine-and-Share, as well as a return to The Nest for Family Nights/Queen of Hearts drawings in September - - - stay tuned!) 😊*